

Zonta Club of Billings

July Business Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2009

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:35

23 Members attended

The minutes from the June Business meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carmen Mangis reported for Lynette Kerbel. The Finance Committee met and developed the operating fund budget for this Zonta Year. The budget was approved as submitted. Carmen also presented the July Treasurer's Report which was approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the Club received a dues check and solicitations from the Montana Rescue Mission, Habitat for Humanity and the Billings Symphony. Connie also passed around a note from a woman who initially had contact with the Zonta Club of Billings in 1966. She stopped at the passport booth at the Festival of Cultures, recounted her encounter with Zonta and wrote a note thanking the Club for being in the community for so long. Cards were passed around for Evelyn Haskell and Jan Viren.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes reported she met with Kelly Christy and Nancy Rice to "debrief" them on their experiences at the head of the Fund Raising Committee. New ideas discussed included "Fun Raisers" where members would get together for an informal social function but make voluntary contributions. One idea for a new, major, event is getting a speaker with "name recognition" (possibly the YNP Superintendent) for a lunch presentation where profit would be made by charging more than the regular lunch rate. This event would reinvigorate the Status of Women program. The tentative date is March 17, 2010.

The committee also plans on further exploration of retail 'sponsorships' like the Zonta blend coffee Anne-Marie Wade brought back from the conference in Glendive.

Trivia Night is scheduled for February 20, 2010. November 6, 2009 the Club will sponsor another chili night at the Yellowstone Valley Brewing Company. There will also be another "Macho Nacho" night at YVBC sometime in the fall.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Carmen Mangis reported the Committee decided to forgo a separate new member orientation in favor of an expanded fall kickoff function on September 30.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the Festival of Cultures was a success with over 220 passports distributed. The Club received only one application for the Jane Klausman Women in Business scholarship. Sharon Houseworth is from Helena, and is therefore out of our Club's District. Additionally, Ms. Houseworth is a student in a 2-year program therefore she does not meet the scholarship's applicant requirements.

The Service Committee budget meeting will be Monday July 6 at 5:30 at the Granary. All are welcome to attend and participate in developing the service budget for the current Zonta Year.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie Wade noted she received a communiqué from Zonta International reminding all Clubs there is to be no direct political advocacy in the name of Zonta.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There was nothing new to report on the Zonta Dues Scholarship exploratory committee's work.

- There was nothing new to report on the food committee's work with the management of the McCormick Café.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Anne-Marie reported Tracy Manning-Egge (District XII, Area 1, Director) 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.
- Anne-Marie Wade noted she received an e-mail from Tracy Manning-Egge regarding a way Zontians can dispose of unwanted Zonta tote bags. Nola Theiss, an expert in human trafficking, founded the non-profit group Human Trafficking Awareness. At their Guatemalan service partner's center there is a Zonta Center with educational materials. Ms. Theiss would like each instructor to have a Zonta bag for carrying their course materials. Tracy Manning-Egge asked Zontians to send their extra Zonta totes to either Mary Benoit (7566 Union Ct., Arvada, CO 80005) or Nola Theiss (P.O. Box 11113, Sanibel, FL 33957).
- The Finance Committee is meeting to update cash handling/holding policies and procedures.
- Bev Ross' retirement was observed with a cheer led by some members and echoed by the Club members present, and a wonderful cake almost as sweet as Bev.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Visit <http://www.billingszonta.org> to see the latest Club news and a profile of longtime member Connie Camino this month, and Lynn Eggebrecht next month.
- ***NO PROGRAM MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST***
- August Board meeting: Noon, August 4, Crowley Law Firm, TWII, 5th Floor
- August Business meeting: Noon, August 5, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.