

Zonta Club of Billings

September Business Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2009

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

22 members attended. One guest, Joan Marie Gliss who consults on college textbooks and is a member of the University of Maryland on-line faculty, attended.

Minutes from the July Business meeting were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In Lynette Kerbel's absence Anne-Marie Wade reported she has a draft copy of a partial August Treasurer's Report if any Member would like to review it. Lynette will present a complete quarterly report at the October Business Meeting.

Anne-Marie Wade also reported an update to the check writing policies for the Club. Rather than make an extensive re-write of the Bylaws, the Standing Rules of the Club will be amended to clarify and simplify check co-signing procedures.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the Club received the Rocky Mountain College report booklet and a donation solicitation from the YWCA. A card for Sharol Acheson was circulated. She is having knee surgery today. Thank you cards were circulated for the local Sherwin Williams paint store and Interface Carpets for their generous product donations for the MRM Women's & Family Shelter remodel project.

Connie also received an e-mail from the Yellowstone AIDS Project regarding the arrival of Mutual of Omaha's "Aha Moment" mobile studio. It will be parked at the YAM on September 2 & 3 to tape people's "Aha Moments". Connie felt this could possibly be adapted by the Club as a Membership tool if Club members wrote down their Zonta "Aha Moments". Anne-Marie will send out an e-mail soliciting Zonta "Aha Moments" from Members so Connie can compile them for the Fall Kick Off social.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes reported planning is underway for Trivia Night which is scheduled for February 20, 2010. An e-mail was sent out to the Club asking for committee chair volunteers. There were hard copy sign up sheets placed on each table at the meeting today. Committee chair meetings will be the second Friday of each month beginning in October. A sheet with important dates regarding Trivia Night was placed on each table. Major Sponsor solicitation letters will be sent within the next week or so. Members were encouraged to contact Joan or Jolene Rieck with any ideas for new major sponsors. Joan will e-mail out a list of last year's sponsor contacts.

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 reported the Fall Kick Off event is scheduled for 6:00 on September 30 at the Western Heritage Center. Invitations will be sent out soon via e-mail with hard copies available at the September 16 Program Meeting. Beverage donations are being solicited. Light appetizers will be provided by the Club. All members were encouraged to think about people to invite to the event. RSVPs are encouraged, but not required, Carmen would prefer receiving RSVP's by phone at 252-5550.

SERVICE COMMITTEES REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the shelter room remodel was completed on Sunday. It went well and the room looked much better. She commended Kathie Riggs for doing such a wonderful job heading the project, and Kathie extended her thanks to the Zonta crew who worked on the room – especially Marcelle Jones and her Friday evening cleaning crew.

Connie noted the High Plains Book Festival awards dinner is this Friday, September 4. The dinner cost is \$40/person. Connie would like to have one or two Zonta tables since the Club sponsored a book award. Anne-Marie agreed to send out an e-mail about the dinner with responses to go to Connie.

Donna Meehan reported 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. Sign up sheets were on the tables for interested volunteers.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Ann Hefenieder reported the Committee will meet on Thursday, September 10 at 5:30 at Bin 119 (119 N. Broadway).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There was nothing new to report on the status of the Zonta Dues Scholarship exploratory committee, although work is continuing.
- 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:

- District Conference delegates must be nominated by the October Business Meeting so the nominees can be voted on at the October Program Meeting. The Conference is in Denver over the weekend of October 31. Any Members interested in being delegates should contact Anne-Marie Wade.
- The key voting issue at the District Conference is whether or not District will be allowed to automatically raise District dues \$1 each year. The Club needs to discuss this issue at the October Business Meeting so the delegates can carry the Club's vote to the Conference.
- Donna Meehan had the contents from the former Zonta safety deposit box. In addition to the two paper copies of the CDs, there were Montana articles of incorporation and the seal/embosser, 1964 paperwork related to the Club's Montana not for profit status and papers related to a cabin in Red Lodge willed to the Club in the early 1960's, its subsequent sale and how the funds were used. Donna will make a brief presentation about the historical documents at tomorrow's Business meeting. It was agreed the Club Historian, Ann Hefenieder, should take possession of the documents except for the CDs which will be turned over to the Treasurer, Lynette Kerbel, and the incorporation documents and seal which will be kept at the Crowley | Fleck Law Firm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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. There are a couple of seats remaining at her table.
- Anne-Marie Wade announced the Zonta Club of Pikes Peak is hosting a symposium on human trafficking on October 10 in Colorado Springs. If Members are interested in attending they should contact Anne-Marie or Ann Hefenieder for details.

CALENDAR

- ***PROGRAM MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER***
- 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
- October Board meeting: Noon, October 6, 2009, Crowley|Fleck Law Firm, TWII, 5th Floor
- October Business meeting: Noon, October 7, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 12:59 PM.