

Zonta Club of Billings

March Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2010

ATTENDING: Nancy Curriden, Maribeth Haynes, Kathy Hildebrand, Lynette Kerbel, Donna Meehan, Jolene Rieck, Anne-Marie Wade

ABSENT: Deborah Brown, Connie Dillon, Shelley Hayes, Joan Hughes,

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:02
Minutes from the February meeting were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel deferred her report to Jolene Rieck as part of her Trivia Night recap.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynette reported for Connie Dillon. Thank you notes were received from Chicks in Science for Zonta's \$1500 donation, Rocky Mountain College & MSUB for the Club's donation to their scholarship programs.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jolene Rieck reported the current net earnings of Trivia Night is \$12,397.43. Lynette noted there were a few items yet outstanding and not reflected in her spreadsheet. Donna Meehan needs a reimbursement check, and she turned in a \$30 check from a silent auction purchase (the check was delivered to Crowley | Fleck by the successful bidder). Stephanie Seymanski will deliver MMI's \$50 donation that was inadvertently sent to the old P.O. Box and returned to sender. Jolene announced there will be a debriefing session meeting of the Committee Heads on March 12. Anne-Marie informed she has Debbie Sundberg's missing cowboy hats (left at Trivia Night) in the trunk of her car. She will contact Debbie to return them.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: There was no formal report this month.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie Wade reported for Connie Dillon regarding Chicks in Science and the thank you package sent to the Club by MSUB. In Connie's absence there was no update on the Scholarships or the Community Grants. Anne-Marie will give the information she received from Zonta International regarding National Lab Day to the Service Committee for their review and consideration.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Donna Meehan reported the Committee is continuing work on this year's film series with a theme of women who have made a difference. They are considering a film about Amelia Earhart with Diane Keaton, and two others Ann Hefenieder is researching. The series will most likely start at the end of March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The discussion on the Zonta Dues Scholarship continues. Kathy Hildebrand reported she met with Shelley Hayes and they drafted some loose guidelines and a policy/description of the project. It would provide a one year 'scholarship' for new members covering their District and International dues. The new member would still be responsible for the local Club dues and would be required to begin quarterly payments on the upcoming Zonta Year dues. The draft will be distributed at tomorrow's Business Meeting. Donna and Jolene suggested having a committee of one Service Committee member and one Membership Committee member review dues scholarship applications/requests. Lynette agreed to prepare a report showing how much money of local Club dues is allocated to the Travel Fund and how much money was raised by the Club specifically for Travel (through Trivia Night concessions, various YVBC fundraising nights, etc.). The Board will review the report at April's Board Meeting in hopes local Club dues may be able to be reduced if other Club funding levels from local dues are adequate.

- Deb Brown sent Anne-Marie a resignation from the Board letter on February 17. Anne-Marie persuaded Deb to remain on the Board for the remainder of the current Zonta Year. The Nominating Committee will fill her vacant seat for the remaining year of her term.
- Anne-Marie distributed Zonta District 12's "Streamlining Documents Vote" to all members via e-mail asking them to be ready to vote at the March Business Meeting on whether or not they support the changes. The results of the Club vote will be carried by our delegates to the District Meeting and reflected in their votes.
- Anne-Marie Wade noted volunteer workers are welcome at the International Convention in San Antonio.
- The Area Meeting is from April 30 to May 1 in Custer, South Dakota, hosted by the Southern Black Hills Club. Ann Hefenieder and Carmen Mangis volunteered to be the Club's delegates.
- The Zonta International convention is from June 25 to June 30 in San Antonio, TX. Two delegates and one alternate are needed. Requests for nominations were made last month. Joan Hughes is interested but may not be able to attend the full convention. She can be a delegate only if she can attend the entire convention. Carmen Mangis was nominated and confirmed she would be willing and able to attend the entire convention. Ann Hefenieder was nominated and agreed to be a delegate if no one else steps forward. She wants to give other Zontians a chance to attend since she was a delegate to the last International convention in the Netherlands in 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There were no new business items on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This month's featured member on the website is Lori Mader. Please visit <http://www.billingszonta.org> to read her profile.
- There is going to be a Zontian in space. On March 18, 2010 Naoko Yamazaki, a Zontian in Japan, will be an astronaut on board the space shuttle Atlantis. Check out her story on the Zonta International website <http://www.zonta.org>

CALENDAR

- March Business mtg: Noon, March 3, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- Trivia Night Committee Chairs wrap up meeting, Noon, March 12
- March Program mtg: Noon, March 17, annual "Status of Women" program, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch (Possibly US Magistrate, Carolyn Ostby)
- April Board mtg: Noon, April 6, Crowley | Fleck, 5th fl. Conference room, 490 N. 31st St. (TWII)
- April Business mtg: Noon, April 7, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- April Program mtg: Noon, April 21, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 12:47 PM.