**The Not So Perfect Club Meeting**

By Jane Brooks, Past GFWC Alabama State President

**Legend:**

Narrator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PI member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chaplain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrator**  *(Hold up the clock. Set hands at 2:00, look at president who is talking, set clock to 2:05, look at president, change to 2:10, look at president, set at 2:15, look at president, then run the minute hand around and around the clock several times.)*

**President** *(President comes to podium, picks up mike, try’s to call meeting to order. Fools with mike, tries to turn it on etc. Finally says…..)*

Can you hear me? I will use my teacher voice. I think you can hear me as I have to talk loud at school all the time.

**President** We will now have the pledge. *(looks around the room)* er, er, er. [PI member] will you lead it.

**PI member** *([PI member] stands where she is and starts the pledge. Omitting the salute, etc.)*

**President** Oh [chaplain], I forgot the devotion. You’ll just have to excuse me. I have been so rushed lately. Come on [chaplain].

**Chaplain** Do all the good you can,

By all the means you can,

In all the ways you can,

At all the places you can,

To all the people you can,

As long as ever you can.

**President** Thank you. We have a guest who will be presented later in the program. We will now have the minutes of the last meeting.

**Secretary** *(read sitting)* We met at Joan’s lovely house last month. 18 were present. There was about 723.84 in the treasure. We decided to buy 6 new books for the library. That’s all I could remember. Do any of you think of anything else?

**President** Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? *(speaking to secretary)* Did you check the roll?

**Secretary** Yes, there is a sheet going around somewhere. Now, don’t you all forget to sign it.

**President** Is there any correspondence?

**Secretary** I don’t reckon that we have any.

**President** Did I not give you that letter. Well let me see if I can find it. *(search through purse)* Well trust me we had a letter from Mrs. , hum---- what’s her name, the president of the PTA. thanking us for the new blackboard?

**President** [treasurer] will you give the treasurers report.

**Treasurer** We have $898.49 in the bank.

**President** [treasurer] how much did we make off the garage sale?

**Treasurer** I don’t know. I don’t think I have been given all the money yet but I will guess about $175.00.

**President** The treasurer’s report will be filed for audit.

**President** Do we have any old business?

**President** What about new business?

**Chaplain** I found out last week that Mrs. Smith needs paper towels for her classroom. I thought we could get some.

**PI Member** I so move.

*(All members start talking to each other as if discussing the paper towels)*

**President** *(bangs gavel 4 times to get attention back to the meeting)* Is everyone for that? OK, then [treasurer], you give Mrs. Smith a check for towels.

**President** Do we have committee reports?

**Chaplain** [president] we looked into the possibility of making dolls for Smile. We think we can do 10 for about $25. Sue said we could sew them at her house and stuff them.

**Secretary** *(waves hand frantically)* I move we do this.

**President** Do we have a second?

**President** All in favor raise your hands. Ok, we will meet at Sue’s. Sue you call us when you want us to do them.

**President** I will now turn the meeting over to the program chairman.

**PI Member** Our speaker today is Ruth Stone. Ruth, you are the president of the chemistry council, is that right?.... no…. well let me just let you come on up and you can tell the members what you do.

**Speaker**  *(act and speak just as boring as possible)*

Well hello. My title is Director of the Disinfection and Government

Relations Chlorine Chemistry Council. I was invited to speak to you

today on the benefits of chlorine disinfection. Your first question is

perhaps why chlorine is used in drinking water. You may have only

a vague idea about chlorine being used to protect us. Most people

do not fully understand the very real threat posed by bacteria and

viruses in untreated drinking water. Before the use of chlorine in

drinking water typhoid fever killed about 25 out of 100,000 people

in the US annually ………blah……blah…..blah…….blah…..blah. Thank you.

**President** Thank you Ms. Stone for your interesting talk. None of us want to have germs, so this will be helpful. We will send a check to our library in your honor for having spoken to us.

**President** Is there any more business?

**President** Do I have a motion that we adjourn?

**PI Member** I move we adjourn

**Treasurer** I second the motion

**President** We are adjourned.

**Narrator**

THE NOT SO PERFECT CLUB MEETING LIST OF IMPROPER PARLIANMENTARY PROCEDURES

1. Was late starting the meeting
2. Did not have the mike tested out before the meeting began
3. Did not have an agenda
4. Pledge before devotional (Always God before Country)
5. Did not have a person designated to lead the pledge
6. Led the pledge from seat
7. Did not call the guest name
8. Minutes were very poorly written if written at all
9. Call for additions or corrections (just corrections)
10. Had not given the correspondence to the secretary before time
11. Did not know the name of person who sent correspondence
12. Treasurer’s report should have been financial report
13. Treasurer’s report was just a bank balance
14. Treasurer did not know the amount of the fundraiser
15. Treasurer’s report are not filed for audit just filed (records are audited)
16. Not old business but unfinished business
17. Improper motion (I so move)
18. Members talking during meetings
19. Bang gavel more than one time
20. Improper vote and announcement of vote
21. Committee reports should be before business
22. Chairman of committee should have made motion, no second necessary
23. How Sue is having the sew-in, arrangements should have been made and announced at this meeting
24. Turned the meeting over (pray tell how could she do that)
25. Speaker was left to introduce herself (good grief)
26. Speech was boring
27. Speaker said thank you at end. (but thank you for what)
28. Donation made to library ok but type up a card or something to give guest
29. Motion to adjourn went out years ago
30. President said er.. and um.. more than anything else.