

Zonta Club of Billings

March Business Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2010

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:32
22 Members and one guest were in attendance.

Minutes from the February meeting were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel reported Trivia Night's current net profit is approximately \$12,300. Lynette noted there were a few items yet outstanding and not reflected in her spreadsheet.

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: Joan Hughes thanked everyone for their support of Trivia Night. It was a great success. She reported there will be a debriefing session meeting of the Committee Heads on March 12 at noon. The Status of Women program will not be Jessica Jackely from Kiva as originally planned. Her honorarium grew to \$10,000 and other logistics with her and her staff weren't working out. The Status of Women program speaker may be US Magistrate Carolyn Ostby. Donna Meehan is investigating the possibility of Ms. Ostby being this year's honoree. Finally, the tentative date for the spring fund raising event at the Yellowstone Valley Brewing Company is Friday, April 30. Hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill on YVBC's outdoor beer garden should be successful as warmer weather approaches.

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. Additionally, the Billings Club's 60th anniversary is coming up in October. The Committee would like to combine an anniversary celebration with the annual fall kick off social.

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. Zonta Community Grant applications have an April 15 submission deadline. Applications can be found on-line at the Club's website <http://www.billingszonta.org> The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) scholarship for high school students has a March 25 application deadline. The Jane Klausman scholarship for college students also has a spring deadline. YWPA information was sent to all area school counselors and a notice was sent to the Gazette but it has yet to appear in print.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Ann Hefenieder reported the Committee is continuing work on this year's film series. The March Advocacy Moment cards were distributed. "Dispelling myths about trafficking: *It is not smuggling or forced movement. Does not require transportation of border crossing, and does not only happen to immigrants or foreign nationals. * Does not require physical force, abuse or restraint. * Consent of victim is irrelevant, as is payment." Source: <http://www.polarisproject.org> 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 is Thursday, March 11 at 11:30 at Grains of Montana, 926 Grand Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Copies of Zonta District 12's "Streamlining Documents Vote" were sent 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. Hard copies were available for review at this meeting. Attending Members voted on the document and unanimously supported the proposed changes. The results of the Club vote will be carried by our delegates to the District Meeting and reflected in their votes.

- 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. 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. No one else stepped forward. Maribeth Haynes agreed to be the alternate if no one else comes forward between now and the convention. Attending Members voted unanimously to approve Carmen and Ann as delegates and Maribeth as alternate.
- The Service Committee will present the Zonta Club of Billings "dues scholarship" program for a Club vote at the April Business Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Nominating Committee is hard at work on drafting new officers and Board members. If you receive the call, be ready to say "yes" and serve your Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This month's featured member on the website is Lori Mader. Please visit <http://www.billingszonta.org> to read her profile.

CALENDAR

- 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 12:50 PM.