

Zonta Club of Billings

May Business Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010

20 Members and 3 guests attended. Darcie Vallant, director of the Montana Audubon Conservation Education Center was Jennifer Lyman's guest. The Club's Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship recipient, Shelby Kramer and her mother Toni Kramer were also guests.

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:28 PM

Anne-Marie Wade and Ann Hefenieder presented the check to the Club's YWPA scholarship winner, Shelby Kramer. Miss Kramer is a senior at Laurel High School and will be this year's valedictorian. She plans on attending Pacific University in Oregon with the goal of becoming a physician.

Minutes from the April business meeting were accepted as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel submitted a Year to Date financial report. A highlight was the accounting of final receipts from Trivia Night which realized a \$12,139.24 net profit. Lynette reminded all members their dues must be received by May 15 so she can submit them to International on time. There is a penalty if the Club pays their dues late.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Connie Dillon reported the Club received information on Venture Theater's "Rankin File" production and a newsletter from Family Services, Inc. Both were passed around for people to review.

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. Joan also reported in this Zonta Year the Club raised over \$13,000. She thanked all the members for making such a great fund raising year possible.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Carmen Mangis reported the Initiation/Installation Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening May 19 in lieu of the May Program Meeting. The evening will start at the Elks Club with social time at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:00. The cost is \$19 per member which will be collected at the dinner. Members were asked to RSVP to Carmen at 252-5550. Agnes Havig is heading up the silent auction at the Initiation/Installation dinner. She reminded members food related/themed baskets are always popular. The auction is also an opportunity for "re-gifting" and recycling gently used items. Bids will be taken in \$1 increments this year to ease accounting. There will also be a \$1 book exchange area. Philomena Bracy has been approved for membership. Carmen Mangis will send out the welcoming letter and dues information to Philomena in time for her to participate in the May 19 initiation ceremony if she chooses to join the Club.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Connie Dillon reported the selection committee for the Zonta Community Grants will meet at Santa Fe Reds after work tonight, Wednesday, May 5. All members are welcome to join in the discussion. Four (4) \$1000 Grants will be awarded. A sign-up sheet for 2 hour shifts at the Festival of Cultures on Sunday, June 20 was circulated. Zonta will again handle the information and "passport" booth. A passport assembly party will be held at Anne-Marie Wade's house in June.

Kathy Hildebrand presented the Zonta Club of Billings Membership Dues Scholarship for discussion. Anne-Marie Wade will e-mail the proposed service project outline to the membership for them to review in advance of the June Business Meeting where it will be discussed further.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Zontian of the Year Committee will meet after the meeting today to discuss the nominations received and the apparent selection. Members present were reminded to make their nominations before they leave. Hard copy nomination forms were placed on each table.

- The slate of candidates for Club officers and the Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

President: Jolene Rieck

Vice President: Nancy Curriden

Treasurer: Lynette Kerbel (continuing 2 year term)

Recording Secretary: Maribeth Haynes

Corresponding Secretary: Connie Dillon

Past President: Anne-Marie Wade

Directors with 2 year terms: Marcelle Collins
Kim Garcia

Directors with 1 year terms: Julie Dial
Bev Ross

Director continuing 2 year term: Joan Hughes

Nominating Committee: Donna Meehan
Renee Coppock
Anne-Marie Wade

Meeting notices & RSVPS: Deb Brown

- 2010 – 2011 Zonta Year committee sign-up sheets were circulated. If members do not sign up for the committee(s) of their choice, the president assigns them to a committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ann Hefenieder will presented voting issues for the International Convention with a very nice table outlining the proposals, where they came from and Zonta International's position. All members are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the issues since a vote will be taken at the June Business Meeting. Ann and Carmen's votes at the International Convention will represent the Club's majority positions.
- Ann Hefenieder briefly reported on the Area 1 meeting held last weekend in Custer, SD. She and Carmen Mangis represented the Club and had an enjoyable time.

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.
- Ann Hefenieder is collecting signatures on a petition to place Initiative 164 on the ballot. It would cap the interest and fees "Pay Day Lenders" charge at an annual rate of 36%.

CALENDAR

- **NO MAY PROGRAM MEETING**
- **Annual Initiation/Installation Dinner:** 5:30, May 19, Elks Club, 934 Lewis Ave. \$19 dinner
- June Board mtg: Noon, June 1, TWI first floor conference room, 404 N 31st Street
- 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 (her last as President) at 12:58 PM.