

Zonta Club of Billings

October Board Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2009

ATTENDING: Nancy Curriden, Shelley Hayes, Maribeth Haynes, Kathy Hildebrand, Joan Hughes, Lynette Kerbel, Donna Meehan, Jolene Rieck, Anne-Marie Wade

ABSENT: Deborah Brown, Connie Sanders

Anne-Marie Wade called the meeting to order at 12:06

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynette Kerbel presented the quarterly report for the period ending August 31, 2009 and an accompanying cash flow report for the same period comparing the operating budget to actual expenses.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: There was no official report although Anne-Marie Wade noted some newsletters had come in.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT: Joan Hughes reported the following dates to remember: 10/9/09 Trivia Night Planning Committee meeting at Jolene Rieck's office building's downstairs conference room; 10/23/09: Macho Nacho Night at YVBC; 11/13/09: Chili Night at YVBC; 11/14/09 at noon: Trivia Night Planning Committee meeting; 12/?/09 Possible Arbonne Pampering Party; 12/11/09: Trivia Night Planning Committee meeting; 2/20/10 Trivia Night with "Saints & Sinners" theme; 3/10: Status of Women Event(s).

Kelly Christy relayed the idea to Joan for the Arbonne Pampering Party as a fund raiser. Kelly went to one where the non-profit organization netted about \$500. Joan will explore the idea further and see if it can possibly be incorporated into the Club's holiday party in a way where it feels totally optional to Members.

St. Bernard's hall is reserved for Trivia Night. All committees except for theme & decorations have chairs. Bev Ross and Pat Jaffray sent out sponsorship solicitation letters in September and have already received a \$250 check from Exxon Mobil.

Joan recently attended a conference and heard Jessica Jackely, co-founder of microfinancer Kiva.org. She spoke with Ms. Jackely and received a tentative agreement for her to come and be the keynote speaker for the Status of Women event. It cannot be used as a fund raising event; but, Joan has also had initial partnering conversations with the Foundation for Community Vitality (related to the Scott Family's foundation). Joan will continue to develop the idea and seek partnerships with other like minded non-profits in the area. She feels this is of great enough impact there will likely be much more than a traditional Zonta lunch event.

Anne-Marie noted she spoke with the Zonta Book Award winner, Jennifer Groneberg, at the High Plains Festival last week. Ms. Groneberg tentatively agreed to come and speak to the Club or at a Club sponsored event.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Anne-Marie Wade reported for Carmen Mangis. The annual Global Village shopping evening is December 7. The holiday party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16. Carmen and the Membership Committee are working on reserving the hall at Rocky Mountain College where the party has been held in recent years.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: In Connie Sanders' absence there was no official report. However, it was noted the service committee budget needs to be reviewed to determine if 1/3 of the service funds raised in ZY '08-'09 were set aside for donating to Zonta International. Lynette Kerbel suggested reviewing the Club bylaws to determine exactly how much the donation must be and if there is any flexibility in the amount donated. While the donation is not a requirement from Zonta International, and

therefore the Club will never receive an invoice for the amount; the 1/3 donation is strongly encouraged. Anne-Marie noted Clubs who give the suggested percentage receive recognition from Zonta International. It was agreed this issue will be further discussed at the Board "retreat" meeting at Connie Sanders' house (1239 Yale), Thursday, October 8, starting at 6:00 PM.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT: There was no report this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Anne-Marie Wade reported Bev Ross agreed to be a delegate for the District Conference. Ann Hefenieder will also go to the Conference but her position as Chair of the District Advocacy Committee prevents her from acting as our Club's delegate. Carmen Mangis offered to go; but, since she cannot share driving duties someone else is still needed to drive down with either Ann or Bev. Anne-Marie will contact District and determine if Bev can carry a proxy vote for our Club's second delegate vote. The Conference is in Denver over the weekend of October 31.
- The key voting issue at the District Conference is whether or not District will be allowed to automatically raise District dues \$1 each year. It appears the majority of the Board disagrees with District's desire. The issue will be raised and voted on by the Club at tomorrow's business meeting.
- There was nothing new to report on the status of the Zonta Dues Scholarship exploratory committee.
- Anne-Marie reported Tracy Manning-Egge's visit to Billings has been delayed until November 18. She will present at the Program Meeting and it is hoped the Club can put together a social function welcoming her.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jolene Rieck proposed an idea for a new service project based upon an art therapy project she heard of in Chicago. The Club could donate the funds for art materials and possibly help underwrite the cost of the art therapist's fees. Club members might also be able to take part in the project in some way. She will discuss the idea with Connie Sanders and the Service committee.
- Shelley Hayes proposed another new idea for a project that could be either a service project or an advocacy project. She briefly described the work of the group "Women for Women" in 'war torn' regions of the African continent. For \$27 a month, a woman can be sponsored. The sponsor and the person receiving the sponsorship correspond. Shelley will look at how the organization can best be presented to the Club.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October Business meeting: Noon, October 7, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- Board Retreat: 6:00 PM, October 8, Connie Sanders' home. 1239 Yale.
- Trivia Night Planning Committee meeting: Noon, October 9, 404 N. 31st St, 1st floor conf. room
- October Program meeting: Noon, October 21, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
Speaker: co-founder of Floating Islands
- Macho Nacho Night: October 23, Yellowstone Valley Brewing Co., 2123 1st Avenue North
- November Board meeting: Noon, November 3, 2009, Crowley|Fleck Law Firm, TWII, 5th Floor
- November Business meeting: Noon, November 4, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch
- November Program meeting: Noon, November 18, McCormick Café, 2419 Montana Ave. \$10 lunch, Speaker: Tracy Manning-Egge

Anne-Marie Wade adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM.