



**THE CHARMETTES, INC.**  
**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHAPTER**



**Minutes Regular Meeting**  
**C. Blythe Andrews Library**  
**December 4, 2015**

**Presiding** President Delores Williams called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Words of Encouragement** Prayer by Antonia Barber

**Roll Call** **Present:** Joyce Austin, Gloria Alexander, Cheryl Baker, Carolyn Banks, Antonia Barber, Juanita Cannon, Ann Carey, Ora Chester, Margaret Fisher, Lejoan Franklin, Ruby French, Irene Harris, Freddie Hudson, Michelle Jones, Evelyne Keeton, Betty Kinsey, Krista Lee, Margaret LeGree, Janice London, Edna McCants, Corlis McIntyre, Mona Newsome, Luvator Nelson, Ida Randolph, Sylvia Salter, Arethea Smith, Yvonne Waldon, Jacqueline Wilds, Delores Williams

**Excused:** Audrey Colston, Selphenia Shields, Vivian Williams-Warren

**Absent:** Thomasine Banks, Benettye Davis, MeShay Holiday, Edna McCants

**Minutes** The Minutes from the November's Meeting were distributed to members via email. There were two corrections noted. Lejoan  
*A. Smith* Franklin stated there was no link to the Chapter's Website sent out. The second correction was to strike that the motion by Freddie Hudson to ride the Jr. Deb Queen this year was second by Juanita Cannon since the motion failed.

A **Motion** by Sylvia Salter to accept the Minutes with necessary corrections was **Second** by Ruby French.

**President's Message** The President received a letter from the Executive Director regarding information and recommendations from the different  
*D. Williams* committees and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Requested that we do not do anything with the information. Make no changes. They are in the process of revising the National Constitution and By-Laws and the revisions will include all of the recommendations that passed and the changes made for the last 4 years.

President Williams spoke with the Bus Company about taking us to South Carolina in June on the 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>, the second weekend. They gave the chapter a very good rate. They are charging \$800.00 per day for 4 days (\$3200.00). Members are

scheduled to leave Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at midnight and should arrive Thursday before 12 noon. This way the Chapter will save money because this will eliminate having to pay for other means of transportation to get the President and Alternate up there in enough time to be at the Chapters Presidents meeting. If the chapter do not have someone in the chapter seats, your chapter will be fined \$500.00. We will return on Sunday, hopefully before dark. The Chapter will send out notification to other chapters of seats available on the bus. The cost of the trip will be \$100.00 round trip.

**Financial Report**

*Juanita Cannon*

Written report was distributed. Summary of all monies collected from November 1, 2015 to December 3, 2015:  
**Dues – Local & National Fine - Roll over** Amount \$200.00; Amount Collected \$1000.00; Total Amount Collected \$7500.00; Outstanding: \$700.00; Fine: \$20.00(Thanksgiving). **Allen Temple AME Cancer Walk 10/03/15:** Charmette Donation \$15.00 (S. Salter/Shirt); Members participation 17 @ \$15.00 ea. Total Amount of member participation \$255.00. **Relay for Life:** Amount Collected \$80.00; Total Amount Collected \$350.00; Total Amount Outstanding \$1735.00. **Charmette Apparel:** Amount Collected \$415.80; Total Amount Collected \$682.60; (E. McCants/ T-Shirt/\$22.50 Credit rolled over from 03/06/14); **Puttin on the Ritz:** Amount Collected \$380.00; Total Amount collected from 10/01/15 to 11/05/15 was **\$1890.80**. Total Amount of All Monies Collected was **\$10,350.00**.

**Treasurer’s Report**

*Evelyne Keeton*

Written report was distributed.

<b>Account Summary – Book Balance per last report date 11/5/2015</b>		<b>\$7,279.42</b>
Total Deposit	+	<u>\$1,361.60</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,641.02</b>
Expenditures	-	<u>\$1,810.59</u>
<b>New Balance</b>		<b>\$6,830.43</b>
<b>Outstanding Checks Totaling</b>		
	-	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<b>New Balance</b>		<b>\$6,780.43</b>

(\$4200.00/National Dues for 42 members; + \$500 for National Chapter Dues; + \$300.00 for New Members Dues = \$5000.00 Total Deductions = New Balance \$1780.43)

<b>Special Account – Beginning Balance on 12/3/2015</b>	=	<b>\$2,885.87</b>
Total Income	+	<u>.07</u> (Interest Payment)
		\$2,885.94
<b>New Balance</b>		<b>\$2,885.8794</b>

**Correspondence**

*J. Wilds*

Our Thanks to You Card from Charmette Nicque Smith and Family; Thank You Card from Darren & Lacey Pinkney & Family – Charmettes Group #4 Thanksgiving Basket; Thank You Note – Charmettes Group #10 Thanksgiving Basket.

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## Old Business

- a. Thanksgiving Project (Thanksgiving Baskets) – Thanks to everyone for their contributions and participation from Toni Barber, Corlis McIntyre and committee. Project was a success.
  - b. Charity Project (C.H.O.I.C.E.) – Charmettes will have a Tree Trimming Party on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Menu is Pizza and sodas. No decoration donations are needed, there were enough available in the chapter's storage. Eight gift cards will be purchased to be given to the boys as gifts, as well as the food. Each Charmettes was asked to donate a gift to the facility. Items needed are towels, wash cloths, blankets, comforters and twin sheets. The President requested that a list with the names of those Charmettes who donated a gift be given to the Financial Secretary.
  - c. Cancer Project – Charmettes, Inc. Lunch & Learn – Moffitt Cancer Center will host a Lunch and Learn on Breast Cancer Awareness for the Hillsborough County Chapter of the Charmettes, Inc. on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. They will be providing the chapter with information on setting up a foundation. Please respond to Charmette Austin's email so she can give a count to Moffitt for the luncheon.
  - d. Puttin on the Ritz – Decoration Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to decorate. Charmettes are to report to the Letter Carrier's Hall Lobby at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for a group picture. Members are requested to wear black with gold or silver accessories. All Charmettes are required to clean up their own tables and help take down decorations.
  - e. Chapter Website Update – Lejoan is still working on putting pictures on website. Some pictures cannot be used because they are blurry. Pictures must be high resolution for them to be clear. Charmette Franklin recommended that pictures be emailed to her rather than scanning them. The link is [hillsboroughcharmettes.com/charmettes](http://hillsboroughcharmettes.com/charmettes). Charmette Franklin will email the address to members. Website have a calendar and chapter information from our meetings will be under "members only" section along with local chapter bylaws.
  - f. Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report – Committee have addressed everything that the National Parliamentarian requested. The report has been completed and will be mailed to the National Parliamentarian prior to the due date.
  - g. MLK Jr. Parade Update – Application has been submitted. The chapter is in need of walkers.
  - h. Jr. Deb Coronation Update – A reminder will go out to Parents and Contestants for the informational meeting on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at ReBirth Baptist Church. The chapter have 3 contestants. The chapter needs to get more girls. It was suggested we get out flyers to recruit more girls. Chapter needs children who parents are going to be willing to work. Each contestant will have a group of Charmettes working with her and each Charmette is required to give that contestant \$200.00. All monies raised by that groups goes to their contestant.
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## New Business

The President met with the Executive Board members via a conference call. The meeting was called in reference to a matter of importance brought to her attention. Charmette Gloria Dorsett has been inactive for the past two fiscal years. It was brought to the President's attention in November's general meeting that Charmette Dorsett paid her dues for this fiscal year as well as her Cancer Project assessment. The President was not aware of this, and stated, although she paid her dues and assessments, she has not been in attendance to any meetings this fiscal year. In that meeting, it was suggested that the President contact Charmette Dorsett to find out what her intentions are and let her know that she is being missed.

The President sent Charmette Dorsett an email letting her know that her dues and assessment has been received and that she was missed by not attending the monthly meeting. However, the chapter look forward to seeing her in the upcoming December's meeting.

The President reported that Charmette Dorsett contacted her in reference to the email sent by the President. Charmette Dorsett stated that she is not prepared to return to active status at this time because of personal responsibilities. She requested additional inactive status. The President reported that she reminded Charmette Dorsett that the chapter's bylaws stated that a member can only be granted two years inactive status within a five year period and she has already been extended that time. The President stated that she discussed the probability of her monies being returned to her if she would not be returning, but could not promise her that it would be done. The President reported that Charmette Dorsett stated that she did not know, that because she was not going to be active, that she did not have to pay dues. The President stated, Charmette Dorsett stated that she would donate the \$200.00 she paid for dues to the chapter to be used as they see fit, however, she did want the \$25.00 assessment for the Cancer Project to be used for that purpose.

The President reported that the Financial Secretary informed her that Charmette Dorsett had been issued 8 tickets for the Puttin On The Ritz Ball and they had not been returned. The President took the matter to the Executive Board, via the conference call meeting. It was the recommendation of the Executive Board that the \$200.00 be used to pay on her tickets and the balance of \$80.00 be waived. The recommendation was presented to the body at December's meeting. There was a motion by Charmette Toni Barber to accept the recommendation coming from the Executive Board. The motion was second by Charmette Vivian Kitchen. The motion passed. The President stated that she would send Charmette Dorsett an email informing her of the action taken.

The President requested that the Recording Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer remove Charmette Dorsett's name from the roster before it is sent to the National Financial Officers, as well as any other member's name who has not paid their annual dues and any other required National assessments.

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## Committee Reports

### **History**

*Vivian Williams*

No report given.

### **Cancer**

*Joyce Austin*

Report given earlier.

### **Charity**

*Sylvia Salter*

Report given earlier.

### **Hospitality**

*Mona Newsome*

No report given.

### **Benevolence**

*Carolyn Banks*

No report given. President requested that the committee revisit the \$100 monetary donation given to the family of a member that's on leave. It would not. Only a card and a letter of resolution.

### **Constitution and By-Laws** Report given earlier.

*Margaret Fisher*

## **Adjournment**

President adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

## **Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:**

Arethea (Nicque) Smith

Recording Secretary

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