

**Women of the Pines**  
General Membership Meeting  
September 20, 2023  
Forest Creek Golf Club

**WELCOME: 12 NOON**

Barbara Summers, President, thanked our Hostesses – Kay Wildt and Ellie Wiest  
Welcomed our special guest – Cliff Brown, Founder and Director of Team Workz  
Welcomed visitor, Elizabeth Groseth, Pat Groseth's daughter  
A big thank you to everyone that donated to Team Workz today

**LUNCH:**

Thank you Forest Creek Staff – Mary Dutton, Club House Manager, Sammie Toomer and Chef Edward Neiman

**PROGRAM:** Marty Gibbons, Program Committee Co-Chair, introduced Cliff Brown, Director of Team Workz, who is helping to restore productive lives to the homeless in Moore County. A few of their goals are to offer a Hand “up” more than a Hand “out”, to provide multiple resources to assist the unsheltered, and inform society of the challenges of homelessness and offer solutions. They always need volunteers and are located at Trinity Church on Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. You can contact them at [teamworkz.org](http://teamworkz.org).

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Barbara Summers, President, called the meeting to order. Anna Leib moved to accept the May 16, 2023, General Meeting Minutes sent by email and Mary Hilgenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurers report for May and the combined report for June-August was sent by email for your review. An addition, \$480 was earned through the J. McLaughlin store for a Sip and Shop Event and we received a \$200 donation from one of our members. An Audit of our financial records has been completed. Brenda Sorrese has filed the 990-N and it was accepted by the IRS.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Contact** – Julie Andress and Joan McGuinness  
The entire club stood and thanked the committee.
- **Handbook** – Marie Carbrey  
The book was distributed to the members and if you find mistakes, please contact Marie  
A new member card was distributed with a password for our website
- **Membership** – Barbara Summers and Cathy Bullock

**1<sup>st</sup> Visit**

Nancy Nelson with Gail Clakeley  
Marcia De Bolt with Michele Gowan  
Susan Underwood with Glenda Kirby  
Elizabeth Armstrong with Barb Summers

**2<sup>nd</sup> Visit**

Carol Krysevig with Mary Hilgenberg  
Mary Novitsky with Helen Kirk

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Visit and joining today**

Marion Grote sponsored by Mary Hilgenberg

Ann Lane sponsored by Janice Davis

### **Membership is now 67**

On behalf of the Women of the Pines, Barbara Summers presented Janice Davis a rose for her outstanding leadership to our club. Janice was a Past President and will be moving, but she will remain a member of Woman of the Pines. Thank you, Janice, and best wishes from all your WOTP friends.

- **Bake Sale and Raffle** – Robbi Horne and Beth Van Vooren  
They gave an update on The Gift Card Boxes and spoke of their needs. Sheets were passed at every table to sign up as bakers and volunteers for the day. Raffle Tickets were on sale
- **Bling Co-Chair** – Kate Len  
Bling collections can be delivered up until October 18 to the drop off points.  
She discussed the needs for the day and asked for help. Contact Kate if you can volunteer.
- **Publicity** – Mary Hilgenberg  
WEEB interview on October 3  
All Things Moore County, interview with Bill Sahadi  
Handed out posters for the Bake, Bling and Raffle Sale  
Website updates and free publicity

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Don't forget Raffle Tickets are available

Please leave your nametags at the front table in the lobby

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Family Promise Event – October 18 – Fair Barn - \$50 – RSVP- local chefs will provide the food

First Health Dental Clinic – October 8 – tour of new Dental Clinic -offering grants

Harvest Festival – October 8<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 to 4:00 - West End United Methodist Church – one of our charities

J McLaughlin Sip and Shop – WOTP sponsoring – October 26 – 15% of sales going to Back Pack Pals –

Watch for invitation to come out to us by our email blast, website and Facebook

Next Board Meeting – October 11, 2023 – 3 PM – Community Presbyterian Church

Next General Meeting – October 18, 2023 – 11:30 AM – Forest Creek

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Helen Kirk made the motion to adjourn and Valerie Mountcastle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Ruthi Walker, Recording Secretary