

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ST. MICHAELS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order by president Cheryl Albus at 2:05 following a presentation on Poplar Island by Julia Moyer, Senior Environmental Specialist for Maryland Environmental Services. Ms. Albus led the group in the pledge of allegiance and the invocation. A motion to forego the reading of the minutes from the last meeting was made by Carla Howell and seconded by Carol Chisholm and affirmed.

April birthdays were announced for Carole Baltzell, Elaine Bednarz, Theresa Bowers, Kit Damonte, Hilary Foley, Jill Jones, Susan Kanicki, Kate Latimer, Trish Kurtz, Pat Martin, Elyssa Maguire, Sonya Miller, Lori Morris, Leslie Morrison, Leah Murn, Sharon Pickett, Dianne Shaw, Jan Thorkelson and Sara Walker.

The following visitors were welcomed: Patty Wells, Rosanne Telman, Michaela Rocca, Gay Wyne, Pam Masterman, Carol Carey, Charisse Clark and Sandra Milbanks.

In her president's report Ms. Albus mentioned the need to change one of the by-laws to allow the Assist Treasurer an unrestricted term of office to assure that the position can track with the treasurer in the event the treasurer cannot perform her duties. A motion to do so was made by Susan Lenfest and seconded by Carla Howell. The members affirmed the motion. A formal vote will be taken at the May meeting.

The officers and board slate for next year has been reported by the Nominating Committee and will be sent to the membership prior to the May meeting and where it will be presented for a voice vote.

Ms. Albus described a recent meeting of the Fundraising Committee which began to identify new activities that can raise funds for the Club. One idea is to sponsor a bake sale on July Fourth to take advantage of the crowds who attend the children's parade and the St. Michaels Museum's history speech. A committee needs to be established and a clipboard was circulated to gather volunteers for that event.

In planning for next year, Ms. Albus said she is encouraging every committee to list both a chair and co-chair to build strong leadership for every event.

Second Vice President Maggie Jarboe announced that the May meeting speaker will feature a native of Tilghman Island who will relate lots of interesting stories.

Treasurer Susan Lenfest reported current balances as follows: Operating Account \$11,518.56, Capital Expenses Account \$12,543.03, Scholarship Account a useable amount of \$12,908.83,

a 13 Month CD \$12,000.00 and an Endowment CD of \$25,000.00. Despite bad winter weather, all the activity groups have done well and continue to bring in nice monthly amounts. Miscellaneous expenses incurred over the past months included the expense to purchase and install a new front door lock. The Square is working well for all credit card sales. Next year a member of each Fundraising Event will be asked to learn to use the Square. The Spring Card Party held the last Friday in March was a big success and included a raffle for 5 incredible items and a silent auction for The Inn at Perry Cabin package. Net Profit of the event was \$2,897.16. That amount will be split between the Scholarship account at 60% and the Operating account at 40%.

Ms. Lenfest also reported that the Annual Luncheon will be held on June 4th at the Miles River Yacht Club and the menu will offer a choice among four different salads. A group of 4-5 members to serve on committee to check people and handle other other things at luncheon is needed. The luncheon flyer coming out in mid-April and will be posted on the website for sign-up.

Civics chairman Carolyn Kane reminded members to donate to the food pantry. Care Packs packaging sessions will be held April 17th and May 15th from 10:30 – 11:30 at the Anchor Church, 620 Goldsborough St, in Easton. Sign-up Genie will be used for signing up to help and an email will be coming from the Care Pack director;

CCC chairman Sharon Yateman thanked all the mentors for their service, noting that 175 students have been helped in the last month. She reminded members to seek out Carolyn Wasdyke if they would like to donate to the professional closet at the high school. On April 14th from 5-7pm at the high school, a national speaker on education helping young people to build competitive advantage and unleashing passion and performance in younger generations will be held and all are invited.

Suzie Pratt, Grounds Chair, reported that the winter clean up was done on March 3rd; and a spring clean-up and mulch will be done in mid-April. The committee is growing seedlings for summer annuals to be planted in a few weeks.

Scholarship Chairman Dorie McGuiness reported that 20 applications have been received. The Committee will meet in a week to review them and cut the field to ten. Interviews with the final ten will be done on April 24, with final decisions made by May 1.

Tea Chair Jean Ritterman reported that sign-up sheets for next year's teas will be circulated at the May meeting. Therese Photiadis and Sue Fletcher planned the April tea.

Book Group Co-chair Jacque Smith announced that the book for the next meeting is *Becoming Madame Secretary* and Sue Davis will lead the discussion. The summer picnic is in the planning stage. The group is looking for volunteers for co-chairs for next year.

Culinary and Green Thumb Chair Therese Photiadis announced that on April 17th, Michaela Boley will offer a presentation on planting for pollinators at 10am. Sign ups are needed for the planned May 14th trip to Winterthur.

The April cocktail party is scheduled for April 26th from 5:00-7:00pm and features an Italian theme – *La Dolce Vita*. Tickets are \$30 per person. Janice Vitale and Michelle Cosby are co-chairs. Members should plan to bring an Italian salad or appetizer to share.

Ms. Albus reminded the group that Shred It and Forget It, a shredding event for personal papers, will be held on April 18 in Easton near the airport on Information Lane.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Livingston and seconded by Joan McNamara and affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie McCahill
Recording Secretary