**PRESENT:**

**Board Members**: Linda Andrews, Erma Barron, Virginia Moore, Karen M. Fenner, Stanita Scott, Cleopatra White, Jennifer Jones-Peoples, Dr. Dowell, Tanya Shanklin,

**Board Members Absent**: Janza Reese, Denise McDonald-Dobson,

**Members at attendance**: (Collected my Stanita Scott and Cleopatra White) -

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm Linda Andrew, President.

**Opening Prayer** – Given by Virginia Moore, 2nd Vice President

**Reading of the Minutes:**  Karen M. Fenner

**ACTIVITY REPORT:**

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** by Virginia Moore, 2nd VP

**Topic of Guest Speaker:** Breast Cancer Awareness and her personal experience

**Membership Report:** Erma Barron wants to keep membership engaged; and in the future would like to discuss how we can keep members engaged and set goals.

* New initiative:
* Reach out to new young professionals (ages – 30 & under)
* Will meet with membership committee
* Will go over “tool kit”
* Will discuss membership objectives

**Programs Committee:** Virginia Moore, let the discussion of the survey results; and presented a copy of results;

**Advocacy Committee:**  Linda Andrews, President of Mid-Maryland introduced the topic that the month of November we will begin the 16 days of advocacy. She recommended that one of the activities will focuses on *bringing in old shoes* to represent women who are victims of domestic violence. Stanita Scott explained the survey results for the choice of fundraising, and when to begin the planning of the event(s). The Film Festival will be our signature event for 2018. Feb. 11th 2017, is the date our smaller fundraising event will take place. The event will be the Dinner Theatre/Murder Mystery, and the suggested cost will be between $65-$75.

**Motions:** Linda Andrews motions to that we set Feb. 11th as the date to have to Murder Mystery fundraiser/Dinner at Woodmore Country Club. Jennifer Jones 2nd the motion. Linda wanted to get a firm agreement with the meeting quorum.

Linda announces that she and a few other members will be attending the Zonta Club of Charles Co., MD Murder/Mystery Fundraiser. The goals are to get an overall feel for the event, and to do a comparison of Zonta Mid-Maryland event on Feb. 11th 2017.

 A vote to all present with a motion to have event with “I”. No – Abstentions to the event.

 **New business:** Jennifer Jones Announces 2nd portion of December 10th Week 3 Conference. Linda Andrews – discusses the meeting that took place with VanHollen. Ingrid Turner – reminded us of the upcoming election on November 8th; and the watch party at Marlton Golf Course. Early voting begins on Oct. 27th in the state of Maryland.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting ended at approximately 8:50pm