

**Arley Women's Club**  
**January 11, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Barbara Wills, President, called the meeting to order and gave a devotion. Thirty-two members were in attendance.

A motion was made by Cindy Bryant and seconded by Sue Grogan to approve the November and December minutes as posted on the webpage.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education: Sue Grogan**

- We helped to feed Meek school children for 3-4 weeks during the spring when schools were closed.
- Teacher Appreciation event was held December 1. 50 staff and teachers were given lunch by Sue's. Thanks to Sue for preparing the meals.
- Anne Knowlton reported we had over \$10,000 of requests from schools and after consultation with the principals, all fall needs were met. Barb mentioned we also gave \$1200 to the Town of Arley for the pickleball/tennis court.

**Environmental:**

**Hammer Park : Laura Ulz**

- Phase I of playground equipment was completed this fall with the installation of five pieces. Thanked Gary Grogan, Robert Wills, David Ulz, Kevin Howard for installing the equipment . Also thanked Nathan Fincher with Smith Lake Landscaping and the many donors. Signs will be put on the fence to thank donors.
- Sold 3 benches made by Ed Rahal for the walking trail.
- Phase 2 will be purchased & installed with a grant from Walker Area Community Foundation. This includes a sensory dome and shade and will arrive in February or March.
- Thanked Park Committee for their vision and drive to get this done.
- Phase 3 will include a handicapped accessible swing. Beth Sargent asked if other sensory add-ons are available. The answer is yes and we may be able to add on as donations are made after Phase 3.

**Recycling: Becky Mascari-Cox**

- Recycling will be cancelled for Jan. 18 due to Covid and we will decide later whether to resume in February.

Barb mentioned that litter pick up is on hold for now and that we'll see what happens with PALS & Earth Day. She also showed an NW Alabamian article about the WACF donation.

**Community: Montie Pafford**

- Sunshine Committee is here to help anyone who has had surgery, death, illness. Two committee members are assigned each month and send cards and take meals. One

member whose husband was on hospice was brought lunches and groceries because she could not leave her husband. We can help with housework, yard work, whatever they need. And it does not have to be a member. Barb suggested reaching out and checking on members.

#### Ways & Means: Laurie McGriff

- Dog Daze raised about \$3000, with half going to Free State Four Paws. Thanks to Beth McLarty and Rose Farrell and their team.
- Christmas Auction was a lot of fun with a live auction. We plan to continue doing this in the future. The auction raised \$4,100. Hats off to Johnna Bailey and her team for making this a safe party.
- There will be no Chili Fest because of Covid.
- Libby Bailey reported we will have a March 28 yard sale. She asked everyone to save boxes and your treasures to sell.
- Pies & Posies for the Park will be held Fri & Sat before Valentine's Day. We need pies and other sweet treats. Pies are priced at \$20. Leigh Hall said if 100 members make a pie we will make \$2,000. Plan to bring refrigerated items in a cooler. Barb will send an email with details. Still looking at options for selling flowers. Leigh reported the fall bake sale made \$2,500.
- The Rada Knife sale raised \$366.65 from the first order and this fundraiser is ongoing. You can get a catalog from Leigh or go online to shop. Prices online are a little higher than the catalog. Contact Leigh to order. Checks should be made out to AWC.
- Gail Pisani is heading up the Fern and Flower Sale in March with delivery in April.
- Laurie reminded everyone to use Amazon Smile with AWC as recipient. Also continue to shop at the AWC booth at Arley Flea Market. We have a couple of openings on that committee if anyone is interested. Laurie thanked the Dog Daze & Christmas Auction committees for all their hard work.

#### Major Gifts: Joni Owens

- Joni thanked AWC and Sunshine committee for bringing meals when she had back surgery.
- A letter was sent to potential donors in November. \$4,300 has been received so far. The committee will begin working on grants. Jennie is doing an amazing job recognizing donors on Facebook.
- Barb will send an email to members listing all of our 2020 - 2021 sponsors & asking members to remember to thank them for their support and also everyone who got a gift card as part of the Christmas auction – please thank them for their support.
- Beth suggested a business card be given to all members so they can leave a card with each sponsor when we shop there and thank them.

Other Business:

- Barb said we have new members at the meeting today including the very newest member, Susan McCall. Many have not had chance to participate yet.
- Beth McClarty is having a fundraiser for Free State Four Paws on Feb 5.
- Jessie thanked everyone who donated Christmas gifts to Kids Loving Kids and asked people to keep them in mind as they shop this year.
- Cindy mentioned several food pantries and their need for donations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Shirah, Secretary