**Maquoketa Woman's Club**

**May 12, 2023**

A delicious luncheon meeting at the home of Lisa Gottschalk completed the 2022-2023 program year. Co-hostesses were program committee members Mary Herring, Terry Ihrig and Joanne Evans. They promised to post recipes on MWC website. Roberta Rosheim offered a prayer of thanks. Twenty-nine members attended. Guests were prospective member Kathy Schwager, and scholarship winners Charisma Dontje and Lily Claus. Charisma shared her future plans and reasons for choosing to enter the field of elementary education. Lily described her joy of music and eagerness to attend a music camp at Luther College. Daniel Hagen also received a music scholarship but was unable to attend the luncheon.

The meeting was opened in due form by President Lisa Gottschalk. The secretary's report was accepted as presented, and a note of thanks was read from Sandy McLaughlin of Cardinal Backpack Club. Roberta Rosheim offered thanks for cookies from the Middle School park clean-up crew, and Lisa brought thanks from Lynn Bopes who reported using MWC's donation for feeding attendees at a mental health awareness workshop.

**Treasurer's Report**: Debits - $100 to Head Start; $500 to Cardinal Backpack Club; $25 to Hurstville Interpretive Center leaving a balance of $1932.98.

It was moved by Teresa Nickeson/Karen Breitbach to send $50 to GFWC/Iowa Endowment Fund. Approved. It was decided to delay giving money to GFWC/International until the new president designates a specific project.

**Budget:**

Lisa shared a graphic of current financial details as provided by the Budget Committee. By retaining $562.98 in the treasury, the club will have $700 to donate to charitable organizations. Using an affinity array rank-order tool, the club selected four organizations to receive the money as follows: Maquoketa Ministerial Association - $230; Jackson County Vision to Learn - $170; Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Jackson County- $150; Lynn Bopes/Brain Health - $150. It was moved and seconded - Nancy Wagoner/Brenda Snyder. to accept this plan. Approved.

Teresa Nickeson presented a summary of the 2023 budget.

**Historian** Jane Bentrott gave a summary of the year's activities and events, and shared the club scrapbook.

**Reading** committee chairperson Holly Parmer thanked volunteers at the Friends of the Library book sale. Caroline Bybee reviewed a humorous book ,*Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce, saying it would qualify on the Bingo card as being about a different geographic area (New Caledonia). She also recommended another book with dark humor, *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite.

**Community Impact Committee** -- Carol Wirth and Joyce Lansing will take end-of-year gift bags to Head Start the last day of school. Carol thanked all for donations, and requested help sacking at the end of the meeting.

A collection of products and cash was taken for Red Basket Project of Jackson County.

**New Business**:

Lisa reported on the State GFWC Convention in Des Moines. Awards Maquoketa Woman's Club received include:

* 100% reading club - MWC was one of only two in the NE District
* Iowa All Star Club -- MWC was one of only three clubs in the state. The award was based on gaining new members, publicity, programming, and entering creativity contests.
* First Place for Communications and Public Relations Advancement
* Individual Awards -- Lisa received 3rd place in serious writing for her piece "Social Injustice - What if This Was You?", and 2nd place in natural wonders photography titled "It's a Great Day for a Walk."
* President's Choice Award -- This silver tray is awarded for the best overall project and program for the GFWC Signature Program Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention. It was given to MWC and Baldwin Women's Club for the joint program on human trafficking. The judges will submit this project to GFWC International for consideration of an additional award in June. The large silver platter will be displayed at the Maquoketa Public Library on the fireplace mantle which was originally donated to the library by MWC many years ago.

**Federation News**: Lisa and Brenda Snyder will attend the national convention in Louisville June 10-12. There is room in the car for one more. Brenda will attend LEADS training as Iowa's representative.

**Announcements**:

Rose Knoebel noted a plaque and photograph at the Maquoketa Caves Welcome Center that identifies GFWC Woman's Club as being significant in the creation of the state park there.

May 13 - 9 a.m. Master Gardener's Plant Sale

May 13 - 9 a.m. Miles for Maize at the YMCA

May 13 - 12 - 2 p.m. Tea at Maquoketa Art Experience

June 8 - 5:30 p.m. Book Folding craft at the library

July 22 - 1 - 4 p.m.Friends of the Library Garden Tour, $10

Meetings adjourned until September.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pestka, Secretary