

Zonta Club of Billings

August Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2009

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

ABSENT: Deborah Brown, Shelley Hayes, Joan Hughes, Lynette Kerbel

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:07

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Treasurer's Report was submitted. Anne-Marie Wade reported for Lynette Kerbel an update to the check writing policies for the Club. Rather than make an extensive re-write of the Bylaws, the Standing Rules of the Club will be amended to clarify and simplify check co-signing procedures.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the Club received the Rocky Mountain College report booklet and a donation solicitation from the YWCA. The YWCA correspondence will be reviewed by the Service Committee. A card for Sharol Acheson will be circulated at tomorrow's Business Meeting. She is having knee surgery.

Connie also received an e-mail from the Yellowstone AIDS Project regarding the arrival of Mutual of Omaha's "Aha Moment" mobile studio. It will be parked at the YAM on September 2 & 3 to tape people's "Aha Moments". Connie felt this could possibly be adapted by the Club as a Membership tool if Club members wrote down their Zonta "Aha Moments".

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jolene Rieck reported planning is underway for Trivia Night 2010. She and Joan Hughes sent out an e-mail to the Club asking for committee chair volunteers. The responses were directed to Joan so Jolene wasn't sure which positions were filled or vacant. Committee chair meetings are the second Friday of each month beginning in October. Major Sponsor solicitation letters will be sent within the next week or so.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie Wade reported Carmen Mangis requested the Board approve her draft invitation for the Fall Kick Off event scheduled for 6:00 on September 30 at the Western Heritage Center. The only revision was to add an RSVP request and contact.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the shelter room remodel was completed on Sunday. It went well and the room looked much better.

Connie will send around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Billings Cardboard Box City to be held on the ZooMontana grounds October 3-4. Four to five people are needed for set up on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM to noon. Three to four people are needed to serve dinner from 4:30 – 7:30PM.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: There was no report this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Anne-Marie Wade & Connie Sanders are working on the Board retreat to be held at Connie's home. It will be at 6:00 on Thursday, September 24 at Connie's house: 1239 Yale.
- There was nothing new to report on the status of the Zonta Dues Scholarship exploratory committee.
- Anne-Marie reported Tracy Manning-Egge will be visiting the Club on October 21. She will present at the Program Meeting and it is hoped the Club can put together a social function welcoming her.

- Kathy Hildebrand reported she was in contact with McCormick Café management and had menus to review and choose from. It was agreed Kathy can choose the meals for meetings for the Zonta Year with the fall back choice of the chicken Caesar salad. Additionally, she agreed to send a calendar with the Club meetings indicated on it along with the meal choices. It is hoped this will resolve some of the McCormick's confusion regarding the summer break from Program Meetings and other one-meeting months.

NEW BUSINESS:

- District Conference delegates must be nominated at tomorrow's meeting. The Conference is in Denver over the weekend of October 31.
- The key voting issue at the District Conference is whether or not District will be allowed to automatically raise District dues \$1 each year.
- Donna Meehan had the contents from the former Zonta safety deposit box. In addition to the two paper copies of the CDs, there were Montana articles of incorporation and the seal/embosser, 1964 paperwork related to the Club's Montana not for profit status and papers related to a cabin in Red Lodge willed to the Club in the early 1960's, its subsequent sale and how the funds were used. Donna will make a brief presentation about the historical documents at tomorrow's Business meeting. It was agreed the Club Historian, Ann Hefenieder, should take possession of the documents except for the CDs which will be turned over to the Treasurer, Lynette Kerbel.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***PROGRAM MEETINGS BEGIN AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER***
- September Business meeting: Noon, September 2, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- September Program meeting: Noon, September 16, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- Fall Kick Off / New Member Orientation: 6:00 PM, September 30, Western Heritage Center, 29th Street & Montana Avenue
- October Board meeting: Noon, October 6, 2009, Crowley|Fleck Law Firm, TWII, 5th Floor

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