

The M.C.G.A. held their regular meeting Saturday, Feb. 18,'17 at 9:30a.m with 12 members present. Glenda Damm informed members she had been contacted by Paula Brown concerning the lease on the Cherokee Park clubhouse . Paula is in charge of collecting rent from the various groups , who utilize the clubhouse for their meeting.

According to Paula, she was contacted by the City of Belleview and told they had decided they would not renew the lease for the Cherokee Park building as well as the other two buildings the city owns. The lease is up as of April 4,'17 and all groups need to have their things removed no later than March 28,'17 .

Glenna said she had talked to someone at the Markets of Marion and there is a possibility of utilizing space in building H for the summer. However he had not got back with her as of the meeting.

There was a lot of discussion and Billie Capps suggested going to a council meeting and putting an article in the local paper about the council's decision, which will ousted several clubs. Glenna said the council was very difficult to work with and according to the notice, posted at the clubhouse, the council had made their decision at a December 2016 meeting, not to renew any of the leases on the three buildings the cite owns.

This was followed by more discussion of possible places to rent and where to look. Finally Carole Sheftic suggested having one checking out places available in the area.Gina Andino volunteered to make some calls and see what she could find, but needed some guidelines as far space, rent, etc. Carole said she knew that rent could be as high as \$100 per day. It was suggested that a committee be formed to research possible places and give their findings to Gina. Volunteers for the committee included Gina, Carole, Glenda, Larry Eidelberg and Lou White.

March 18 meeting will still be held at the Cherokee park building. Lou informed them Paula said the club owed for January and February but would not have to pay for March. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Carole presented a wood burning chickens for the class project. Members were instructed to copy design on press n seal wrap, this was than applied to the gourd, making sure lines were straight. The design was than transferred to gourd using a wood burning pen.

Once the press n seal was was removed, additional details could be added. Carole had several pictures showing details added to fence and background. She demonstrated applying acrylic paint to the chickens and background. Everyone took a short munchie break letting the paint dry enough to apply the stain. Water based oils were used to stain the front of the gourd, than buffed off gently to get the right effect. Carole demo this as well as applying oil paints to highlight the chickens after stain was applied. She also gave some oils to those members who wanted to stain the rest of the gourd. Carole told them that the gourd should be set up somewhere to dry for about a week before applying either a satin or matt protective spray. The class was over about 2p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Lou White, secretary/ treasurer