**General Meeting Minutes**

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Zonta Club Mid-Maryland

Thursday, February 8, 2018

The Country Club of Woodmore

**Time: 6:30p-8:30pm**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Linda Andrews, Zontian and President of Zonta Club Mid Maryland at approximately 6:38pm. The meeting agenda was adopted as presented. **(**Agenda Attached).

**Meditation**

The meeting was opened by Madam President who began with the reading of the Zonta Mission.

**Attendance**

23 Total in attendance (Attendance attached to file copy).

**Minutes**

The January 11, 2018 minutes were not read and reviewed.

**Opening Statement**

President Linda Andrews introduced the agenda for the evening; and welcomed questions, changes, and/or additions to the agenda. All members in attendance accepted. Madam President’s opening remarks began with an update of events and activities that would be attended along with other members of Zonta Mid Maryland, and other organizations, such as: The Annapolis Domestic Violence Visual (Domestic Violence Memorial Ceremony). Other activities include the PG Community College Foundation Reestablishing Scholarship.

**Discussion**

Erma Baron, 1st Vice-President, presented the membership report. Erma Baron introduced a discussion about formally recognizing and introducing the new members. After discussion amongst the group, the final date was announced the ceremony of the new members will take place at the June meeting. Erma recommended that any additional names should be forwarded by Feb. 26th, 2018, and she will submit emails to the new members regarding the name tags, etc. There was also a suggestion in the discussion that mothers could encourage their adult daughters under the age of 30, to join Zonta Mid-Maryland, and pay ½ of the regular price of dues.

Other discussions included information about the *Human Trafficking Symposium* about the final date, location, any upcoming speakers, and final planning regarding flyers, etc. Tracy Mitchell acknowledged that she would work on the flyer for the upcoming event. The official date of the event is to take place on April 21st 2018. There was much discussion and specific details about the size of the Anthony Height Room where the even is taking place, along with the actual number (#) of people that the venue could hold. Because everyone will be confined to the same space as the actual forum. So far other organizations in attendance and participation would include Prince George’s Co. Commission for Women, and the Prince George’s Co. Human Trafficking Task Force to name a few. Erma expressed the importance of “all hands on deck” in order the make the symposium a success; and was able to provide a tentative outline of the itinerary; along with other individuals and other organizations who may be in attendance. The theme of the symposium “Moving From Awareness to Action”; Welcome, A Panel of Moderators to discuss “What Is It?”, Lunch – along with a speaker who’s a survivor and a film. Other items on agenda include a Panel on Collaboration, Final Discussion – “Moving Forward & Next Step”? It was also expressed and encouraged that parents bring their children and students to the informative symposium. The final comments were about small administrative matters such as the flyers that would be handled by Tracy Mitchell, and the cost of printing actual programs. The Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland has set aside $3000.00 for the cost of Human Trafficking Symposium.

**Treasury Report**

Cleopatra White – Treasurer was able to present a Treasury Report based on the cost of expenditures for the month ending January 2018. (Report attached to file).

**Financial Secretary Report**

Stanita Scott was able to present the financial secretary report to date; along with details of the fundraising activities, and agenda, ticket sells, etc. to date. (Report attached to file).

**Committee Reports**

*Service Committee*

Eunice Johnson – Service Committee Chair presented several announcements of upcoming activities relating to service. Eunice began with the introduction of Zonta Mid-Maryland scarves to be ordered by the current members of Zonta Mid-Maryland. All members in attendance agreed that purchasing scarves would be a good idea; and that each member would pay for their own scarves, prior to order by a list of names. Specific projects were noted in the service report for example: *Free the Girls Bra Campaign*. Donations would continue as a reminder to continue bringing any new and gently used bras. Other activities mentioned included the Young Women in Public Affairs Award Campaign. The goal would be that young women would receive scholarships in amounts of $250, and $500. Emphasis was noted that these are awards and not scholarships. There was discussion about the success and productive meeting with the Prince George’s Co. Community College – Assistant Director; along with Gwen Terry, Linda, and herself (Eunice). Other mentions detailed a scholarship booklet, the requirements set for the award, etc.

*Fundraising Report*

Stanita Scott – Funding Co-Chair was able to provide an outline and detail report about the total number of ticket sales, and any pending/outstanding to date; along with an acknowledgement of the number of tickets (confirmed to date). Andrea Horace-Greene was asked by Virginia Moore to provide an impromptu explanation about the decorations, and table clothes to be used during the February 10th, fundraising event. Virginia Moore – Fundraising Co-Chair provided more information regarding last minute details for the February 10th 2018.

*Programs*

Virginia Moore 2nd VP and Program chair provided a report on the details of upcoming events; and expressed that this was Heart Health Month. She was able to provide literature, with lots of information about heart health, cholesterol, etc.

*Advocacy Committee*

Felicia Sadler Chair of Advocacy Committee, along with Co-Chair Gwenn Terry was able to present a report on the upcoming activities, and completed advocacy activities to date. Gwen discussed the activities surrounding the Maryland Legislature for Women event held in Montgomery Co. Zonta Mid-Maryland had an information table available with literature; and emphasized that the modified shoe display “If These Shoes Could Talk” was a success and sparked a lot interest and questions from those in attendance. The discussion also included further details about how the focus of the event was centered on Domestic Violence; and the number of breakout sessions around the topic.

Felicia provided information and reminders about upcoming advocacy events such as *Zonta Club Day*, reserved for March 16, 2018; and about the upcoming *Links in Legislature* on March 6, 2018. Details of the events included names of key political figure that may be in attendance during the events such as Senator Benson, Jay Walker, etc.

*Gwen Terry 1st Motioned that we estimate $150-$200 to convey cost for Zonta Club Day in Annapolis, Md. The Motion was 2nd by Pamela Dawson. All members in attendance voted and accepted unanimously with a vote of “I”.*

Erma interjected that there would be Zonta International Day at the US Capitol on Thursday, March 8, 2018; and that a show of support would be great.

*Administrative/By Laws*

There were no administrative and/or Bylaws to report.

*New Business*

No additional new business

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm**

Minutes taken by,

(Karen) Michelle Fenner

Secretary, Zonta Club Mid-Maryland