

Women Helping Others  
General Meeting  
August 28, 2023

President Terry Fierle opened the meeting at 1:40 by welcoming those present.

In Membership Chairman Barbara Kjos' absence, Terry advised that membership was up to 353 members and that new member packets were available at the meeting. She also asked that prospective members stand up so that they could be recognized and welcomed.

Program Hospitality Chairman Joan Douglas apologized for being absent at the last general meeting and thanked everyone for their concern during her husband's health issues. Also, they have kittens that need a home – anyone interested?!

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Marilynn Rawnsley moved that the minutes of the July General Meeting be approved as written. Lynda Elley seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ramona Thomas reviewed the club's financial statement. She advised that the board had discussed two non-profits that needed assistance quickly. These included \$1,000 to the Texas Baptist Men (for Maui relief) and \$1,000 for UR Our Hope. These donations were put to a vote via email to the membership. The motion was approved.

Ramona moved to approve the financial report as presented. Anne Marshall seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Balance per board meeting July 10, 2023		\$ 4,192.57
Contributions from Members:		
Meetings and Mail In	\$ 830.00	
Online dues	\$ 130.00	
Subtotal of contributions		\$ 960.00
Expenses:		
Donations to Non-Profits		
GAPS Georgetown Area Parkinsons Support	\$ 500.00	
Subtotal of Donations to Non-Profits		<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Balance August 14, 2023		<u><u>\$ 4,652.57</u></u>
Petty Cash Balance	\$231.68	



## **Vice President's Report**

Maria explained to the membership that she is the representative of the Program Committee, the heart of WHO. The pink information sheet provided for members has the list of presenters for the rest of the year.

Maria introduced our August speakers, Stacy Scarborough and Julie Fitzgerald, of GAPS (Georgetown Area Parkinson's Support). Julie, who has Parkinson's, provided a moving testimony of GAPS' impact on her life. Stacy, Vice Chair on the board, shared GAPS' mission (to educate, support, and serve those with Parkinson's disease, movement disorders, and their caregivers) and vision (to be the exceptional organization to the movement disorder community that makes it possible for all persons with a movement disorder to lead fulfilling, independent and enriched lives). GAPS serves Georgetown but if there is someone in need, they will look for support in other areas. There are monthly meetings for those with Parkinson's as well as the caregivers. Also, monthly educational luncheons are offered. For additional information, visit their website at <https://www.georgetowntexasparkinsons.com>. Maria presented Stacy with a check for \$500 to be used in the general fund. Stacy graciously accepted the donation.

Maria recognized member Anne Marshall for her dedication in taking WHO-related photos and including them with an article in the *Williamson County Sun* each month.

Maria advised that Key2Free would be presenting at the September general meeting and that a tour of the facility would be on September 15. If you are interested, sign up today with Gayle Rattray. Those participating will be meeting at the activities center at 9:15 a.m. On behalf of the Program Committee and the board, Maria moved that WHO donate \$500 to Key2Free. Anne Marshall seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

At the next meeting, there will be a gift card drive for Hope Alliance. The cards should be from Walmart, Target, or HEB.

Maria introduced Kara Powell, from ROCK. Kara thanked those putting together auction baskets and invited everyone to attend the Cowgirl Bruncheon on November 4. WHO will be listed among the gold sponsors for their participation in the basket auction. She asked that the baskets have a list of the items inside and that a grand total of the value be noted. She also gave an opportunity to volunteer to eight WHO members!

Kara informed us that the documentary on ROCK had been completed and been submitted to the Austin Film Festival. Very exciting! She thanked WHO members for all of their donations to local non-profits.

## **Old and New Business**

Nina Stancil provided an update on the Meals on Wheels (MOW) fundraiser. \$38,000 had been raised to date with \$45,000 being the goal. The money benefits the Georgetown MOW kitchen. There are 400 individuals in our area who need MOW. There are three weeks remaining to raise the \$! Please help!

Nina also reminded us that we need to start thinking about the Holiday Meals event. This is a Georgetown community Christmas program. Toiletries, cookies, gift cards, and drivers are needed. The number of people assisted in this effort is 1,200 – 1,500. This will be addressed again in November.



Pat Schuerer handles the toiletries drive for the event. She asked for volunteers to accept toiletries at their home and box them in categories. These will be brought to the November 13 general meeting and assembled, by members, in packets which will be included in the Christmas gift bags. The collection is from October 1 – November 10. Regular-sized shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, and soap are needed. Information on the drop-off homes will be provided as soon as possible.

Judy Blakely will be taking over Gals About Town. Gladys Jeffery was thanked for assuming this responsibility in the past.

### **Adjournment**

Terry adjourned the meeting at 2:45, after distributing the door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Rawnsley, Secretary