

SOROPTIMIST BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2018

President Sue Macmeeken called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 21 members present. Barbara June had a guest, her neighbor, Ginny.

Correspondence: Thank you from SAFE for our donation of paper and cleaning supplies; a community invitation to Youth Homes meeting in Missoula and invitation to Grand Opening of Emma's House new location tomorrow, June 8 at 3:30 pm.

Treasury Report: Cash in accounts including Checking, Paypal and Savings = \$29,676.92. Minus set asides for colonoscopy, Club Dues Scholarship and Academic Scholarship Funds of \$14,917.66 spendable amount in treasury is \$14,759.26.

President Sue announced that 2 of our former Violet Richardson scholarship winners were among the 2018 valley high school graduates: Kayla Fields and Emma (Willbeck?)

Committee Signups for 2018-19: now circulating at meetings and available online. President Sue said she emailed this year's committee chairs asking for budget amounts for upcoming budget year. She has had some feedback and will begin to call comm. chairs if she has not heard from you. From the **Club Survey** done earlier this year, members have designated the top 3 club priorities as: 1. SAFE, 2. Scholarships and 3. Youth Programs.

SOLT FLASH presented by Treasurer Elaine Serwacki explaining our Club Dues Breakdown. Dues were raised to \$140 this year (due by June 15). The Hamilton club keeps just 27% of the total collected and that amount is used for Club Operating Expenses. Per IRS rules our club dues **MUST** cover operating costs (about \$2800 annually) in order to maintain our nonprofit status. Elaine stated that member donations go 100% to programs of service; those are monies given over the dues amount. Question and discussion ensued regarding the donations made by members at meetings for travel gifts and stories told at meeting's end. Teri Polumsky recalled that we began those efforts to add to monies to help offset operating expenses at a time when the club was coming up short. Elaine stated that right now she is coding those monies as member donations to service projects. More discussion needed, soon, as finance and budget committee will be meeting June 20 to prepare next year's budget. Vickie Dawson suggested that when items are discussed and voted on in meetings that those member-passed items get printed out and put into a binder to become part of club policy and procedures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alene Tunny reported that the SENIOR TEA was not as well-attended as in the past but greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Mabel McKillop was the oldest attendee at 106. There has been discussion about discontinuing this event but Alene pleaded with club to keep it as part of our program.

FAMILY BOWLING DAY: May 19, a Saturday and very sunny outside may have been a factor in low attendance. \$455.50 was made only because Massa sponsored the event for \$500. Committee recommends dropping the event.

SEE'S: Still 4 boxes of caffe latte lollipops remain from Easter. Available for purchase from Dixie.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Prep for 1018-19 budget. Committee will meet June 20 at 6:00pm at Sue Mac's house.

Jade Beatty and Alene Tunny attended the Sapphire Lutheran Homes annual meeting. They found the report to the community interesting and described some of the projects being discussed, researched and carried out. Included was community outreach wherein SPECTRUM 6th grade students interview residents and write their biographies and go back and present to the interviewees. SLH is researching a "stay at home" project so seniors can live in place in their homes with support systems in place. Also being looked at is "Twice Fed" , a project setting up food donation connections within the community from restaurants and other food sources to help feed our hungry and underfed community members.

There were several travel gifts which led to lively bidding by those present.

INSTALLATION of board members for the upcoming club year will be at President Sue's home 5:30 pm on June 14.

The Soroptimist Pledge was recited and President Sue closed the meeting at 1:10pm.

BOARD MEETING: June 21, BJ's at noon

JUNE SOCIAL: June 28, the Edge at 5:30

NO JULY MEETING

BOARD MEETING: July 12, BJ's at noon

Respectfully submitted, Vikki Bell, co-secretary