

Zonta Club of Billings

May Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2010

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

ABSENT: Deborah Brown, Connie Dillon, Donna Meehan

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM

Minutes from the March and April board meetings were accepted as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel submitted a Year to Date financial report. Highlights were final receipts from Trivia Night and a discussion regarding the Rose Fund/Fellowship Fund which has grown to \$463.90. It was agreed the Fellowship Committee needs to draw down the fund in some way. In the comparison of budgeted to actual finances the Club overestimated the number of new members that would join during the current Zonta year; but, the Club is very close to matching the projected expenses.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: There was no report to the Board this month.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes reported the Club realized a \$169.81 profit from BBQ night at YVBC on April 30. The Club paid for the main ingredients and supplies taking that financial burden/donation off members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie Wade reported for Carmen Mangis. Agnes Havig agreed to head up the silent auction at the Initiation/Installation dinner. Philomena Bracy came to YVBC Friday evening and worked selling BBQ for Zonta. She remarked she never received anything from the Club regarding membership. Joan Hughes will formally submit membership nomination paperwork for Philomena. The Board unanimously approved Philomena Bracy for membership. Joan Hughes and/or Kathy Hildebrand will make sure Carmen Mangis sends out the welcoming letter to Philomena in time for her to participate in the May 19 initiation ceremony.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie Wade reported for Connie Dillon. The Club's YWPA scholarship recipient will attend the May Business Meeting with her mother. The reviewers for the Zonta High Plains Book Festival award will meet at Santa Fe Reds after work on Wednesday, May 5. All members are welcome to join in the discussion.

Kathy Hildebrand and Shelley Hayes presented the Zonta Club of Billings Membership Dues Scholarship to the Board for discussion and approval to present to the Membership at the May Business Meeting. The only revision requested was adding wording to the first paragraph clarifying the new member is responsible for local dues and their initiation fee. It was agreed to post it on the website with a link to the Membership Committee chair e-mail for further information and application.

The Montana Rescue Mission's Women & Family Shelter has submitted an application for a Zonta Community Grant. They have also approached Anne-Marie with ideas for additional service projects. One would incorporate the previously discussed idea of making blankets for victims of domestic violence with a current MRM program where shelter residents are learning to sew. Zontians could work side by side with the shelter residents sewing the blankets and helping them hone their sewing skills. The other possible service project with the Women & Family Shelter would involve one on one mentoring with shelter residents during their two month stay at the shelter. The idea is very nebulous now but as it gains form it may involve mentoring the residents in a variety of ways depending upon their needs and the Zontian they may be matched with.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: There was no report to the Board this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Zontian of the Year Committee will meet after the May Business Meeting to discuss the nominations received and the apparent selection. Jolene and Anne-Marie have agreed to take care of the award and other details so Joyce Fry can enjoy her time on vacation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ann Hefenieder will present voting issues for the International Convention at the May Business Meeting.
- Anne-Marie Wade inquired who has the latest, current, copy of the bylaws and standing rules. It is doubtful the last changes to the standing rules proposed by Lynette Kerbel and approved by the Club last autumn have been incorporated into the official copy. Jolene Rieck said she has a digital copy of the bylaws and standing rules and will send it to Anne-Marie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This month's featured member on the website is Kelly Christy. Please visit <http://www.billingszonta.org> to read her profile which should be posted soon.

CALENDAR

- May Business mtg: Noon, May 5, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- **NO MAY PROGRAM MEETING**
- **Annual Initiation/Installation Dinner:** 5:00, May 19, Elks Club, 934 Lewis Ave.
- June Board mtg: Noon, June 1
- June Business mtg: Noon, June 2, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- **NO PROGRAM MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST.**

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM.