

MOUNTAIN WOMEN
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2021
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Below is requested information from our February monthly meeting:

From the Here to Stay program: Their website: Here2staywintergreen.org

and their newsletter

address: https://mcusercontent.com/421a1eacaa71f8b39df7f3fb5/files/31ba6f2a-45d1-4289-91fc-aa21528313ad/HTSW_Happenings_Jan_2021.pdf

Here to Stay:

Phone: 434-373-7829

Email: atwintergreen@gmail.com

Mail: PO Box, Nellysford, VA 22958

Information on Martha Gray:

To volunteer for meals to Martha's family (mainly her husband Rob): Contact Tamra Bramwell: Email wtg.golfer16@gmail.com

Phone: 703-786-4091

Sue Carlson Leaving Wintergreen:

After much discussion and considering the restrictions for COVID-19, we regret not being able to "celebrate Sue" in the ways we would like and that she deserves. However, we have decided to invite everyone to send cards to Sue expressing your appreciation for her friendship and her many contributions to enriching our lives at Wintergreen. To name a few, Sue has served on many boards at Wintergreen, including MW Steering Committee, the Mountain Homesteaders Board, and the WPOA Board. She volunteered for many years at The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen and Rockfish Valley Foundation—Historical Center, Nelson County Garden Club, etc. Everyone at Wintergreen and Nellysford knows Sue! With our individual cards, we are hoping to "surprise" Sue in a very personal way. She will have time (after her rush from moving and getting settled into her new home) to sit, read our messages and perhaps even re-read them at her leisure. From the huge stack, maybe show everyone how many people appreciated her at Wintergreen and will no doubt miss her!

Sue is not leaving until March 12th, so between now and then please send cards and notes to her PO Box address here:

Sue Carlson
PO Box 7
Nellysford, VA 22958

Sue's new address:

Sue Carlson
1012 Colony Court
Gastonia, NC 28056

Sue's email address for electronic cards: carlonsue434@gmail.com

Jo Ann Armstrong
MW Communication Secretary

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President Terri Brooks welcomed members.

Pat Morris of The Springs neighborhood introduced Pratiksha and Phil Tyson who discussed Nepal and their work with NGO's Love Justice International, Beauty for Ashes Nepal, and Himalayan Freedom Co. All of the organizations work to prevent human trafficking and offer opportunities to marginalized children. Beauty for Ashes and Himalayan Freedom provide employment for girls and Love Justice operates family homes and schools for orphaned and abandoned kids.

To receive their email newsletter, contact Phil at philstyson@gmail.com. Get information about their organizations at lovejustice.ngo, beautyforashesnepal.com and himalayanfreedomco.com. Donations can be made through the LJI website <https://www.lovejustice.ngo/our-team/phil-and-pratiksha>. After the presentation, Terri called the business meeting to order.

Attendance by neighborhood:

Blackrock:5

Devils Knob:1

Laurel Springs:3

The Springs:4

There were no new members.

President's Report

- ☐☐The Steering Committee met on March 11. The bylaws indicate that the Steering Committee is responsible for nominating officers for the new year that starts with the April meeting.
- ☐☐Nancy Schwiesow has accepted the position of Blackrock Neighborhood Chair.
- ☐☐Positions still to be filled are Vice President, Communicating Secretary, Recording Secretary and Laurel Springs Neighborhood Chair. Anyone who is interested in serving on the board, or who knows someone who would be interested, please contact Terri.
- ☐☐If COVID cases continue to decline, we may be able to meet in person, outside and socially distanced, in July.
- ☐☐Joyce Claman is spearheading an effort to reach out to new property owners and let them know about Mountain Women and the other social groups at Wintergreen. She will report on that initiative at the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Carlson)

- ☐☐Current balance is \$508.39.
- ☐☐No dues will be collected until there are in-person meetings again.

Subcommittee Reports

- ☐☐**Garden Club:** Terri reported that Garden Club is on hiatus until spring. Garden Club normally meets on the third Friday of the month. Contact Bev Holloway at plains3545@gmail.com for information about the group.
- ☐☐**Book Club:** JoAnn Armstrong reported that Book Club will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 12 at 3:30 pm. Book Club normally meets on the Monday following the Mountain Women meeting on Friday. This group shares recommendations about books and articles rather than reading and analyzing a specific book. Contact Jo Ann Armstrong at pharmsj@icloud.com for information about the group.
- ☐☐**Handcraft:** Handcraft group is not meeting at this time.
- ☐☐**Epicurious:** Epicurious is not meeting at this time.

Other Organizations

- ☐☐ **Nature Foundation:** Terri reported that the benefit auction will be held on June 4 and will again be virtual. The recent plant sale was very successful, grossing \$1700. Maria Spence reported that hikes are still being offered, and the next Ladies Hike will be at Sweet Briar College. Register online to attend.
- ☐☐ **Wintergreen Resort:** Maria reported that the pool and spa are now open.
- ☐☐ **Wintergreen Music:** Carolyn Frahm reported that the Music Festival is looking for housing for the musicians. If you have questions or may be interested please feel free to contact Judy Giarla by email jgiarla@wintergreen-music.org.

Announcements

- ☐☐ Maria is stepping in as our point person for the Free Book Bus. They have expanded their stops to include community centers, schools and farmers markets. They offer free books to children who may not be able to get to a library or bookmobile. Free Book Bus especially needs books with dinosaurs, dragons, princesses, fairies, Harry Potter and Wimpy Kid, as well as anything from DK Publishing, Mo Williams or Jan Brett. Maria has a plastic tub on her porch (25 Trails Edge) where people can drop off books – just put them in a plastic bag with your name on it.

The next meeting will be Friday, June 11 at 10 am. The speaker will discuss advance care plans (living wills) and recent changes in that area. Spouses/partners may attend. The Zoom link will be emailed a few days before.

Terri adjourned the meeting.