

Zonta Club of Billings

February Business Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2010

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:32
22 Members attended, including newest member Julie Dial.

Minutes from the January meeting were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel reported the Finance Committee met last week. The CDs will be coming due in March. It was agreed to keep the current funds in CDs where they are. Lynette will check rates for 7 month CDs.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Connie Dillon reported two (2) Trivia Night team registrations and checks were received along with a solicitation from Big Sky Senior Services asking for financial support of the St. Patrick's Day parade and a thank you note from Young Families Early Head Start.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes reported Trivia Night has three (3) \$500 sponsors (Sanctuary Spa, Computers Unlimited & Crowley | Fleck). St. Vincent's donated a silent auction basket, posters were out in the community, questions were set and in, and 18-19 teams are registered. (35 is the maximum desired) More items for the silent auction are needed. Please get anything for the auction to Kelly Christy and/or Nancy Rice no later than February 15. Kim Garcia garnered donations of food from Costco and a pot of chili, and everything needed to serve it, from Wendy's of Montana. Marcelle needs miscellaneous western decorations – contact her if you can help. Mock Trivia will be the February Program Meeting on the 17th. The last volunteer sign up sheets will go around today. Only two more volunteers are needed. Joan reminded everyone to visit the Club website <http://www.billingszonta.org> and play 'Web Trivia' and to forward her informational e-mail sent to members, to everyone they know.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Carmen Mangis reported the Committee is working on the annual Initiation and Installation Dinner. It will be in the evening of Wednesday, May 19. There will be no Program Meeting in May. Since the Hilands Club will not be completed in time for the dinner a new location is needed. Anyone having suggestions should contact Carmen. She would like to keep the dinner price at, or below, \$25.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Connie Dillon reported five volunteers are needed for the Chicks in Science expo on Saturday, February 13. A sign up sheet was passed around. Initial preparations are starting for the High Plains Book Festival Zonta Book Award. The Festival will be in the fall; but, books will be read starting in April.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Ann Hefenieder reported the Committee is continuing work on this year's film series and has tentatively scheduled the speaker for the October Program Meeting. The February Advocacy Moment cards were distributed. "There are 27 million [people in slavery today. Those 27 million people make \$32 billion in profits for criminals every year. For comparison: \$32 billion is what Americans spend every year on snack foods like potato chips and pretzels." Source: <http://www.freetheslaves.net/Page.aspx?pid=332> Members were again encouraged to give their cards to other people, or leave them where they can be discovered by other people. The next Advocacy Committee meeting will be February 12 at 11:30 at Grains of Montana, 926 Grand Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The discussion on the Zonta Dues Scholarship continues. The Finance Committee discussed it at their meeting last week. The possibility of a dues scholarship becoming a part of the Service budget will be considered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Area Meeting is from April 30 to May 1 in Custer, South Dakota, hosted by the Southern Black Hills Club. Two delegates are needed. Interested parties should contact Anne-Marie Wade for nomination at the March Business Meeting.
- The Zonta International convention is from June 25 to June 30 in San Antonio, TX. Two delegates and one alternate are needed. Anne-Marie requested e-mail nominations be sent to her. They will be proposed to the Club for nomination at the March Business Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This month's featured member on the website is Maribeth Haynes.
- Playapalooza at the Western Heritage Center on Saturday, February 27 from 11:00 – 2:00 is a family friendly event with a theme asking a question of what did kids do before computers and answering it with an opportunity to learn traditional games and pastimes.
- Angela's Piazza will again host their Souper Bowl on Saturday, February 6. For one fee you get soup and a handcrafted bowl and support their mission.
- Former Zontian Mary McNally is running for HD49 representative. A fund raiser for her will be held tomorrow night at 1024 N. 31st St. Bev Ross is the treasurer for Mary's campaign. Anyone interested in helping should contact Bev.
- Joyce Fry won \$18 in the 50/50 raffle.
- Connie Wardell announced the recap of the economic conference recently held at the University of Montana can be read in today's Billings Gazette.

CALENDAR

- Chicks in Science: 10:30AM, February 13, MSUB Alterowitz Gym
- Advocacy Committee mtg: 11:30 AM, February 12, Grains of Montana, 926 Grand Avenue
- February Program mtg: Noon, February 17, "Mock Trivia", McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- TRIVIA NIGHT: 6:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Game Begins, St. Bernard's Church Hall, 226 Wicks Ln
- March Board mtg: Noon, March 2, Crowley | Fleck conference room, TWII 5th floor
- March Business mtg: Noon, March 3, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- March Program mtg: Noon, March 17, annual "Status of Women" program, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 12:56 PM.