

Zonta Club of Laramie General Membership Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2013

Held at Hilton Garden Inn. After a delicious dinner and chat, the meeting began with a special program honoring Amelia Earhart which was presented by Nevada, Angela and Karol. A second presentation was done by a guest Denise Parrish of Zonta Club of Cheyenne, informing us of the Cheyenne Club's "ladies night out" event which will be on March 1 and include a speaker, dinner and shopping. Tickets are \$45

Call to order : 6:46 PM

Secretary's report: approved

Treasurers reports : approved and filed for audit

Membership Committee: Newest member is Taylor Burke. In January there was a new member social and a new member orientation. Both were excellent events. Kudos to Kathy Galster for being recognized in a nice article in the Laramie Boomerang.

Public Relations: Next meeting is January 30 at 5:15PM at 715 Grand Ave.

Advocacy/UN: Wear color red for Heart Disease awareness on Feb 1. Wear orange to Zonta meetings for "Zonta Says No" awareness of violence against women. More info on the Zonta Says No campaign to follow in upcoming months. Also Katie Hogarty will be tracking legislation that affects women and giving the club information. Each member may choose to contact their legislatures on any issues that they feel they want to voice an opinion.

Suited for Success: One client used the program last month. One donor who made a very nice donation of clothing. Next Tue is a Suited For Success committee meeting at 5:15 at the Elks Club. Beth gave a very humorous presentation about examples of clothes that are appropriate for donation to Suited for Success and which ones are best to be donated directly to the Nu2u account.

Climb Wyoming: Katie Hogarty gave report and states that the training program started last week for the newest class. Graduation will be in April. They will be visiting Suited for Success in mid-Feb. Katie gave status report about Climb Wyoming program.

Scholarship : Each scholarship defined. Amelia Earhart is for a PHD candidate in astronomy or aerospace. No local funds but can nominate candidate for district selection. JM Klausman: for woman pursuing their bachelors degree in business. Young Women in Public Affairs: scholarship for high school women in leadership, political affairs, volunteerism. Looking to make this a funded local scholarship for next fiscal year. Young Woman of Promise is for outstanding candidates pursuing a bachelors degree. LCCC endowment: No action on this award for past several years. Will be looking further into this.

Birthing Kits: Becky gave report. The kits will be going to Nicaragua and Haiti that were made last year.

Salvation Army : (Christmas season bell ringing): Patty reported that our group brought in over \$500 for Salvation Army during our bell ringing time period.

Iverson Holiday Open House: Mary thanked everyone who participated and told how nice the event was for the community.

Style Show recap: Net income was \$6,162

New Fundraiser committee: McAlister's recap: \$200 raised from Nov 28 Community Night

ZIFoundation Fundraiser: Bonnie, Mary and Charlotte gave an awesome and moving presentation about this fundraiser which is a "Tribute Gift Donations" . Go to the website and be directed to this opportunity to further benefit ZI charities.

Rose Day: Meeting is Thur Jan 31 at Family Care Clinic at 5:30 PM for committee. Event will be Monday March 4. Rose Day order forms will be available soon via email. Orders will be due by Feb 15.

Board meeting: next meeting will be Feb 19 at Spring Wind conference room

General Meeting : next general meeting will be Feb 28 at Hilton Garden Inn

Old Business: Becky led the discussion regarding how to handle RSVP for meetings regarding who plans to eat and who does not and what to do if a member RSVP's yes and fails to come for the dinner. Decision made that members will RSVP to Becky even if they have indicated via facebook and other avenues that they plan to attend. Notifying Becky is the official RSVP. Members will be held responsible for their RSVP by paying for their dinner if they do not show after saying they plan to eat dinner. If only planning on attending meeting but not eating dinner, let Becky know that. Since many members are now opting to not eat , we need accountability in order to accurately notify Hilton and have their numbers match Zonta numbers .

New Business: Membership informed that a few years ago the mission statement was erroneously verbally changed to the fact that the mission is for "women and children". In reality the mission of Zonta remains " to enhance the status of women"

New board appointment: As Evelyn Haskell has moved to Ohio, Winter Hanson is joining the board in her director position. Lori Kirk has joined the Service committee as replacement for Evelyn on that committee.

Z-Club: Tamara will chair . A meeting will be next Thur at 6pm