

Altrusa Club of Findlay *President's Message*

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Happy Summer Altrusans!

I am so excited for this coming year after hearing all the fabulous program ideas each committee is planning for us. We should have a very fun year of fellowship and community service.

For July, we will hold our board and business meeting on Monday, July 2nd since the 4th is midweek this year.

Our traditional July family picnic will be held July 18, 6 PM at Riverside Park. We were able to reserve the shelter closest to the band shell for this event. This should give us the extra room needed as our Lima Altrusa sisters will be joining us for the picnic and then enjoy the Findlay Civic Band concert at 7 PM. I will pass a signup sheet at the July meeting, so be thinking what delicious picnic specialty you want to share with us. This would also be a great time to invite guests to attend as it will be a casual evening full of conversation.

As our year begins, my goals are to

continue the great projects we have been known to participate in annually but also to increase our club size. With new members come new ideas for projects. I put out a simple message on social media prior to our meeting earlier this month and was delighted to have a friend come to the meeting out of curiosity. She requested to join our club by the end of the night. So I am excited to welcome Diane Cramner as our newest Altrusan. Look for a little bio on Diane in the next newsletter. I hope others will share their excitement for our club and invite friends, neighbors, or coworkers to check us out.

Enjoy your summer!

Gwen Pahl, President



Altrusa Business Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2018

Altrusa Business meeting met on Monday, June 4, 2018, at St Paul's UMC. The meeting was called to order by President Gwen Pahl at 6:17 pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Deb Foster called roll and 17 members were present. We had one guest, Diane Cramner, and it was noted that Krista Keeler did not renew her membership. In honor of Beth Wenner's move to Kansas, members responded with where their dream home would be. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

May 31, 2018 Treasurer's Report was given by Denise Heilman. Club checking and savings account total balance is \$2,562.86. Foundation checking account balance is \$4811.47. Reports were approved and filed for audit after making a correction to Foundation with expenses for Recycled Runway of \$51.01 taken from 2017 Centennial Project line leaving balance of \$2.23.

Correspondences were shared from our Scholarship recipients, Erin Bloomfield and Kaitlyn Kniss's will follow from Fran Williams.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication – Article deadline for July publication is June 20. Please have report from each committee to Karen Knaur. She also asked for pictures to be sent to her email and make sure you have photo releases for non-members.

Membership – May 16– President's Dinner was re-capped by Kendra James. 19 members, Emeritus member, Jean Disher, 2 scholarship recipients and their mothers attended. Officer installation followed a "Wizard of Oz" theme. New member, Mary Klein, was initiated.

Finance – Bus Trip to Frankenmuth will be September 29. Marie Thomas, Lacey Marquette, and Kendra James will serve on the planning committee.

Applefest will be chaired by Denise and Gwen. They will be checking for a location, possibly the Elks kitchen for production of our Apple Dumplings.

Fall Vendor Fair – Marie will check on available dates at the Moose.

Service –

May 30 – Packing party for Honor Flight at Hancock Historical Museum had 14 members participating.

May 15– Altrusa Spelling Bee team: Gwen Pahl, Laurie Ulm, and Mary Klein did a great job. We also were recognized as having best cheering section.

Unfinished Business –

Karen Knaur will continue to pursue new Findlay Altrusa shirts.

New Business – Service Opportunity – Mary Klein shared a new project at Mazza. She shared many ways to help with their "Underground Railroad Traveling Museum", around 3 themes or applications; Be Brave, Speak Out and Help Others.

A committee was formed to review club By Laws, Policies and Procedures, Strategic Plan and draft goals for future. Gwen, Marie and Deb will serve.

Board voted, Membership voted, and Diane Cramner transformed from club guest to our newest member! Welcome!

Additional – The 50/50 drawing was not held. \$13 in Happy Dollars was collected.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 with Altrusa Benediction.

Members then divided into committees to plan for the 2018-2019 year.

Next meeting will be June 20th at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's to continue planning our year.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Foster
Secretary, Altrusa International of Findlay, Ohio

Committee Reports

Service Committee upcoming events

We know late summer is a busy time, but save this date and time:

Please **sign up** at our next meeting if you can help **"Stuff the Bus" on Friday, July 20**. Our assigned shifts are **8 - 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** This yearly event (in the McDonald's parking lot on Tiffin Ave.) collects school supplies for students who cannot afford them. Chairs are not provided, so take one with you.

Wed., August 22 from 6-8 pm

We are hosting a **"Get-together & Games" evening at Ardie's house**. Enjoy picnic fare, then take a journey back to childhood and join in games like *Operation*, *Uno*, and more. (*Pass the Pigs* anyone?) There is sure to be spirited competition and a lot of laughter. We are looking into donating games and/or books to the preschool at Washington in conjunction with the night's activity. More info will be shared before the event.

-Submitted by Mary Klein



Communications Committee plans future meetings; offers t-shirts

T-shirts are being offered for club. Members had a chance to try on sample shirts. Order forms were sent to all members. July 2 meeting is the deadline for ordering shirts. Checks are payable to Findlay Altrusa.

The committee is planning a meal for their October meeting with a speaker on Days for Girls project. The dinner will be held at St. Andrews' library. The cost and exact time will be announced later.

