

**GERRI SMITH for LUCINDA WILLIAMS** called the Board Meeting to order at 10 am at Sharon Roberts' home. She thanked Sharon for hosting and Adda Gripp for supplying the snacks. 21 members were present.

**ROMONA BOWLING, SECRETARY**, thanked Carol Skill for taking the Minutes at the Jan General Meeting. She then read the Jan 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved as read. The approved Minutes will be posted on the Website by Sharon & Carol.

**MICKEY MARTIN, TREASURER**, stated our Checking Account is \$12,982 and our Savings Account is \$6,289. She reported on the checks cleared (\$2,659 – which included 5 checks of \$377 each from Christmas Charities to the selected Children's Charities with 2 more checks yet to clear) and the deposits & transfers made. She stated that Red Apple donations for our Scholarship Fund was \$58 much larger than prior deposits. Report approved as read and is attached to these minutes. Mickey gave the "Thank you" letters received to Peggy.

**SUSAN SECHRIST, 1st VP rescinded her resignation that she gave at the January 16, 2024 Board Meeting.**

Since there was no motion made to accept her resignation, no further action is needed. Susan will remain in her position as 1<sup>st</sup> VP thru the end of May 2024 when her term is completed.

The email from Lucinda regarding the above resignation was read by Gerri Smith so that the members present would have full knowledge of the plans that would have taken place and now are not applicable. Copy attached. Ruth Plato verified the Club's rules on resignation and rescinding.

Lucinda has appointed Ruth Plato to complete the Membership position term as Ruth Marks has resigned for health reasons. **Motion made by Carol Skill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudy Ribeiro to accept Ruth Marks resignation. Motion approved by all present. Motion made by Susan Sechrist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mickey Martin to accept Ruth Plato as Membership. Motion approved by all members present.**

**SUSAN SECHRIST, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP**, stated the Coffee this month is at Trudy Ribeiro's home with date changed to 3/13/24

**ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP**, reported the upcoming speaker for the General Meeting in March 2024 will be Joni Maggini from DLB ranch which uses horses for assisted therapy for emotional & physical health.

**RUTH PLATO, MEMBERSHIP**, stated we have 274 members. Four new members joined this month. Ruth will be collecting dues of \$30 for the upcoming year starting in March. Susan Sechrist will bring Flower Leis for the new members at the General Meeting to help identify them so they can be greeted and made welcome.

**AME DODGE, SUNSHINE:** Bobbi Vincent had surgery on her leg, Shari Dobbins' husband Lauris still in rehab. Ame also reported that Ron Albo had heart surgery, and Elizabeth Sherman updated us on a long time member, Marion Volberg, (almost 100 years old) who is hospitalized and failing, she is very depressed.

**SHARON ROBERTS & CAROL SKILL – WEBSITE UPDATES:** **SHARON & CAROL** clarified the sign-in procedure for our website, especially on the Activities Recap page. They are very willing to help, just call them. Also, all the job descriptions for the Club's Officers are on our Website for the Nominations Committee to access.

**CONNIE LAUGHLIN, NOMINATING CHAIR & CO-CHAIR, TRUDY RIBEIRO** are seeking candidates for the open positions for the upcoming year. Committee: Sharon Salpas, Heidi Nietschmann, Mary Hanrahan.

**GERRI SMITH, speaking for JOYCE MENTA & JOANN ROSKOSKI, We "CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"** will be collecting non-food items for the Pathways to Hope Teen Center at this month's General Meeting. Items needed listed in last month's Wel/Mat and in a "Mass Email" sent out today. Next month's donations will go Exodus Farms, an after-school program for kids and horses. Details in the March Wel/Mat.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MARY FORBES** outlined the plans for selling the jewelry donated by Connie Bond with the proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund. She will have two 8 foot tables set up displaying the jewelry for sale during the February 22, 2024 General Meeting. The prices are very reasonable. Some of the beads, etc are being donated to the Pathways of Hope Teen Center. Come and shop.

**FREDDIE MARTIN, FASHION SHOW: "SPRINGTIME IN PARIS"**, at Win River on April 25, 2024 in upstairs room. Members only as capacity is 140. 3 choices for Lunch plus dessert and special cocktail is available. Wine corking fee is \$10 per bottle. Win River is donating \$10 per person to our Scholarship Fund. Clothes by DandyLion. Tickets on sale at March General Meeting: \$25 each. No reserved seats.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WELCOME MAT EDITORS – ANDI WINTERS: CHAIR, & ROMONA BOWLING: CO-EDITOR**—Karen Coupe-Bonnett has resigned as she is nominated for an upcoming position on the Board. Joan Tornai will continue to be the Proof-Reader. Andi stated the Welcome Mat's submissions date may "float" sometimes due to the calendar month's start and the time needed to complete the Welcome Mat prior to the month's Board Meeting. All submissions will be sent to Andi & Romona's personal email addresses.

**ANDI WINTERS** asked for an updated listing of the Club's Activities with the Day of the Month and the Time listed. Gerri Smith recapped the list with current dates and times. A change of time was needed for a conflicting plan of 2 events on the same day & time. It was resolved.

Clarification was given on the changing of an activities' day & time: A permanent change requires Board approval to eliminate scheduling conflicts. A one month only change requires a "courtesy call" by the activity wanting a change to the Coordinator. The submissions date will be on the monthly calendar page. Vicki Burroughs will be Activity Coordinator for the upcoming term. (A President's appointed position)

**GERRI SMITH, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR** – The introduction letter and the scholarship application are included in the March Welcome Mat for all members to use for their college bound daughters, granddaughters, sisters or nieces. Gerri will announce at the Feb Gen Mtg and will have extra copies available for our members. Deadline for receipt of completed application is April 1, 2024. SCHOLARSHIP to be given out in May 2024.

**CHERYL ZEH IS PLANNING A NEW ACTIVITY: AQUA ARTHRITIS AEROBICS** at the YMCA Pool. \$60 Cost for 12 sessions. Payable to the YMCA. Meet once a month on 4<sup>th</sup> Friday from 1:15-2:15. Contact Cheryl Zeh. Motion for new event made by Trudy Ribeiro, seconded by Susan Sechrist. Motion approved

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MARCH BOARD MEETING: 10:00 am - March 19, 2024** at Barb Schuller's home. RSVP to Barb Co-Host: Romona Bowling

**MARCH GENERAL MEETING: 10:00** at the Elk's Lodge- **GREETERS: OPEN PINOCHLE PLAYERS**

**CAROL WHITNEY, STORY TELLER:** She made us laugh with a story of a Cardiologist's funeral extravaganza and the anticipation of the Gynecologist's funeral.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Minutes submitted by Romona Bowling, Secretary