

Zonta Club of Laramie
General Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2013
Hilton Garden Inn

- I. **Program:** Wendy King introduced Dona Playton. Ms. Playton is a lawyer and runs the University of Wyoming Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Program. Ms. Playton gave a wonderful presentation on the dynamics of domestic violence.
- II. **Call to Order:** President Kosach called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.
- III. **Review Agenda:** no questions or concerns were raised by the club. The meeting was unanimously approved to continue.
- IV. **Secretary's Report:** President Kosach noted the minutes from the September 26, 2013 meeting were on the tables for the club to review. Ms. Bohnet moved to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Parsons. The minutes were unanimously approved by the club.
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** Ms. King noted that there was an inadvertent oversight when preparing the budget for this fiscal year. There were no funds allocated to the Advocacy Committee. At the Board meeting, this error was remedied and the Advocacy Committee now has money budgeted for this fiscal year. Ms. Reisch noted that the only activity in the Foundation Account were some t-shirt sales. The financial statements were approved to be filed for audit.
- VI. **Standing Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Membership:** Ms. Boysen reported that there will be a membership social on November 4th. The Committee still needs a few more Zontians to volunteer to be Zonta Players for the play during the social. The Committee will also be collecting canned food at the membership social to be donated to the soup kitchen. Ms. Zmolek (formerly Ms. McKee) reported that the New Z's will be having a self-defense class on November 14th at Blossom Yoga.
 - b. **Advocacy:** Ms. King had a statistic that one in four women have experienced domestic violence. Ms. Bauman gave a recap of the candlelight vigil, and noted that we had 12% participation, which was up from last year. The Committee will be accepting items to donate to the local shelter at the November meeting, as well as this meeting. Ms. Bauman is requesting members change their Facebook profile picture to orange and their cover photo to the "eye" picture in support of the "Zonta Says No" campaign. The Committee is also handing out orange ribbons to wear in support of this campaign.

- c. **Public Relations:** Ms. Bohnet reported the new newsletter is on the tables. She also reported the Zonta Club of Laramie Facebook group will be used to congratulate Zontians and share member news. Ms. Boysen congratulated Ms. Bohnet because she has been selected to help District 12 train other Zonta clubs to use Facebook. Ms. Bohnet was also honored at the District 12 Meeting for having such a wonderful Facebook page.
- d. **Scholarship:** President Kosach reported that Lori Lewis had been selected as one of twelve winners of the Zonta International Jean M. Klausman Scholarship. The international scholarship was for \$7,000.
- e. **ZI Ambassadors:** Ms. Mountain reported that the Club will be doing Tributes again this year, and encouraged everyone to donate. The Zonta Club of Laramie had one of the highest donation totals for District 12 last year.
- f. **Suited For Success:** Ms. Schumaker reported that there will be a work day on November 3rd, and sent around a sign-up sheet for people to sign-up and help.
- g. **Service Committee:** no report.
- h. **Z Club:** Ms. Bretting reported that the club is going well, and one of the ideas that they have is to throw a “Baby Shower” for the SAFE Project.
- i. **New Z’s:** Ms. Zmolek had no additions as the self-defense class was previously mentioned.
- j. **Club History/Archives:** Ms. Boysen reported that the Committee is working on notebooks for the club history. She passed around one of the completed notebooks. Ms. Boysen is requesting that if anyone has other items to add to the Archives, let her know.
- k. **CLIMB:** Ms. Hodges reported that graduation was two weeks ago and Ms. Jaramillo was a speaker. There were ten graduates.
- l. **Holiday Open House:** Ms. Mountain reported the Holiday Open House will be December 14th and 15th at the Iverson Mansion. She is requesting that the Club donate cookies.
- m. **Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Ms. Butler reported the Club will be ringing the bell at Kmart on December 14th from 10-4.
- n. **Style Show:** Ms. Bader reported that the contract to hold the event at the Hilton Garden Inn was approved by the Board and signed. The Committee will be having a meeting next week.
- o. **Holiday High Tea:** Ms. Ockers reported that the Holiday High Tea will be held December 7th from 2-4 at the Iverson Home for Ladies. She has tickets available, and they are \$20.
- p. **Rose Day:** no report.

q. **5K:** Ms. French reported that they are tentatively planning a Mother's Day 5k.

VII. **New Business:**

a. **Golden Z's:** President Kosach reported that Ms. Steiner has agreed to head this club, but she needs at least three more volunteers. Ms. King, Ms. Parsons, and Ms. Jaramillo volunteered to assist Ms. Steiner.

VIII. **Old Business:**

a. **Secretary Vacancy:** President Kosach reported Ms. Hellevang has agreed to be the Secretary once Ms. Hauser leaves. Ms. Mountain has agreed to cover for Ms. Hellevang if she is unavailable. President Kosach reported this has been approved by the Board.

IX. **Announcements:** Ms. Bretting is pregnant! Ms. Erickson has a friend who is a dog sitter if anyone needs one. Ms. Ocker's daughter Kelly is pregnant and is due around Christmas.

X. **50-50 Raffle:** Ms. Bretting won the raffle.

XI. **Adjournment:** there was no further business to discuss and no objection to adjourning the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.