**Maquoketa Woman's Club**

**October 13, 2023**

Twenty-one members attended the meeting held at the Lutheran Church. Hostesses were Mary Jo Weis, Joyce Lansing and Teddy Crawford. The meeting was opened in due form by President Lisa Gottschalk who welcomed Mary Herring's guest, Pam Banowetz.

The secretary's report was accepted as presented. Treasurer's report showed receipts of $1260 in dues; debits for dues of $900 to GFWC/IA and $30 to GFWC/NE District. Balance $852.98.

**Committee Reports:**

Audit/Budget- Teresa Nickeson reported Treasurer Mary Melvold's books to be in order, and recommended a second person count cash to be deposited, add initials and date to entry in checkbook. She reviewed the 2023-24 budget, and thanked committee members Barbara Pestka and Caroline Bybee.

Reading - Turn in number of books read for the year and list 5 favorites to Holly Parmer next month. Community Impact - Head Start volunteer reading has begun and dates are still open for October.

Scholarship - State scholarship materials will come out mid-November.

Nominating - Mary Jo Weis and Sharon Krug will be looking for a slate of new officers.

Libraries & Education - Members are encouraged to contact the library if interested in adopting a shelf.

**Federation Flash:**

Northeast District Convention - Thirty-two people, including all state officers, attended the event hosted in Maquoketa by Maquoketa and Baldwin clubs. There were 11 first-time attendees, most from MWC. The panel discussion was well-received. Friends of Federation forms to support GFWC/IA were explained. Statewide new members attained in 2022-23 were as follows: South West -- 3, North West -- 5, South East -- 6, and North East -- 26 (Grundy Center had the greatest number of new members).

GFWC/IA State Convention will be April 11-12 in Coralville. Lisa Gottschalk has been nominated for Second Vice-President. International Convention is June 28-July 2, 2024 in Chicago.

**Other:**

Recognized for club membership anniversaries: Kathy Johnston - 15 years; Nancy Wagoner - 10 years; Sharon Krug - 10 years; Carolyn Boyle - 10 years, and Mary Herring - 5 years.

It was moved/seconded the club pay $25 to Lutheran Church per their facilities rental policy. Approved.

Members who distributed school supplies are asked to report for a photo on Oct. 20, 1 p.m. at McDonalds. The Karpenski family gave $5000 for supplies. Wear you club shirt.

Mental Health Panel Discussion - On Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m. at Innovate 120, the club will sponsor a public panel discussion featuring Jason Rubel, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation; Tara Notz, Maquoketa Community Schools; Lynne Bopes, Coordinator of Disability Services, and Dr. Jennifer Smith, life coach. Elaine Kahler, Joanne Evans, Caroline Bybee and Ann Burns will provide cookies.

The next meeting will be Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m. at Innovate 120. Co-hostesses will be Ann Burns, Teresa Nickeson and Karen Breitbach.

Roberta Rosheim offered a prayer that autumn be filled with healing, blessing, growth , love and recovery.

**Community Announcements:**

Teddy thanked volunteers for the Friends of the Library book sale. Ann and Kevin Burns will present a travelogue on Africa on Nov. 2, 6 p.m. at the Maquoketa Public Library.

Mary encouraged attendance at Twenty Dirty Hands, including Maquoketa's Mississippi Mud pottery.

Ann promoted the Hurstville Fall Fest and chili contest on Oct. 14.

MAE - Tiny Art Show is currently on display; "Squatters on Red Earth," a play by Mary Swander, Oct. 15, 2-5 p.m.

**Program**:

Annual fundraising auction was held and a total of $1257 was earned for club projects.