

MINUTES WRCL QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Walden's Ridge Civic League

7:00 PM, April 20, 2023 - W R Civic League Pavilion

President Karen Stone called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM in the Pavilion.

The invocation was led by Larry Mick, WRCL liaison with Wayside Presbyterian Church.

President Karen Stone welcomed everyone; one membership was renewed, and one new member joined.

Minutes of the January Quarterly Meeting were read and approved. Rob Johnson acted as interim secretary, taking notes of the quarterly meeting. Libby Goodman will be traveling during the summer and has resigned her position. Karen asked for volunteers to act as interim secretary until elections can be held in October.

Reports:

Treasurer – Joe Clawson: Financial status is stable with \$71,510.78 in Truist bank as of 03/31/23. \$51,000 of this amount is set aside for new siding for the auditorium. An annual payment of \$585 will be paid to Travelers Insurance this month. We have adequate funds to pay the utilities. On file are Treasurer's Report, Statement of Activities, General Journal, and a Balance Sheet for March 2023. A Best Business Practices Policy was adopted by the Board on April 13, 2023, and is on file. Per Board request, Joe is going to look up the cost of monthly utilities so we can budget better.

Events – Carolyn Longphre: The Board has approved printing of a 4 seasonal events brochure to promote our fundraising efforts. The brochure should be ready in time for the Memorial Day picnic at McCoy where WRCL will have a booth. The *BirthDay Bash* is coming up on June 17. Carolyn passed around a detailed plan, and members present volunteered to help. She announced that *Rock the Ridge*, "a celebration of the wild" will be held on the grounds September 16. *Smoke on the Mountain* is September 29-30. Nicholas Edward Williams with The NEW Quintet will present a concert in November. *Merry Mountain Christmas* is December 15. Carolyn asked for volunteers for the Memorial Day tent and for decorating a float for the Signal Mountain 4th of July parade.

JoDe Estes: The storytelling event *Tell It on the Mountain* on March 31 was a success. The audience had a wonderful time. There were many young families with lots of kids who sat on the stage listening to the storytellers from the Cleveland, TN. Storytellers Guild. The truck from Clever Alehouse provided good food, and kits to make s'mores were very popular. The event was free to attend, and yet donations, sales of food, and s'mores amounted to a net of \$1072 raised.

Facilities – Mark Dwyer: The concession area in the Mt. Opry Annex where Roxie discovered termites has been cleared of all rotten boards which include not only the flooring, but also the joists, a main beam, and the house-band along the auditorium exterior wall. Mark will salt the ground to prevent termites and put down a vapor barrier. Signal Mt. Pest Control Service will continue to service the main building which is sound and not affected by the termites that attacked the annex. Volunteers are helping Mark, and he thinks with this help we do not need to seek outside assistance in the form of a grant. Roxie is pricing linoleum, a sink, cabinet tops, wire racks, etc. These furnishings are not in the repair budget. Repair costs are going to be taken from the General Fund.

Mark and Rob Johnson have presented a budget and plan for the siding project. It was approved by the Board March 9, 2023, and filed with the minutes.

Gardens – Johanne Albright reported that she and Sallie Ford and two of Sallie's grandchildren planted more native plants and spread 50 bags of mulch, thanks to funds from the Walden Beautification Committee. The WRCL Committee takes turns watering, and the garden is doing well. The Board approved purchase of a memorial dogwood tree in honor of Mark Dwyer's daughter, Isabelle, and the tree will be planted in the fall.

History – Karen Stone noted that the portraits of past presidents have been refreshed, reframed, and hung in the auditorium. She hopes members of the Civic League will use their talents to create a portable history exhibit in time for the Memorial Day tent, May 29.

Communications from Members – The progress we have made is great, and the minutes caused amazement over all we have done in the last quarter. We need to encourage more members to attend the meetings.

Next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, July 20, 2023, 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.