

Zonta Club of Billings

January Business Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:33
21 Members were in attendance

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. Lynette also announced dues statements will be sent out a little earlier than usual this year in an effort to meet International and District's May 31 deadline for submitting our payments to them.

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, two (2) at the \$500 level to Trivia Night. Crowley|Fleck and Sanctuary Spa will be listed as major sponsors. Morrison Maierle agreed to make a donation. Registration forms will be mailed to previous entrants this week. Posters were distributed with each Member being asked to take and post two (2). Five (5) more round baskets are needed in addition to the third place basket. Sign up sheets for donations, concession items and event night workers were passed around. 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 Rieck 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 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: Carmen Mangis reported Anne-Marie hopes to have the updated membership directory ready for distribution by the January Program Meeting. Drafts of the directory were on the tables for review and any required revisions.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie reported for Connie Dillon. The Committee is gearing up for the Zonta Community Grants project. The advertisement/announcement will be placed in the Gazette in the near future.

Nancy Rice spoke about the YWCA's desire to start a "Court Watch" program in Yellowstone County. The YWCA believes this would be a great benefit for the people; but, because of political and community relations they do not want to directly sponsor or head the effort. Nancy posed the question of whether or not Zonta would be willing to start the program and eventually turn it over to a different organization. The Service Committee agreed to look at what would be involved and make a decision.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Ann Hefenieder reported the Committee decided to give an "Advocacy Minute" at each Business Meeting, with a printed item to take away from the meeting and perhaps leave behind somewhere else to spread the news. The January item was a card featuring information about the 2007 Montana legislation adding "trafficking of persons for involuntary servitude" to the criminal code. The Committee is also 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 the Area Meeting is coming up in April in South Dakota, and the International convention will be in San Antonio, TX in July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This month's featured member on the website is Maribeth Haynes.
- Angela's Piazza is again holding their Souper Bowl on Saturday, February 6 from 11:00 – 1:30 and 4:00 – 6:00.
- The Passages pre-release program needs women's clothing in all sizes. Donations can be dropped off directly at Passages on South 27th Street.

CALENDAR

- 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
- February Board mtg: Noon, February 2, 5th Floor Conference Room, Crowley|Fleck, TWII
- February Business mtg: Noon, February 3, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch

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