

MINUTES
Woman's Club of St. Michaels
General Meeting
December 3. 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by president Cheryl Albus who led the group in saying the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

A motion to suspend with the reading of the previous minutes was made by Carla Howell and seconded by Carole Baltzell and affirmed by the members.

Ms. Albus recognized December birthdays and congratulated Ann Marie Durkopt, Sharon Galsso, Jane Hopkinson, Cecilia Juan, Susan Lenfest, Sandy Lenhard, Gloria Lieberman, Kelly Livingston, Nancy Murtha, Marcy Patterson, Jean Ritterman, Nancy Rowe, Karen Sahmel, Jacque Smith, Susan Strasburg and Wendy Walmsley.

Visitors were then introduced as follows: Janet MacDonald introduced; Sandra Wilbanks, and Becky Forney; Kit Damonte introduced - Lori Hausman; Joanna Holden introduced Carol Atchinson; Angela Lane introduced Carolyn Proud; Evie Naranja introduced Michele Naranja; Joyce Fernandez introduced Joni Zimmerman Nelson; Sharon Pucket introduced Michele Kohl; Carole Baltzell introduced Angela McQuay.

In her president's report Ms. Albus mentioned forming an Events Committee to look into exploring new fund-raising ideas and asked members to contact her with their interest in serving. She also is looking for better ways to find out if someone is ill or is experiencing some other situation which deserves a good wishes message from the Club. If members know of someone who would welcome a greeting, please let Diane French or Carla Howell know. She also thanked Susan Lenfest and Nora Beck-Tan for her efforts in introducing and successfully launching the use of a credit card devise both online and in person at the Club.

First Vice President Kit Damonte reported on her conversation with town officials confirming the grassy area to between our clubhouse and granite lodge is public land and accessible but should not be blocked by parked cars.

Second Vice President Maggie Jarboe said the January speaker will be Lynn Randel from the Chesapeake Forum.

Treasurer Susan Lenfest reported that the Fall card party and silent auction were a huge success and thanked co-chairs Carole Baltzell and Nancy Garner. She pointed out that the use of the credit card device spurred silent auction bids to \$575.00. Her full financial report is an addendum to these minutes. Generous donations from members have recently been received and dedicated to the capital fund account. The Second Chance thrift shops donated \$250 for the Scholarship Fund. She also reminded members to consider the Club in their end of year donations.

Assistant Treasurer Jan Thorkelson reported that she has deposited \$11,175 in dues payments from 145 members; some are still unpaid, 6 members have resigned and we 6 new members have been added.

Civics Chairman Carolyn Kane asked for volunteers to help with Care Packs. The next date is January 9th from 10:30 – 11:30 care and the information is available on the website.

CCC Chairman Sharon Yateman relayed thank-you's to the mentors from the students.

Grounds Chairman Andrika Brown said the winter clean-up is upcoming and to look for more ground's information in the upcoming newsletter.

Scholarship Chairman Dorrie McGinnis reported that scholarship application packets have been delivered to the high school and committee review work will begin in March.

Tea Chairman Joyce Schlesinger thanked Wendy Walmsley, Debra Brookhouser and Sue Davis for arranging the December tea.

Book Group chairman Jacque Smith reminded members about the holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 10th when *The Greatest Gift* will be discussed. The book for review in January is *The Names*, and Marianne Dise will lead.

Culinary/Green Thumb chairman Therese Photiadis thanked those who arranged the presentation on olive oil in November. She reminded members about the wreath making workshop on December 5th and a planning session to be held on December 19th. On January 16th the meeting focus will be on chocolate and a soup/bread lunch is planned for February 6th. The Spring Green Thumb trip will be to Winterthur on May 15th.

Janet Mac Donald said the Fiber Arts Group will not meet in December but return to its regular schedule of meeting in January on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00. Games co-chairman Nancy Gerner reminded members that Tuesday Games meets each week at 1:00.

Diane French said she and Karen Thomas will chair the Spring Card Party on March 26th and need committee members to help. She also said that the annual Holiday Cookie Sale will begin at the end of the meeting and over 200 bags of cookies have been donated for sale.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carole Baltzell, seconded by Cyndi Simmons and affirmed.

Addendum

**Treasurer's Report
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Treasurer Report

Current Balances:

Operating Account:	\$12,487.72
Capital Expense:	\$12,368.98
Scholarship Account:	\$33,414.82
Less Previously Committed:	-\$23,261.30
Actual Useable:	\$10,153.52
12 Mon CD:	\$12,00.00-Just renewed in November
5-year CD/Endowment:	\$25,000.00

The Fall Card Party with its Silent Auction was a great success. Congratulations to the committee that made it a great success. Leaders were Nancy Garner and Carol Baltzell

Net Income: \$2,183.29

60% went to Scholarship Fund: \$1,309.97

40% remained in the Operating Account: \$873.32

The Silent Auction brought in \$573.86. The fact that we had the Square helped with that income. If we were depending on cash or checks to be written, I believe that we would never have raised that much for the auction. Thank You!

We have received several generous donations to the Capital Expense account from several members and we thank you. We have also received several generous donations for the Scholarship Fund and again, we thank you. Second Chance, which is here in St. Michaels, gave us a very unexpected donation as a thank-you to the Woman's Club for all the support that we have give to the Community Center in the past. Karen owns and runs Second Chance, and I hope that we can all support her.

If you are looking for a year-end tax-deductible donation, please don't forget us. I will be sure that you receive a letter with our tax-deductible number on it for your records.

I believe that the installation of the Square for payments for membership, events and fundraisers has made a huge difference in the convenience of payments. I hope that you will continue to use the online payment system which will be available for events or fundraisers that are listed on our web page. I will have the Square today for payments for your cookies with a small additional fee of \$.50.

Thank you all for your support.