**Minutes: Rindge Woman’s Club (RWC) Meeting June 6, 2019, 6:30 PM**

Attendance: 25

Hostess team: Paula Sumner and Susan Edwards

President Debbie Qualey opened the meeting by introducing the speaker, Donna Straitiff, Director of the Ingall’s Memorial Library. Donna outlined the many and varied new programs intended to both serve and bring together the community. New ideas are welcome. The library will continue as a focal area for many Woman’s Club activities, e.g., collection of recycled canning jars, raffle winners hub, meeting location, etc.

Debbie Qualey and Linda Tower presented the **2019 Distinguished Service Award and corsage to Marilyn Griska** for her continued efforts on behalf of the RWC and her immeasurable hours spent on club activities including the Plant Sale, Operation Santa, Harvest Fair, and Cathedral of the Pines Mother’s Garden. The award will be listed on the inside cover of the Yearbook.

Announcements:

* Sign-Up sheets for upcoming activities will be located at the name tag table at each meeting. Members are asked to review the sheets and volunteer to help by signing up.
* Marcia Taylor has moved and can no longer participate in the RWC. The Club thanks her for the many cards she has sent on behalf of the Club and its members. Anne Marie Maher has volunteered to assume the responsibility of sending cards as needed. Members should contact Anne with requests for cards.
* The Chamber of Commerce summer newsletter contains two RWC articles: What is the RWC and what does it do, and notes about the summer raffle.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

The Treasurer’s report was approved. Income to date: $1970.05. Expenses and Donations: $3740.05. Remaining: 4233.95

New Member:

Sandra Phinney was introduced to the Club.

Correspondence:

* Thank you note received from The River Center for the $150 donation.
* Thank you note received from the Clark YMCA for the $500 donation to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

Old Business:

* The Plant Sale netted $1030, the Bake Sale $110, the Plant Raffle $75, and the Summer Raffle $150. The new location at the Advent Lutheran Church was a success and made the Plant Sale much easier. The donation system for the bake sale worked well. New signs and better advertising were suggested for next year. Thank you to all who contributed their time, effort, digging and baking skills.
* The Fitzwilliam Garden Club donated plants to the Plant Sale. Sharon Rasku will send a $25 check and Marilyn Griska will send a thank you note.
* The Harvest Fair Committee needs a meeting location. The library was suggested.
* Mother’s Garden at Cathedral of the Pines suffered considerable winter damage. Perennials are being replaced and annuals planted. The team has worked three times so far. Additional volunteers are needed. Contact Marilyn Griska.
* Harvest Fair location: Marilyn Griska met with the School Board to obtain the venue. There will be no cost for the venue or the custodial service. Negotiations about the cost of the kitchen services are ongoing; a decision is expected within the next week or two.
* Summer Raffle: Donations towards the cost of prizes were collected. Volunteers are still needed for next Friday, June 14.

New Business:

* Harvest Fair Vendors: Jan Lashua has sent email notices to all vendors on record. One vendor has already commented positively about the change in date to Sep 28, thus avoiding much of the area competition. Replies, including the application and a check, will need to come in via regular mail. The vendor flyer has been posted on the website and FaceBook. The application can be downloaded from the events tab at rindgewomansclub.org. Members were asked to pick up vendor cards at events they attend and send the cards to Jan Lashua.
* Harvest Fair Craft Table: Marilyn Griska suggested making useful items for the Craft Table. She showed a jar opener that could be made easily and suggested a “sewing bee.” Other ideas are needed.
* Yearbook: The new Yearbook is expected to be distributed at the July meeting. Members are asked to review their current listing and send any changes, e.g., address, phone, email, to Debbie Qualey. This year’s book will be dedicated to Maureen Mullens.
* A Birthday card was passed around for Shirley Burt who will be 92 soon. Shirley was an original founder of the Club.

The meeting was closed at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by: Susan Edwards