

Arley Women's Club
Monday, April 12, 2021
Meek Baptist Church

The meeting was called to order by Barb Wills. Forty-five members were in attendance, including five new members.

Marla Murray, Principal of Meek High School, reported they will be selling Arley Day t-shirts for \$15 to support the school. The pre-sale deadline is April 19.

Jill Hayes reported she will be posting less to "What's Happening in Arley" and apologized to anyone who may have been offended by any of her posts.

A motion was made by Jesse Burns and seconded by Joni Owens to waive the reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Judy Crump, seconded by Jennie Sanford and approved by the members to waive the reading of the financial report.

Committee reports were as follows:

Leigh Hall, Bake Sale: \$240 was raised at the community dinner and \$292 at the yard sale.

Gail Pisani, Ferns & Flowers: \$938.40 was raised at the flower sale.

Kathy Maloney, Yard Sale: \$4100 was raised at the yard sale. Thanks to everyone who brought items and/or worked.

Beth McLarty raised \$875.86 selling baked hams and \$1,986 at the community dinner. She will have another one in July.

Barb Wills, Spring Charitable Giving: The committee recommends allocations of: Little League, \$1000; Helicon Fire Station, \$3200 defibrillator; Meek High, \$4,010; Meek Elementary, \$4,060 for a total of \$12,270. A motion to approve these allocations was made by Cindy Grant, seconded by Beth Sargent, and passed by the membership.

Joni Owens, Major Gifts: Kudos to Jennie Sanford for the publicity and supporter recognition on Facebook. This campaign has brought in new supporters. Commitments total \$54,000. A commitment form will be emailed to members for any who want to contribute.

Lori Patten, Pine Place: Volunteers are back now that residents have been vaccinated. They have many activities planned and have some supplies needs. Leigh asked Barb to post these needs. The volunteer time is 12:30 on Thursday if anyone wants to join them.

Jennie Sanford, Saturday Shenanigans: They will be leaving Arley Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17 to travel to Cullman for shopping at Ashley Mercantile and Finders Keepers, with lunch at Rumors.

Sandy Baldwin, Environmental: Next recycling day is April 19, 8-10:30. Electronics can be recycled that day only. Hyche is putting a bin at the recycling location for the PALS litter pickup bags. Please pick up bags, fill them with litter, and bring them to the bin. We are trying to fill it up. She asked for recommendations for safe areas groups could go to pick up litter.

Sue Grogan, Education: They have five scholarship applications and will interview applicants April 13. The committee will review the applications on April 26 and awards will be made at graduation. She also reported receiving a \$250 donation while shopping at Ashley Mercantile.

Johnna Bailey and Montie Pafford, Arley Day: Mason Family Farms will be providing horse rides for kids at no cost. Booths will be free for First Responders. Members were asked to take vendor applications and to distribute Arley Day posters. Jean Kessinger is making a quilt for Arley Day. Montie also read a thank-you note from Jill Hayes to the Sunshine Committee.

Audra Kelley presented Smith Lake merchandise for sale at the meeting and at the Flea Market. Rose Farrell provided information on Free State Four Paws new programs. The District Attorney asked them to participate in a program of community service for youth offenders. They have more dogs than they can foster so have started CARE (community animal rescue effort), where they put kennels up for stray dogs and groups of people care for them until they can be adopted.

Barb thanked Sandy Baldwin for bringing snacks and the Rotary Club for the flowers. Hostesses for the May meeting will be Beth McLarty, Jessie Burns, Margie Coleson, and Donna Knoblock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Shirah, Secretary