**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2018**

## Woodmore Country Club

**Attendance:**

**President:** Linda Andrews**, 1st Vice President**: Virginia Moore**, 2nd Vice President**: Gwen S. Terry, **Treasurer**: Nicole Barnes, **Recording Secretary**: Eunice Johnson, **Financial Secretary**: Stanita Scott, **Correspondence Secretary**: Sandra Campbell, **Directo**r: Denise Dobson-McDonald, Felicia Sadler, Tracey Tolbert Jones, **Members:** Maureen Braimbridge, Rhonda Caldwell, Peggy Dolet, Roberta McLeod-Reeves, Tracey Mitchell, Sonia Owens, Patricia Rosier, Alice Ross, Tanya Shanklin, Andrea Syphax, Cleopatra White, Terrie Wills. **Guests and invited by member**: Joanne Gallos (Governor, District 3), Pat Rosenthal (Director, Area 3), Rachel Steinberg (Senior director UNICEF USA), Jill Morrison (Director Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellowship Program), African Student Guests from the Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellowship Program (Ayaisha Agbor, Abigail Suwu-Kaindoh, Kebkab Sirgew Gelaw, and Meaza Sirigw Gelaw), Gloria A Fuller (Alice Ross), Thomasina Rogers ( Linda Andrews), Cheryl Hackett (Sandra Campbell), Debra K. Dunn (Virginia Moore), Renee Logan (Linda Andrews & Virginia Moore), and Crystal Edwards (Stanita Scott).

Total of 22 members and 14 guests

**Call to Order**

President Linda Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM

**Zonta Vision/Code**

The Zonta Vision and Zonta Code were read

**Silent Moment of Prayer**

A silent moment of prayer was conducted by Eunice Johnson, so all could express prayer according to their own beliefs.

**Agenda Review**

The agenda was reviewed and accepted with no changes.

**Introduction of Guests**

President Andrews introduced Joanne Gallos – District 3 Governor and Pat Rosensteel - Director Area 3. Both gave brief remarks.

2nd VP Gwen Terry introduced the director and special student guests from the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program. The 4 women were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and give brief remarks about their fellowship advocacy initiatives. The initiatives they discussed include:

* Enforcement of women’s property rights and rights to land based on a 1974 law in Cameroon.
* Defending women’s rights in Ethiopia, especially related to gender-based violence against women.
* Education of the girl child in rural areas.
* Getting rid of the 30% sanitary tax law, which makes the cost of sanitary napkins unaffordable. Thus, causing many girls to miss school while on their cycle.

The students and the program director were given gifts of appreciation.

Gwen introduced guest Rachel Steinberg, senior director Global Cause partnerships UNICEF USA. Rachel presented remarks regarding:

* UNICEF and its priorities in alignment with Zonta International
  + Let’s Learn Madagascar
  + Acceleration of action to end child marriages

**Reading/Approval of Minutes**

September 13, 2018 and October 11, 2018 membership meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Nicole Barnes presented the Treasurer’s report (attached). There were no questions. The report will be filed for audit.

**Fundraising Committee Report**

Tracey Tolbert Jones and Rhonda Caldwell presented the fundraising committee report. See attached.

* Financial Secretary Stanita Scott distributed fundraiser tickets

**Service Committee Report**

Eunice Johnson and Alice Ross presented the service report. See attached.

* Highlighted was the Free the Girls Bra Campaign – over 103 bras ready for mailing. The Free the Girls Bra Campaign is now asking for a donation of $1 per bra donated to help with freight of the bras to foreign counties. Felicia Sadler recommended that we collect change for change donations at our club meetings for this purpose.

**Advocacy Committee Report**

Gwen Terry and Felicia Sadler presented the advocacy report. See attached report.

**Public Relations Committee Report**

Tanya Shanklin gave an update on pubic relations activities. She updated on status of the Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland brochure and distributed a copy of the public relations/social media budget.

*A break was taken to enable guests (non-Zonta members) to leave the meeting to enable presentation of the membership report and member voting.*

**Membership Committee Report**

1st VP Virginia Moore presented the membership committee reports (attached): new membership referral and recommendation report, how much membership will cost report, as well as a path to membership timeline.

***Discussion***

Based on the board’s recommendation 2 candidates (Crystal Edwards and Sharon Collins) must attend the November 8, 2018 membership meeting to qualify for membership. Crystal Edwards attended the meeting and thus qualifies for membership.

* Motion was made by Eunice Johnson to accept Phyllis Anderson, Dr. Glenda Hodges, Crystal Hollingsworth, Denise McCain A. Diane Williams, and Crystal Edwards for membership.
* 2nd by Gwen S. Terry
* Unanimously carried

**New Business**

President Andrews asked the recording secretary, Eunice Johnson, to read the executive board recommendation regarding the draft Yellow Rose Foundation and Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which President Andrews emailed the general body on 11/8/18 (4:05 PM).

* *(as read by the recording secretary) The ZMM executive board recommends that the Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland accept the draft MOU between the Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland and the Yellow Rose Foundation for the Heart and Soul of Motown Fundraiser scheduled to be held on February 16, 2019.*
* Motion was made by Felicia Sadler to accept the board recommendation/2nd by Alice Ross
* Unanimously carried.

**Centennial Committee Report**

Cleopatra White, chair of the Centennial Committee, presented the centennial committee report – see attached. She is looking for 4 members to be on the centennial committee.

M**eeting adjourned at 9:25 PM**

**Submitted by**

**Eunice Johnson**

**Recording Secretary**