

Woman's Club of St. Michaels
General Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026

Following a presentation by Capt. Judy Bixler the meeting was called to order at 1:56 pm. President Cheryl Albus led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation. Visitors were introduced and included Sharon Haines and Angela McQuay. Birthdays were recognized for Cheryl Albus, Regina Bell, Bonnie Bradley, Debra Brookhauser, Irene Cancio, Carol Chisholm, Naomi Clark-Turner, Barbara Colledge, Michele Cosby, Sue Davis, Dana Eggert, Joyce Fernandez. Linda Heilman, Cheryl Kitt, Mary Jo Kubeluis, Janet MacDonald, Marianne Mann, Julie McCahill, Dorie McGuinness, Joan McNamara, Julia Miller, Evie Naranjo, Kath Nilsen, Anne Pilert, Carolyn Prout and Joni Zimmerman.

Membership chairman Angela Lane introduced new members recently approved by the Board including: Nicoletta Aiken, Carol Atchison, Debra Brookhauser, Carla Daniels, Sue Fletcher, Michele Reeside Koll, Patricia Kurtz, Carol Myers, Nancy Minot, Lori Morris, Carolyn Prout and Wendy Walmsley.

In her report president Albus reminded the group that there will be another member induction ceremony in May. She reminded the group that she is instituting a fundraising task force to brainstorm ideas for new and innovative fund-raising events and that group will meet on March 13th at 9:30. She also encouraged members to sign up for committee leadership positions for the coming year as the nominating committee will meet on March 5th to cast a slate of officers and board members for the following year.

First vice president Kit Damonte pointed out the new front door lock which has a combination not a key. All committee chairs have been given the combination.

Treasurer Susan Lenfest reported that our current balances are as follows: Operating Account: \$10,031.97, Capital Expense Acct: \$12,372.03, Scholarship Account Useable: \$12,799.99, 13-Month CD \$12,000.00, 15-Month Endowment CD \$25,000.00

She also reported that we have saved over \$600.00 in propane costs since switching to Pep-Up from Suburban. Use of the Square for credit card purchases seems to be working well for all and it has made signing up for events very easy. She asked event chairmen to contact her directly with any questions on finances for their event, especially regarding deposits and payment to vendors.

Civics Committee chair Carolyn Kane said she needs volunteers to sign up for packing Care Packs on March 30th and April 16th at Anchor Church at 10:30. CCC Chairman Sharon Yateman asked for volunteers to sign up for two shifts working on resume development with juniors and sophomores at SMMHS on March 16th and March 23rd. Grounds chairman Susie Pratt thanked all the sweepers for doing a good job and noted that recently transplanted snowdrops have just appeared in the gardens.

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Scholarship chairman Dorie McGuinness reported that the Scholarship Committee will receive students' applications very soon and will begin reviewing them. Several previous winners who have not yet used their full stipend are being contacted to remind them to use the funds before they expire.

Tea chairman Joyce Schlesinger noted that one more volunteer is needed to provide sweets for the April tea. She thanks Rayona Bennett and Cheryl Kitt for planning the formal tea for this meeting.

Book Group chairman Jacque Smith said that bad weather did not interfere with two Group meetings in February and invited members to attend the next regular meeting on March 11th when *The Playground* by Richard Powers will be discussed beginning at 10:30.

Culinary & Green Thumb Chairman Therese Photiadis reported that the soup and bread luncheon was very successful. There are still openings for two of the international restaurant lunch series. The regular March meeting will feature Andrea Davis-Cetina speaking on small vegetable gardening on March 25th at 1:00pm. and Mikaela Boley from Bay Wise Gardens will discuss pollinator gardens on April 17th at 10:00am. Members are encouraged sign up soon for the May 14th trip to Winterthur online.

Janet MacDonald invited members to join the Fiber Arts group on Wednesday, March 11th at 1:00. Karen Thomas invited members to come for Mah Jongg on Mondays at 1:00. Carole Baltzell invited members to come for games of all kinds on Tuesdays at 1:00.

Co-Chair Diane French reminded members about the Spring Games Party on Friday, March 27th at 11:30 and noted that special raffle items will be available. She also reminded members to bring in old eye glasses for donation to the Lions Club.

Spring Fling chairman Janice Vitale announced that the theme for this party is Italian Night and will feature Italian drinks and music. Attendees are encouraged to bring an Italian hors d'oeuvre to share. Very special raffle baskets are being prepared. Reservations are available online.

Corresponding Secretary Carol Chisholm reminded members to contact her with information about members who might need a cheerful greeting.

Carol Baltzell moved and Carla Howell seconded a motion to adjourn.