



BRIGHT PAST BRILLIANT FUTURE

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HAMILTON Board Meeting – January 20, 2022

Meeting Held at BJ's Restaurant and via Zoom

Attendees: Patti Martin, Sue Smith, Brenda Von Brach, Pat Bogdanski, Carmela Bowns, Nancy Bussiere, Nancy Hutcheson, Lori Matz, Joan Richards, Sunny Stone, Debbie Gantz, and Heidi Gordon.

Minutes:

November's board meeting minutes were not distributed and will be reviewed at the February board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Hutcheson reported \$15,162.82 in checking and \$51,724.85 in savings. She has requested that member Andrea Simmerman of the JCCS CPA firm review the books for accuracy. Heidi Gordon made a motion, seconded by Lori Matz, that Nancy Hutcheson get a quote from Andrea Simmerman for this work and report back to the board. The motion passed unanimously.

Patti Martin reported that member Debbie Gantz of Edward Jones is prepared to invest the 25 in 5 monies and requested information on the length of term for the investment. The board agreed it would be 3-5 years at a minimum. Debbie reported that Edward Jones would not levy fees however the fees would be decided by the fund our money is deposited into. She will develop a proposal with options and report back at the February board meeting.

Nancy Hutcheson, Sue Smith, Teri Polumsky and Patti Martin have met regarding the club's treasurer books. Nancy reported the books are as proper as they can be, and while all money balanced, she and Sue Smith were not able to get some items to line up 100% when the system was transferred from QuickBooks to Quicken. Sue Smith reported that absolutely no money was unaccounted for. Marcia Babowicz, Dixie Dies and Teri Polumsky as past presidents have written an "Executive Summary and Statement of Events regarding Conversion of Books during 2020," the purpose of which is to move forward with the current system. The summary will be emailed to all board members who are asked to review it and state their agreement or disagreement.

Orientation and Mentoring:

Of the five new members who have joined the club in 2021, four have signed up for a committee assignment. Patti Martin encouraged chairs to reach out to new members to join committees and keep in mind that new members who work full time are not able to make afternoon committee meetings. The Senior Women committee accommodated the new members who joined their committee by having the committee meeting over a lunch break in the conference room at JCCS. Vice President Brenda Von Brach had done the same for her new member orientation.

President's Report:

Patti Martin reported on her conversation with Mary Lyn, co-chair of the Scholarships committee, concerning adding non-member women to the decision-making process for awarding scholarships and awards. Patti suggested money be set aside from the scholarship fundraising profits to pay for a live event to recognize the award recipients. Brenda VonBrach commented that she has

reached out to award recipients to speak to our club at noon meetings but they are unable to attend due to conflicts with their class schedules. She continues to reach out to recipients for their ability to attend and share at a social event.

Patti Martin reported that business and board meetings will be available to members via Zoom.

Mary Lyn and Carmela Bowns have successfully worked with the Edwards Charitable Trust Foundation in adding a second award for women age 40 and over, which is valued at \$2000.

Fundraising:

Sue Smith has connected with MineShaft Pasty Company for a Valentine's Day fundraising event. Patti Martin and Heidi Gordon agreed to assist her. Nancy Bussiere will create an on-line virtual fundraising event form to be completed by the coordinator of each restaurant-pairing fundraiser.

Community Events:

There will be a vigil held at Bitterroot Health-Daly Hospital on February 14 to show support of all medical staff.

Social:

There will be no social this month.

Nancy Bussiere
Recording Secretary