

PRESIDENT, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, called the Board Meeting to order at 10 am at her home. She thanked all who brought extra treats to the meeting. 21 members attended.

ROMONA BOWLING, SECRETARY, read the June 20, 2023 Joint Board Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved as read and will be posted on the Website by Sharon & Carol.

MICKEY MARTIN, TREASURER, gave the report stating our Checking Account is \$16,236.88 and our Savings Account is \$6, 289.17 She reported on the checks cleared and deposits made, and explained the transfers.

PEGGY NISWANDER, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, presented the preliminary Budget for 2023-2024. Each line item was detailed and some adjustments and additions were made. The projected Income of \$8250 was based on 275 members. A major budget addition was to add back \$500 to the Scholarship Budget. This was dropped from the budget and is now being reinstated. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHARON ROBERTS AND SECONDED BY ROMONA BOWLING TO PUT \$500 IN THE SCHOLARSHIP EVERY YEAR, STARTING THIS YEAR.** A copy of this motion was requested by Mickey Martin. Romona will send her a copy. **Peggy** stated that the Preliminary Budget shows \$1,116 Income over Expenses. **Peggy** will complete the final Budget and bring to the September Board Meeting for approval. Lucinda thanked Peggy for a job very well done.

SUSAN SECHRIST, 1ST VP, was not present. Lucinda will confirm that the next Coffee for new members is to be at Connie Laughlin's on Sept. 6, 2023.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2ND VP, reported on the upcoming speakers for the General Meetings: Sept -Animal League Speaker, October – Refuge Speaker, Nov – Soroptimists – Details to be in the Welcome Mat

RUTH MARKS, MEMBERSHIP, reported we have 240 members, plus 3 yet unpaid.

SHARON CHESTNUT, SUNSHINE, not present. Info is in the Welcome Mat.

SHARON ROBERTS & CAROL SKILL – WEBSITE UPDATES: **SHARON & CAROL** are working on (1) the new Roster, verifying all the Names and Info are correct and ready for publishing, (2) the listing of the new Activity Chairs for publishing. Currently, all Chair Job Descriptions are on the Website; along with the updated Rules & Regulations. Purple Books may be maintained but are not necessary – the exceptions are the Officers' & Special Events books will be continued to be maintained. Carol informed us of the updating of our Website Activities, pictures, etc. She also gave important info on website scams, etc. A mass email will detail it for us. She encouraged all members to subscribe to Mail Chimp for more details.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Writers Group is moving to 3rd Wed at 1 pm at the Redding Library. Hand & Foot is now on 2nd Wed. There is no conflicting activities – Board approved.

CHERYL ZEH, SCHOLARSHIP, confirmed that Newcomers will offer 3 Scholarships of \$500 each.

GERRI SMITH – Fashion Show Report for Freddie Martin – Gerri reported on a very successful Fashion Show last April 2023 at the Elks. They used decorations previously bought for the Covid cancelled Fashion Show and only spent \$135 additional funds. There is still \$841 in carryover funds for the next Fashion Show. All details in the Fashion Show Event Report.

CHERYL ZEH, MARKETING REPORT, reported that the Enjoy Magazine will list our monthly New Members' Coffee meeting dates and she will add our General Meeting Dates. Cheryl will book Lucinda to speak on local radio talk stations to recruit new members. Cheryl suggested participating in local "free" festivals and give info about Newcomers to prospective new members. Carol Skill said to go to the "Think Pink" event on the **Sundial Bridge** on October 19, 2023. Cheryl to follow-up. Cheryl showed a sample brochure in color to give to prospective members but the cost of 65 cents each is too expensive (240 members with 10 each @\$\$.65 = \$1560). Other alternatives such as a business size card in black/white was suggested. Item was tabled for more research till next board meeting. Marketing Committee Members are: Sherry Varga & Ruth Marks

GERRI SMITH OFFERED TO MAKE "GREETER" RIBBONS for members to wear to assist new members, etc.

LOUISE WILSON – COMMUNITY TABLE - LOUISE OFFERED TO CREATE "GOING TO EVENTS SIGN-UP SHEETS" SO MEMBERS CAN JOIN UP WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS & MAYBE GO TOGETHER – MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN COMMON ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENTS.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS OF ACTIVITIES WERE TABLED TILL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING;

Fall Festival, Garden Tea, Mardi Gras Party, weekend trips, cookbook, walking group, book group

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT BOARD MEETING AT PATTI SAURET'S HOME ON 9/19/2023. GENERAL MTG: 9/28/23 AT THE ELKS.

CAROL WHITNEY entertained us with a funny story of God's creating Washington State people vs. his balancing it with Washington DC people

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Romona Bowling, Secretary