

LUCINDA WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT, called the Board Meeting to order at 10 am at Barb Schuller's home. She thanked Barb for hosting and Romona Bowling for the goodies. 21 members were present.

ROMONA BOWLING, SECRETARY, read the Feb 20, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved with a correction made to Activities Coordinator's title. The approved Minutes will be posted on the Website.

MICKEY MARTIN, TREASURER, stated our Checking Account is \$13,046 and our Savings Account is \$6,289. She reported on the 4 deposits made and 5 checks that cleared. She stated that she received more than you letters for our donations from the Christmas Charities recipients. Her full report is attached.

PEGGY NISWANDER, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, reported our Insurance Policy for the Officers will be \$500 and the Liability Policy will be \$300 from Hartford (only \$3 more than last year). Hartford originally cancelled our renewal insurance but Peggy clarified our Club's activities did not include concerts so Hartford renewed us. Peggy reported the Audit had only 2 outstanding issues, one of them cleared already, all other items cleared.

SUSAN SECHRIST, 1st VP, reported 18 persons at the last Coffee, potential of 6 new members. Next Coffee will be at Susan's home. Email RSVP's to Susan; no texts. All Chairs & Co-Chairs invited to attend.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2nd VP, asked for suggestions for a speaker for May. She will follow-up on them.

RUTH PLATO, MEMBERSHIP, stated we have 284 members. **NAME BADGES: A discussion was held on how best to handle new members receiving their badges. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PATTI SAURET AND SECONDED BY CAROL SKILL THAT THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAIL OUT THE NEW MEMBER'S BADGE UPON THEIR SIGN-UP. THE CLUB WILL ABSORB THE COST. MOTION APPROVED.** Ruth is now taking Membership Renewals (\$30) and she is selling Fashion Show Tickets (\$25) today and at the General Meeting and by mail.

ANDI WINTERS, WELCOME MAT EDITOR, requested that the Welcome Mat go "dark" for July & August. The May Welcome Mat will announce this change. Only 1 Card Group & 1 Lunch Group are active in these months. If a Group needs to notify members, a mass email can be done. Costs of printing and mailing will be saved. **MOTION MADE BY GERRY SMITH AND SECONDED BY MICKEY MARTIN FOR THE WELCOME MAT TO CONTINUOUSLY GO 'DARK' IN JULY & AUGUST. MOTION APPROVED.**

ANDI also stated that she will be gone from April 6 thru April 24 and the deadline for activities and articles for the May Welcome Mat will be April 1, 2024. Andi will complete as much of the Calendar & Activities Info as possible before she leaves and Romona will finish if needed. Andi will send out a reminder email for April 1.

SHARON CHESNUT, SUNSHINE, Cards were sent to Betty Ball, Sandi Cain, Pam Albo, Clarise Tricky, Shari Dobbins. Details are in the Welcome Mat.

SHARON ROBERTS & CAROL SKILL – WEBSITE UPDATES: SHARON & CAROL stated that the Members Roster is now on the Website. Call them if any help is needed in accessing the Website.

JOYCE MENTA & JOANN ROSKOSKI, We "CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE", stated no collections in April because of the Fashion Show. May collections will go to the Salvation Army. Details in the May Welcome Mat.

MARY FORBES, (Connie's Jewelry sales), stated that she has a few items left to sell at the next Gen Mtg. The previous sale netted \$417 for our Scholarship Program. Details in the March Welcome mat. Thanks to all.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONNIE LAUGHLIN, NOMINATING CHAIR & CO-CHAIR, TRUDY RIBEIRO & Committee: Sharon Salpas, Mary Hanrahan, Heidi Nietschmann brought to the Board's attention the difficulty they were having in getting candidates for the President and Financial Secretary positions. After much discussion, Mickey Martin nominated Ruth Plato for President and she accepted. Susan Sechrist agreed to serve a second term as 1st VP. That filled 2 of the open candidate spots. The Membership position has a candidate and the Secretary position has a candidate. One difficult position left to fill. **Peggy Niswander suggested that the Financial Secretary position become an appointed Committee: Audit, Budget, Financial, State & Federal Report Filings, etc. She will write up a job description of each category and present it at the April Board Meeting for further action.**

RUTH PLATO & JOYCE MENTA, FASHION SHOW: "SPRINGTIME IN PARIS", at Win River on April 25, 2024 in upstairs room. Members only as capacity is 160. 50 Tickets have been sold to date. Sharon will do an email reminder that Tickets will be sold at the March 28 General Mtg. There will be a short Model's Mtg after the General Mtg. Decorating will be done the day before. Helper are needed for napkin folding.

NEW BUSINESS:

GERRI SMITH, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR – So far, no applications have been received. Gerri will speak at the General Meeting on March 28 regarding the scholarship. Deadline for receipt of completed application is April 1, 2024. SCHOLARSHIP to be given out in May 2024.

SHARON ROBERTS asked for approval to reimburse the Coffee Barista, Brenda Simmons, for the purchase of 3 Coffee Carafes to be used at the General Meetings (\$53.60). This way she can make the coffee ahead of time and the electrical circuit won't be overloaded and can be used for our sound system. **MOTION MADE BY TRUDI RIBEIRO, SECONDED BY SHARON SALPAS TO REIMBURSE BRENDA SIMMONS \$53.60. APPROVED.**

CAROL SKILL to check availability & price of Riverfront's community room for the Club's Joint Board Meeting and pot luck on June 18, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APRIL BOARD MEETING: 10:00 am - April 16, 2024 at Lucinda Williams home. RSVP by text or phone.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 25, 2024 FASHION SHOW AT WIN RIVER. Doors open at 10:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 Minutes submitted by Romona Bowling, Secretary