

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT, INC.
Annual Membership Meeting
July 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM

Agenda

Presiding	Marcia Demos
Roll Call	Janice McBean
Good & Welfare	Lois Wright
Invocation	Diane Edgerton-Norman
Memorial Service	
Minutes	Janice McBean
Correspondence	Janice McBean
President's Report	Marcia Demos
Financial Secretary	Sharon Fox
Treasurer	Raye Liverpool
Point Coordinator	Lois Wright
Sectional Representative	Pat Thomas Jackson

Committee Reports

Property	Charles Guest
Constitution	Dianne Edgerton-Norman
Scholarship	Valerie Brooks
Tournament	John Demos
AAA	Valerie Brooks
Consumer	Rita Thompson
Hospitality	Jane Atlas/Dorene Christmas

Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment

Next Executive Board Meeting _____

Next Quarterly Membership Meeting _____

Metropolitan Bridge Unit Quarterly Membership Meeting, 04/18/2024

Marcia Demos called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

Roll Call – Present: Marica Demos, Charles Guest, Janice McBean, Raye Liverpool, Lois Wright, John Demos, and representatives from the following clubs: Bayview, Brooklynites, Cosmo, Jet Setter, Mt. Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

Good & Welfare - MBU Good and Welfare January 2021 – April 2024 Report
Prepared by Lois Wright. (loiswright563@gmail.com)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>January 2024 thru April 2024</u>		
Pearl S. Bostic	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Karen Bowers	Triangle	Get Well Card
Edna Boothe	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Niece
Eleanor Waymer	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Fannie Smiths	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Brother
Delores Brooks	Bayview	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Paul Watford	Twilight	Get Well Card
Minnie Hagan	Jetsetter	Get Well Card

January 2024 thru April 2024 Members at Home

Julia Rhinehardt	Springfield	Thinking of You Card
Willie Fuchs	Bayview	Thinking of You Card
Therese Hamilton	Cosmopolitan	Thinking of You Card
Louise Wilson	Bayview	Thinking of You Card
James McKeown	Springfield	Thinking of You Card
Yvonne Ebea	Jetsetter	Thinking of You Card
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Thinking of You Card
Lorelei Blackman	Mount Vernon	Thinking of You Card

Julius Fields	Triangle	Thinking of You Card
Terry-Arlene Marshall	Cosmopolitan	Thinking of You Card
Beanetta Murphy	Brooklynite	Thinking of You Card

January 2024 thru April 2024 Members at Home with Family

Marion Mercer	Springfield	Thinking of You Card
Doris White	Cosmopolitan	Thinking of You Card

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Thank You Cards & Letters

To: Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members

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From: The Bostic Family

On Wednesday, February 7, 2024 my Mom, Pearl S. Bostic began her eternal journey. She was a valued member of the Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) and the Eastern Section for over 30 years. Please keep our Family in your Prayers. In lieu of flowers, Donations may be made to St. George's Episcopal Church (in her memory). Please mail donations made payable to

St. George's Episcopal Church to:

The Bostic Family

1367 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203

In Mourning, Mary L. Shepperd and Family

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Passing of Eleanor Waymer

We regret to inform you that Eleanor Waymer; a cherished member of the Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) and the Twilight Duplicate BC, has passed. Services will be held on Friday, 3/29/24 at:

*Judea United Baptist Church
 83 Greenwich Street
 Hempstead, New York 11550
 Please keep the Waymer Family and those who
 mourn her loss in your Prayers.*

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In Loving Memory of my Sister Delores Brooks

*It is with deep sorrow that I announce the transition of
 my sister Delores Brooks on March 20, 2024. She was a
 beloved member of Bayview Duplicate Bridge Club and
 The Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU).
 Her Homegoing Service will be held Wednesday, 3/27/24 at:
 Emmanuel Baptist Church
 279 Lafayette Avenue
 Brooklyn, NY 11238
 Please keep our Family in Prayer.
 Valerie Brooks, President of Bayview Duplicate Bridge Club*

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Worth R. Christler

The Family extends gratitude to You!

*God, who is our strength, has surrounded us with so many wonderful and thoughtful relatives
 and friends. With grateful hearts, we sincerely "Thank You" for your love, prayers, support and
 many acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Because of your many acts of
 kindness, our sorrow has been made easier. We ask for your continued prayers, and pray that
 God will continue to Bless each and every one of you.*

Gloria & The Christler Family

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A Special Message From:
The Community Bridge Home Board Members

As You Celebrate The Beauty Of The New Year;

We wish you every little wonder that this season holds.

May the joy of the season shine brightly throughout the year.

Be Blessed and Stay Safe.

Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU)
Final Grand Slammers: January 2024 thru April 2024

Members

Pearl S. Bostic (February)	Twilight Bridge Club
Eleanor Waymer (March)	Twilight Bridge Club
Delores Brooks (March)	Bayview Bridge Club

Lois Wright reminded club presidents to send her Grand Slammer information in a timely manner. She will monitor the ABA website to ensure accurate posting information.

Invocation – Dianne Edgerton-Norman

Minutes – Presented by Janice McBean. Minutes of the January 23, 2024 annual membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION: Accept minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None.

President's Report – Presented by Marcia Demos.

Marcia Demos informed the membership:

- Average age of MBU membership is 74.
- Marcia Demos has visited every club in the MBU between January – April 2024. She is accessible to all clubs
- We must all work together to make the 2024 AAA a success. Committee members and volunteers for all types of assistance are needed. Sponsors are also needed. The 2024 AAA contract has been signed. Room rate is \$55+tax/per night. Valerie Brooks has agreed to be the 2024 AAA chairperson.

- In July 2024 we will have a slate for all positions on the MBU Executive Board. Gwen Leverette is the chairperson of the MBU Nominations Committee.
- Marcia Demos is planning a club and Level 1 directors seminar. This seminar will not be on the laws but on other duties of the director.
- A special ‘Thank You’ to Stever Bond for all you do for every club.
- Merit Achievement Award nomination is due to the Eastern Section Awards Committee by 4/30/24. Philippe Gerdes and Lois Francis were nominated. A secret ballot was held. Philippe Gerdes will be nominated to the ES by the MBU for the Merit Achievement Award.

Treasurer’s Report – completed by Raye Liverpool.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2024

Checking Account

Opening Balance:	\$12,238.78
Deposits	<u>1,847.80</u>
Total	\$14,086.58

Checks/Fees Paid	<u>5,689.22</u>
Closing Balance:	<u>\$8,397.36</u>

Net Increase/Decrease \$3,841.42

Checks/Fees Paid:

Web.com	30.00	Web Fees
Community Bridge Home	210.00	Shed Rental
ABA	128.00	Nationwide Rent Sanction 3/1/23
Patricia Jackson	51.00	AAA Decorations
ABA	1,028.00	AAA Sanctions
Dorene Christmas	143.00	AAA Hospitality
ACBL	1,500.00	AAA Table & Chair Rental
Chase Bank	15.00	Bank Fee
Patricia Jackson	79.22	MBU Meeting Hospitality 1/15/24
MBU Officers	1,250.00	MBU Stipends
ABA	125.00	Ad
ABA	80.00	ABA Sanction 1/15/24 Game
Family of Jean DeVeaux	50.00	Memorium
Resorts Hotel	1,000.00	AAA 2024 Deposit

\$5,689.22

Submitted by: R. Liverpool
Treasurer report accepted for audit.

Financial Secretary's Report – completed by Sharon Fox

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Income	
2024 Herman Huff	\$232.80
2023 Good and Welfare	\$40.00
2024 Good and Welfare	\$200.00
2023 Herman Huff	\$25.00
2023 Entertainment tax	\$529.00
2024 Entertainment tax	\$76.00
Jan 2024 MBU game/meeting proceeds	\$420.00
2024 MBU member dues	\$350.00
Total Income	\$1,872.80
Expenses	
2024 MBU Board stipends	1,250.00
2024 Bridge Home Shed Rental	210.00
Web fees	\$30.00
memoriums(DeVeaux/Bostic/Brooks/Waymer)	\$200.00
2024 MBU collations	\$79.22
2024 Resorts AAA deposit	\$1,000.00
MBU Sanctions to ABA	\$80.00
2024 Eastern Section Journal ad	\$125.00
Total Expenses	\$1,724.22
Income/Expenses	\$148.58

All clubs are reminded, when submitting payments for their club, the club's checking account should be used and not a personal check.

Point Coordinator Report – Presented by Lois Wright

"February 2023 to February 2024 Top 25 Players"

<u>MBU Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1.	Julius Fields	Grand Life Master	31,455.76
2.	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	16,555.39

3.	Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,947.58
4.	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,739.34
5.	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,507.63
6.	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	8,106.49
7.	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,640.51
8.	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,952.53
9.	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,296.82
10.	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	6,042.69
11.	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,913.32
12.	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,378.44
13.	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,538.96
14.	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,769.33
15.	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,760.06
16.	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,388.87
17.	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
18.	Christian Baxter	Silver Diamond	2,997.21
19.	William Wood, Jr.	Silver Diamond	2,936.64
20.	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,658.15
21.	Carole Smith	Silver Diamond	2,644.21
22.	Valerie Brooks	Silver Diamond	2,596.10
23.	Delius Wilson	Diamond	2,426.00
24.	Patricia Jackson-Thomas	Diamond	2,372.22
25.	Alverna Lewis	Diamond	2,369.97

Lois Wright informed the membership that the ABA website does not currently reflect accurate point counts for the membership. The website is expected to be updated by April 30, 2024.

2023 AAA – Valerie Brooks

Valerie Brooks reminded the membership that the MBU is famous nationally for the AAA. Volunteers, assistance, and suggestions are always welcome. Looking forward to working with each and every one of us.

Scholarship – Valerie Brooks

Valerie Brooks reminded the membership that Herman Huff scholarship applications are due by 7/15/2024. Janice McBean reminded the membership that the ECF, which sponsors the F. Alberta Peterson Scholarship, is in need of membership contributions as well as the proceeds from the club scholarship games. She suggested each club collect donations at the ABA scholarship game and add these donations to the game proceeds. Edna Boothe suggested we recommend at the next ABA meeting that they BBO scholarship game fee be increased to \$5 or more. Christian Baxter has additional ideas he will discuss with Janice McBean.

Hospitality Report – Presented by Doreen Christmas and Jane Atlas

Thank you Mount Vernon and Westbury for hosting the collation at the April 2024 membership meeting. Jet Setter and Springfield will host the collation at the July 23, 2024 quarterly membership meeting.

Tournament Report – None

Entertainment Tax Report – Marcia Demos informed the membership that only two clubs have paid their entertainment tax in 2024.

Entertainment Tax - 2024

	Jan	Feb	March	2024 Total by Club	2023 Total by Club	2024 Good and Welfare	2023 Herman Huff	2024 Herman Huff
Club Name								
Bayview	\$22.00	\$54.00		\$76.00	\$248.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	
Brooklynites				\$0.00	\$291.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	
Cosmo				\$0.00	\$170.00		\$100.00	
Mt Vernon				\$0.00	\$472.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Jet Setters				\$0.00	\$192.00		\$100.00	
Springfield	\$34.00	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$81.00	\$357.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$132.80
Triangle				\$0.00	\$36.00		\$100.00	
Twilight				\$0.00	\$184.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	
Westbury				\$0.00	\$134.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	
Total by Month	\$56.00	\$79.00	\$22.00	\$157.00	\$2,084.00	\$240.00	\$900.00	\$232.80

Consumer Report – No report.

Sectional Representative Report -

Cheryll Jones informed the membership:

- Lionel Barton passed this week. Lionel was one of the top players in the ABA, a great player, and an overall good person. He will be missed.
- Congratulations Valerie Brooks and Christian Baxter on making the Century Club at the Spring 2024 ABA National.
- Cosmo had 9 members attend the 2024 Spring ABA National.

Lynda Straker congratulated the Brooklynites DBC for winning the ABA Spring National raffle.

Marcia Demos congratulated the MBU teachers for making us NY STRONG in our bridge game. She reminded everyone that you can learn something at any class you attend.

Education – No report.

Property – None.

Constitution – No report.

Website/Facebook – No report.

Outreach – No report.

Club Reports – Every club gave a status report.

Unfinished Business –None.

New Business – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Brooklynites B Game – May 3, 2024
Jet Setter C Game – May 14, 2024
Nationwide Game – June 8, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM. Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary.