

Zonta Club of Billings

January Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2010

ATTENDING: Nancy Curriden, Shelley Hayes, Maribeth Haynes, Kathy Hildebrand, Joan Hughes, Lynette Kerbel, Donna Meehan, Jolene Rieck, Anne-Marie Wade, Deborah Brown

ABSENT: Connie Dillon

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:05
Minutes from the December meeting were accepted as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel reported Sanctuary Spa's \$500 Trivia Night sponsorship check and one (1) team registration fee were received and deposited.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Anne-Marie reported for Connie Dillon. The Club received a thank you note from Megan Durfee, an RMC student, for the Zonta Book Scholarship.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes reported as on 12/11/09 six (6) sponsors had committed at the \$250 level and two (2) at the \$500 level to Trivia Night. Registration forms will be mailed to previous entrants this week. Posters will be ready for distribution at tomorrow's Business Meeting. Five (5) more round baskets are needed in addition to the third place basket. Sign up sheets for donations will be passed around at tomorrow's meeting. Shelley Hayes should receive the trivia questions by January 25 for the Power Point slides. Joan also noted Yellowstone Valley Woman may do an article on Trivia night. Jolene has already secured spots on the Billings Gazette and TV station community calendars. Thirteen (13) team applications have been sent out in response to direct requests.

Joan continued her efforts to bring Jessica Jackley, co-founder of microfinancer Kiva.org. to Billings in the spring of '10 as the keynote speaker for the Status of Women event. RMC has committed as a partner for the event. Joan noted, however, if Ms. Jackley cannot set a date soon, another option for this year's Status of Women event may have to be considered.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie Wade reported for Carmen Mangis. Invitations were sent to two (2) new people approved for membership, Kim Garcia and Julie Dial. Anne-Marie hopes to have the updated membership directory ready for distribution by the January Program Meeting.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes and Shelley Hayes dropped off the donated articles for Young Families Early Head Start after the Christmas party last month. The director gave them a tour of the facility.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Donna Meehan reported the Committee is working on setting up a speaker for an upcoming Program Meeting as well as continuing work on this year's film series.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The discussion on the Zonta Dues Scholarship continues with nothing firm to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Anne-Marie reported Bev Ross gave her information on igive.com, an internet search engine site that donates 2 cents per search to registered organizations. If an internet purchase is made as a result of the search, an additional donation is made. It was agreed this is a good option for the Club to pursue, and the funds could be earmarked for the Dues Scholarship fund.
- Anne-Marie reported the Club received a request to speak from AJ Otgen, a Republican woman opposing Denny Rehberg in the upcoming primary. It was noted there is no room in the Program

Meeting schedule before the primary election. It was agreed to have the Program Meeting committee look at the possibility of having a candidates' forum at a fall meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This month's featured member on the website is Maribeth Haynes.

CALENDAR

- January Business mtg: Noon, January 6, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- Advocacy Committee meeting: 11:30, January 14, Grains of Montana, 926 Grand Avenue
- Trivia Night Committee Chairs Meeting: Noon, January 8, First floor conference room, 404 N. 31st Street
- January Program mtg: Noon, January 20, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM.