

Zonta Club of Billings

December Business Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2009

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:01

22 Members attended, including new member Kim Garcia.

Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel distributed a year to date treasurer's report (6/1/09 – 11/30/09), a Profit and Loss YTD comparison for September through November 2009 and a comparison of the Operating Budget to actual finances through November 30, 2009. The new reporting format was well received.

Lynette presented the new financial policy for the Club to the Membership for a vote as a change to the Standing Rules and Bylaws of the Club. Both items were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the Club received various newsletters and donation solicitations. The Club also received \$250 Trivia Night Sponsorship checks from Harper & Hilario and from Ragain, Christensen, Fulton & Filz, PLLC. Thank you notes were received from Tracy Manning-Egge and from Kimberly Cordova an aviation student and recipient of the Zonta Book Scholarship at Rocky Mountain College.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jolene Rieck reported the next Trivia Night Planning Committee meeting is 12/11/09 at noon. Trivia Night "save the date" cards are at Alphagraphics being printed (with no in-kind donation this year). They should go into the mail soon. There are currently two \$500 major sponsors: Computers Unlimited and Sanctuary Spa. Marcelle Jones is setting up a Club page on Facebook which will help with general PR and events like Trivia Night. Jolene noted if members want to donate a round prize basket they should limit the retail value of it to \$150 and items should be easily split by eight people on a team. 35 teams is the goal for this year's event. Donna Meehan is the registration committee chair. Kelly Christy and Nancy Rice are heading up the silent auction and door prize committee. They are looking for 16 door prizes with retail value of about \$15. Members should feel free to solicit door prizes from merchants/vendors they feel comfortable with; but, they need to remember to tell Kelly and/or Nancy whom they've talked with (successful or not) to avoid approaching the same company twice.

Chili Night grossed \$180.72

Jolene reported Joan Hughes is continuing her efforts to bring Jessica Jackley, co-founder of microfinancer Kiva.org. to Billings in the spring of '10 as the keynote speaker for the Status of Women event. Joan and Shelley Hayes attended their first meeting seeking partnerships with other like minded non-profits in the area. There may be as many as three different events with Ms. Jackley.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Carmen Mangis reported the Board reviewed, and unanimously approved, membership nomination forms for Kim Garcia and Julie Dial.

Carmen also reported the annual Global Village shopping night is December 7 from 5:00 – 7:00. Nancy Curriden noted she will be working on Saturday, December 5 and will credit sales made to Zontians to the Monday event if they are unable to attend on Monday evening. A sign up sheet for food and beverage items for refreshments during the shopping night was circulated during the meeting.

Carmen reminded everyone the Club's Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at Rocky Mountain College's Prescott Hall at 5:30 PM. The past presidents will provide the food and beverages and there will be the traditional (and optional) ornament exchange as Pat Jaffray reads The

Night Before Christmas. Ornaments should be no more than \$10 and be gift wrapped. If you are bringing a friend to the party make sure you have an ornament for your guest so they can take part in the exchange if they'd like to. She asked that members call in their RSVPs to her: 252-5550 Renee Coppock will contact the past presidents to arrange for the food and beverages.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Connie Sanders reported the Service Committee plans on continuing to offer members an opportunity to give to the children and parents of the Young Families Early Head Start program in Billings. This year, as always, they need clothing and miscellaneous items for boys and girls from 4 weeks to 4X toddler size. New this year is a need for small household items for the high school aged parents who are living on their own. Traditionally the donations are brought by Zontians to the Christmas party and then delivered by Zontians to Young Families. This year, the Young Families Christmas party is Thursday, December 17 just one day after the Zonta party. Shelley Hayes and Joan Hughes volunteered to drop off the Zonta gifts at Young Families on the 17th. The Service Committee also decided to donate the unused \$50 budget item (from the Halloween party that was not held) to assist Young Families with their holiday party.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: Ann Hefeneider reported there will be a meeting at 11:30 this Thursday, December 3 at Grains of Montana.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Zonta Dues Scholarship committee continues to examine options and plans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This month's featured member on the website is Michelle Lee. Visit <http://www.billingszonta.org> to see her profile.
- Connie Sanders invited members to see her show of photography "A Glance Through Glass" at Granite Realty, 2815 Montana Avenue, during the Christmas Stroll on December 4 from 5:00 – 9:00.

CALENDAR

- Advocacy Committee meeting: 11:30, December 3, Grains of Montana, 926 Grand Avenue
- Global Village Shopping Night: 5:00 – 7:00, December 7, 2720 3rd Avenue North
- Trivia Night Committee Chairs Meeting: Noon, December 11, 401 N. 31st St. (First Interstate Bank tower), basement dining area adjacent to Sidewalk Chives.
- Christmas Party (**no December Program Meeting**): 5:30, December 16, Rocky Mountain College Prescott Hall, 1511 Poly Drive
- January Board meeting: Noon, Crowley|Fleck Law Firm, TWII 490 N 31st St, 5th Floor
- January Business meeting: Noon, January 6, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.