

MINUTES
Woman's Club of St. Michaels General Meeting
November 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Kit Damonte at 1:30pm. She led the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

It was moved and seconded by Andrika Brown and Carole Baltzell to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve the minutes as circulated. The motion passed.

Visitors were introduced as follows: Kit Damonte introduced Lori Housman; Sue Davis introduced Carol Myers attending her second mtg; Nancy Garner introduced Pat Vitalli; Sheila Vaughn introduced Carol Atchinson; Therse Photiadis introduced Sue Fletcher; Joan McNamara introduced Lori Morris attending her second meeting; Barb Weingarden introduce Gay Wein; Carole Baltzell introduced Nancy Minot; Diane French introduced Ellen Miele attending her second mtg; Denise Klitabucher introduced Carla Daniels attending her second meeting; Kelly Livingston introduced Charisse Clark attending her second meeting.

Ms. Damonte added greeting to those with November birthdays.

Ms. Damonte mentioned that President Cheryl Albus was recovering from surgery but had submitted her report which included the following items:

- A wreath raffle next month at the December meeting;
- Thanks Elaine Bednarz and Sally McLuckie for chairing the Harvest Soiree event which was a financial success;
- The Fall Card party will occur on Friday, November 7th and will include a silent auction;
- Carol Chisholm is recovering from another surgery and would welcome phone calls or text messages as she recovers; Diane French and Carla Howell will take on the job of card greeting cards in Carol's absence;
- An event committee will be established to advise the chairs of events and recruit chairmen; members may email Cheryl Albus if they would like to serve on this committee;
- The Club has purchased a Point-of-Sale device that can take credit cards at the door for events;
- Procedures for adding things to the website have been provided by webmaster Nora Tan and members should become familiar with the newly updated website that offers many new options.

Ms. Damonte, in her role as First Vice President, reported that MArasun Roofing has inspected the clubhouse roof the roof and found it in excellent condition is fine requiring only one small

repair that can be handled by a handyman. They estimate three to five more years of service from the existing roof. She said the Club will continue to work on building up a reserve to cover future capital expenses such as the roof or appliances. The clubhouse CO2 and smoke detectors have been inspected and are in good; working order. The HVAC system also was inspected and is in good shape. She reminded members that the easement between the clubhouse and Granite Lodge is a public space but parking must be on our own grounds. She is checking further with the Town of St. Michaels as the exact usage of the easement.

Second Vice President Maggie Jarboe reported that the speaker for the meeting is Jim Duffy, a local historian and author who will have some of his books for purchase after the meeting.

Treasure report was offered by Susan Lenfest who reported that our financial condition is good. Activity groups have been producing well and all have increased their per meeting fees to \$3 or \$5. The fall Harvest Soiree brought in \$2250 of which 40% in go toward the operating account and the rest to the capital expense account. Pep Up will be installing two 100-gallon propane tanks soon. Switching service to Pep Up is expected to cut propane costs in half. She also reported that use of the new credit card system on the Club website is working very well and members are using it. She is familiarizing herself with the new POS device so that credit cards may be used at Club events and hopefully can be up and running at next month's cookie sale. Susan recognized member Naomi Clark Turner who reminded members to check and see if previous employers provided matching funds for former employees' charitable donations and that the Woman's Club could benefit from such charitable funding Ms. Lenfest closed her report by saying that the Board has approved the 25-26 budget.

Assistant Treasurer Jan Thorkelson reported that the Club has 163 members and 4 honorary members, of whom 137 have paid their dues. She reminded members that dues may be paid by credit card.

Ms. Damonte said that Corresponding Secretary Carol Chisholm reported sending five cards during October.

Civics Committee chairman Carolyn Kane reminded members to donate to the need Food Bank box or to donate cash in the jar at the back of the main room. She also reported that volunteers are needed to pack backpacks for Care Packs beginning on November 7th and once a month thereafter.

CCC Chairman Sharon Yateman submitted a report noting that the Club has more volunteers than the high school has college bound seniors and the fall program was a big success. Work will begin again in the spring and will include work with juniors as well as seniors.

Membership Chairman Angela Lane inducted new members Joyce Fernandez and Carolyn Kelly and presented them with the traditional purple roses.

Tea Chairman Joyce Schlesinger introduced November's tea hostesses, Suzie Pratt and Sonya Miller. She also noted that more volunteers are needed to provide refreshments during the spring months and passed around a sign-up sheet.

Monica DeMarco reported that the Book Group was reading The Salt Path for discussion at its November meeting. And she reminded members that the Book Group's annual Christmas lunch will be held on December 10th at Harrison's Harbour Lights. Members can sign up for the luncheon online.

Tuesday Games Chairman Carole Baltzell reminded the group that everyone is welcome to drop in on Tuesdays for games. She also mentioned that there are a few more tickets available for the Fall Card Party scheduled for November 7th and that in addition to cards and games, a silent auction will be available as well as a 50/50.

Green Thumb Chairman Therese Photiadis announced the next Green Thumb/Culinary event will be held on November 20th at 1:00 and noted that it is a Thursday not the usual Friday. Joni Zimmerman, the new owner of Olivins will do a presentation on olive oil and a presentation on rosemary propagation will follow. Maomi Clark Turner will chair the December meeting as a wreath-making workshop on Friday, Dec. 5th at 9:30. The third Friday on December, the 19th, will be a planning meeting for all the spring months and will take place at There's home. The January meeting will focus on chocolate and in February will host a soup and bread exchange as a fund raiser.

Tea hostesses Susie Pratt and Sonya Miller offered thanks to those providing food for the tea including Sue Davis, Joyce Schlesinger, Carolyn Kane, Cathy Mendenhall, Susan Lenfest, Dorrie McGinness, Shirley Bucci, Betty Ann Seabury, Therese Photiadis and Michelle Cosby.

Elaine Bednarz announced that the annual Cookie Sale will be on Wednesday, December 3rd. Bakers may pick up their packaging at the meeting or call Elaine to arrange pick up.

Scholarship Chairman Dorrie McGinnis thanks the Board for again approving a ten-thousand-dollar award. Scholarship applications are being made available to the high school this month.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carla Howell and seconded by Carole Baltzell. Carla - Carole adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie McCahill, Recording Secretary