

## Minutes of Zonta Club of Laramie General Meeting Sept 27,2012

Program for this meeting was prior to the start of the General Meeting.

The various organizations who were awarded funds last spring had all been invited to attend and present information to Zonta Club of Laramie. (*Emily Bandel: Woman of Promise Scholarship Recipient, Charlotte Wile: Laramie Reproductive Health, Carol Miyake: LCCC, Katie Hogarty with Climb WY mom Amanda, Lorinda Lindley: Head Start of Laramie, Becca Fischer: Safe Project of Laramie, Steve Hamaker: Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Laramie, Tom Martin: Interfaith Good Samaritan of Laramie, Sarah Gorin: Downtown Clinic.*) Charlotte from Laramie Reproductive Health used the monies to fund outreach. Carole Myaki of LCCC used the monies for a particular student who was in financial need for testing materials. Katie Hogarty presented for CLIMB Wyoming. She interviewed a CLIMB Wyoming graduate Amanda as part of explaining what CLIMB does as a program for their students. Headstart was represented by Lorinda. Becca of SAFE Project stated that they used the monies for 3 computers for the main building for their clients to use. Big Brothers and Big Sisters was represented by Steve who told about their after school program that is targeted toward teen girls. The funding from Zonta allowed them to increase that program. Tom from Interfaith Good Samaritan spoke about how the various programs are very much connected in helping to serve the needs of the community, with clients often utilizing multiple programs and the programs working together. Sarah from Downtown Clinic stated that Downtown Clinic used the funds for emergency dental services for specific clients in need. The next speaker was Emily Bandel, who is the Woman of Promise scholarship winner of \$3,000. She told her personal story of attending UW Nursing school while battling leukemia including chemotherapy and continuing to work in addition to this. She was a Hathaway scholarship recipient for her first 4 yrs, however due to taking less classes with her cancer, her education has become a 5 year path. She was very unsure how she would manage her final year financially until she was selected as the Woman of Promise. She received a standing ovation at the conclusion of her presentation. She also announced that she has job offers already waiting after her May graduation. All speakers were invited to remain for the general meeting or to leave if they had other commitments.

Call to Order by Kathy Galster.

Introduction of officers.

Secretary's report: Accepted.

Treasurer's reports: Both Foundation and Club reports were accepted and filed for audit. Deedee Boysen audited the accounts over the summer and acceptable.

Membership (co-chairs= Deedee Boysen and Tasha Bauman) : Introduction of guests. Guests are Amanda Houser, Tamara Reding, Anne Marie Huntington, Jennifer Jaramilo, Debi Ockers, Denise Gable, Kate Steiner ( Debi, Denise and Kate are new members) . There are now 52 total members. The new members will be inducted in November with an orientation program to follow. Tasha requested that members be thinking about reporting to her any accomplishments about other Zonta members in order for special recognitions.

Public Relations: ( Chair = Erin Bohnet) : Newsletter is online and hardcopies are on the tables . Zonta is also very apparent and updated on Facebook and on twitter .

Advocacy/United Nations: (chairs= Tasha Bauman and Katie Hogarty) Tasha has a signup sheet going

around for the SAFE Can light Vigil program that is Oct 30. Zonta has been requested to supply refreshments. There will also be a display at the October General Meeting on UN .

Suited for Success: ( co-chairs= Beth Robertson and Elaine Schumaker) Brochure that has been newly created is on the tables. Suited for Success has been fully moved to the Elks Club on the 3rd floor. Beth thanked Wyotech students for their role in the move .

CLIMB Wyoming: (co-chairs = Becky Kosach and Bonnie Robertson) : Graduation will be Oct 8 at Lincoln Center . A committee meeting will be held immediately following the general meeting to finalize plans.

Scholarship : ( chair Angela Ver Ploeg) : Goal for the year is to have applicants for all the various scholarships, to do more PR for the various scholarships . Request was made for additional members to join the committee.

Birthing Kits ( chairs Evelyn Haskell and Sarah Hellevang): Announced that to connect with various groups who can agree to take the birthing kits to the places in the world in which they are needed. Erin mentioned that the Australian group would distribute them if we can get them to their organization.

ZI Foundation Ambassador ( chair = Bonnie Robertson) : Introduced committee of herself , Charlotte Davis and Mary Mountain.

5K: (chair= Johnna French) October 6 is the 5K. Johnna showed the hats that will be the swag that is given out to the runners. Goal is 100 walkers/runners. 61 walkers/runners will break even with expenses at current amount of sponsorships.

Style Show ( chairs= Maryalice Gulino and Erin Bohnet) . November 9 at Hilton. Theme is Wyoming Chic. Several corporate tables have been sold. Progress reports on various aspects of Style Show. All is on track. Mary Mountain requests that members contribute or seek out further donations for silent auction. Tickets are available at present time. \$35 per ticket price.

New Fund Raiser : (chair= Deedee Boysen) McAlister Community Nite set for November 28.

Board Meeting : Tue October 16 at AmericInn

General Meeting : next one is Thur October 25 at Hilton

Old Business: An update on the Governor's Seminar that was held Sept 21-23 in Denver. Deedee Boysen ( Area 2 chair) , Angela Ver Ploeg (District PR committee co-chair) and Evelyn Haskell (former governor)represented Laramie Club.

New Business: 50/50 Raffle won by Martha .