

September 18, 2023

Croatan Women's Club Meeting

Jo Blomsquist, President, welcomed everyone back to her lovely home. We had a total of 33 members attend our Meet & Greet, plus 6 additional new neighbors: Justine, Laura, Elizabeth, Caitlin, Bugi and Jenn

Jo kicked off our meeting by introducing the Board members who were all present, with the expectation of Jackie, Corresponding Secretary, who was on a family vacation.

Board Members:

Jo Blomsquist - President
Linda Richie-Royal – Vice President
Jackie Ferrgin – Correspondence Secretary
Emily Chamness - Secretary
Lisa Johnson – Party Committee
Susan Savage - Treasure

A special thanks went out to Lisa and her party committee who served a delicious dinner of brisket sliders, jalapeno poppers, veggies, and seasoned potatoes. In efforts to make our parties a success, please **remember to RSVP to all events so our party committee can plan accordingly.**

School drive:

Donations were brought to support Birdneck Elementary School. If anyone is interested in bringing in additional donations, please bring them to Jo's house by Friday September, 22nd. You may leave the items on the front porch if no one is home.

Financials:

Jo introduced our new treasurer, Susan Savage:

- 2022-2023 beginning balance was \$911.55. New membership dues for the 2022-2023 year came in at \$3,280 for the year. Expenses for 2022-2023 were \$2,709.37. Our ending balance for last year and starting balance for the 2023-2024 year is \$1,482.18.
- CWC Bylaws require us to always keep a balance of \$400 at all times.

October meeting:

- Our next meeting will be at Linda Richie-Royal's house on Oct 16th.

Upcoming community service:

- Instead of bringing our toys for tots in December, we will be collecting our toys in November. Reason: Frosty in the park (Dec 9th) takes place before our December meeting, so we want to have the toys ready for the event.
- Beach clean-up: dates will be announced in our October Meeting

Planned Monthly Events:

- Lisa, Party Committee, announced our upcoming events:
 - September 18th (Jo Blomsquist)– Meet & Greet
 - October 16th (Linda Richie-Royal) - Barbie Party...Think Pink!!
 - November 13th (Emily Chamness) – Casserole Bake Off. Bring your favorite casserole – it does not have to be a Thanksgiving themed casserole
 - December 11th (Elizabeth Kasprak) – Ornament Exchange
 - January 8th (Laura Saltzer)– Chinese New Year
 - February 12th (Densie Love) – Fondue Pajama Party
 - Marh 11th (Jennifer Powers) – Around the World
 - April 15th (Caitlin Kennedy) – Bucket List
 - May 6th – Cinco de Derby!
 - June 10th (Jackie Ferrgin)– Beach Bash

- Survey results from last year’s end of the year party:
 - Members choose to keep our meeting time at 7 PM
 - Members choose for the Party Committee to continue prepping meals verses having members bring in items.
 - Members preferred communications over email verses mail fliers.
 - Directory
 - The majority of the members are in favor of reinstating a CWC Directory to include members names, phone numbers, addresses and their individual picture. Members have the option to opt out of the Directory or select which information is made public.
 - The directory will be a hard copy, which will be printed and distributed at a CWC meeting.
 - Jo handed out a questionnaire to vote on the directory.
 - Results will be released in the next meeting.

With that Jo concluded the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up for our annual Halloween party next month.

Emily Chamness
Secretary