

Zonta Club of Billings

August Business Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2009

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:30

23 members attended. One guest, Kim Garcia who works for the Chamber of Commerce, attended.

Minutes from the July Business meeting were accepted with one correction noting the celebration of Bev Ross' retirement.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel reported the Finance Committee met and developed a draft money control/handling policy. At the Board meeting yesterday, it was agreed the Board would take the draft copy of the policy, review it this month, and vote on it at the September Board meeting. At Lynette's request the Board took action on the paragraphs regarding written approval from the President for any check written by the Treasurer for more than \$250, and the policy stating the Treasurer cannot write reimbursement checks without receipts. However, the Board may review a claim without a receipt and authorize payment.

Lynette announced she purchased two (2) \$3000, 7 month CD's maturing in March 2010. At Lynette's suggestion the Board approved moving some of the Club's money into CD's since the interest rate is so much higher.

The Club has approximately \$31,000 in various accounts and CDs. Lynette will present a detailed quarterly report at the September Business meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the Club received a dues check, a bill for the P.O. Box, various newsletters and solicitations for donations. The Club also received a thank you note from Tracy Manning-Egge (District XII, Area 1, Director) for the timely submittal of Club Reports.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes reported the 2010 Status of Women program meeting will be March 17 featuring a speaker with "name recognition". She welcomes suggestions from members regarding potential speakers.

Trivia night is scheduled for February 20, 2010. There will be a Zonta chili night at Yellowstone Valley Brewing Co. November 6. Stephanie Seymanski and Deb Brown are working on organizing another "Macho Nacho" night at YVBC for sometime in October.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Carmen Mangis announced there were Zonta Club of Billings "Fact Sheets" on the tables. She asked that members review them and relay any edits, additions and/or suggestions to her so the new fact sheets can be ready for distribution at the fall kick off social. The fall kickoff/new member orientation is set for September 30, at 6:00 PM at the Western Heritage Center. Every member will be encouraged to attend and bring at least one prospective member with them. While the WHC is donating the space to the Club, they asked a donation of some sort be offered to the Center. Carmen suggested a basket where members could contribute individually. Becky Wiehe suggested the donation come from Club funds so guests or potential members aren't put off by feeling any obligation to put money into a donation basket. Anne-Marie Wade noted there is a line item in the Club's operating budget for the fall kickoff. The Committee will determine how the donation is handled.

SERVICE COMMITTEES REPORT: Connie Sanders reported Kathie Riggs is heading the effort to remodel a room at the MRM Women's and Family Shelter the weekend of August 21-23. Sign up sheets for labor and materials were passed around.

The Club received a request for volunteers for the Billings Cardboard Box City to be held on the ZooMontana grounds October 3-4. Four to five people are needed for set up on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM to noon. Three to four people are needed to serve dinner from 4:30 – 7:30PM. Connie will send around a sign up sheet at the September Club meetings.

Connie distributed copies of the Service Committee Budget for members to review.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Ann Hefenieder reported Zonta District XII is organizing a human trafficking seminar to be held on a mid-October weekend in Colorado. More detailed information is forthcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Anne-Marie Wade noted the general level of satisfaction from Club members regarding the food service at McCormick Café. Therefore, the recurring unfinished business item for the food committee will be dropped from future meeting agendas.
- There was nothing new to report on the status of the Zonta Dues Scholarship exploratory committee.
- Anne-Marie reported Tracy Manning-Egge 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Yesterday, the Finance Committee presented their draft cash handling policies to the Board for review. The Board will discuss and vote on the policy at the September Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Becky Wiehe announced the MS bike tour needs 4-6 'sous chefs' to help in the kitchen at Red Lodge Mountain on Saturday, August 29 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM. Shift timing can be flexible. She noted there is very little prep work, some salad mixing, dessert cutting, drink prep, serving and cleaning up as work progresses (the food is served on paper plates). Sharol Acheson and Ann Hefenieder volunteered. Others can get in touch with Becky at the MS Society office 252-5927.
- Bev Ross announced the Friendship House is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a barn dance and pitchfork fondue dinner at Oscar's Dreamland on September 12. The event is very kid friendly with special activities for them. Children will be admitted free of charge. Adults can purchase a ticket at a table of eight for \$35 each. The event will be from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. Bev would like to get a table of Zontians together. Interested people should contact Bev.
- Renee Coppock announced the annual Velo Bella ride is taking place on September 13 with a variety of kid friendly events and 15, 22 and 40 mile rides for anyone interested. The only regulation on a rider is they must all wear a helmet. This is a fund raiser for various charities in the community. Contact Renee for more information.
- Joan Hughes announced the Red Lodge Fun Run for Charity is on September 5. There is no entry fee, simply a charitable contribution the runner can direct to the list of charities. Becky Wiehe suggested Zontians may want to direct their contribution to the Carbon County DSVS, the domestic violence awareness group that was instrumental in the Club's Domestic Violence Awareness multi-year service project.

CALENDAR

- ***NO PROGRAM MEETING IN AUGUST***
- September Board meeting: Noon, September 1, 2009, Crowley|Fleck Law Firm, TWII, 5th Floor
- September Business meeting: Noon, September 2, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- September Program meeting: Noon, September 16, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- Fall Kick Off / New Member Orientation: 6:00 PM, September 30, Western Heritage Center, 29th Street & Montana Avenue

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.