

Zonta Club of Laramie
General Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2013
Hilton Garden Inn

- I. **Call to Order:** President Kosach called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
- II. **Scholarship Recipients:** President Kosach introduced the recipients of the club scholarships. The Young Women of Promise Scholarship winner was Shaylyn Sheaffer. Ms. Sheaffer is a senior at the University of Wyoming double majoring in Speech Pathology and Spanish. She hopes to go on to graduate school in a bilingual cultural program.

The Jean M. Klausman Scholarship winner was Lori Lewis. Ms. Lewis is majoring in Accounting, and hopes to sit for the CPA Exam in the spring. Ms. Lewis also won the scholarship at the district level, and has been forwarded to the international level.
- III. **Donation Recipients:** Ms. Hellevang and Ms. Kirk introduced the recipients of the club donations. Carol Miyake from Laramie County Community College (LCCC) gave an update on a scholarship recipient who was able to get her GED and is now in nursing school.

Katie Hogarty from CLIMB Wyoming introduced a CLIMB Wyoming graduate, Kira Olson. Ms. Olson shared her story.

Kaisha McCutchan from Big Brothers Big Sisters shared her story.

Becca Fisher from the SAFE Project gave an update on what the donated funds are being used for. The SAFE Project is currently updating their facilities.

Charlotte While from Laramie Reproductive Health was unable to attend the meeting, but sends a “big thank you.”

Ms. Kirk reminded the club that she needs members to email her their service hours for the last fiscal year.
- IV. **Review Agenda:** no questions or concerns were raised by the club. Ms. Bohnet moved to accept the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntington. The meeting was unanimously approved to continue.
- V. **Guests:** Ms. Darwin introduced Catherine Wagner, who works in the Iverson Memorial Hospital Business Office. Ms. Schumaker introduced Nikki Perschino, who is a medical assistant.
- VI. **Secretary’s Report:** President Kosach noted the minutes from the May 23, 2013 meeting were on the tables for the club to review. Ms. Davis moved to accept the minutes as

submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bretting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the club.

- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Reisch noted that there was not a lot of activity in the Foundation account. Ms. Reisch and Ms. King reported both the Club Account and the Foundation Account have been audited, and are ready for the fiscal year. The financial statements were approved to be filed for audit.

VIII. **Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. **Membership:** Ms. McKee reported that in June there was a family picnic, and in July there was a social. There is a membership social planned for November 4th with the theme "Fall Into Zonta." The membership committee will be collecting canned food donations at this social to be donated to the soup kitchen. Ms. McKee also reported that the New Z's will be having a self-defense class on November 14th at Blossom Yoga.
- b. **Advocacy:** Ms. Bauman gave an overview of the advocacy committee. There is a candlelight vigil on October 17th at the Alice Hardy Stevens Center to bring awareness to domestic violence. At the October and November General meetings, Ms. Bauman will be taking donations of food, diapers, feminine products, etc. to donate to women in need. November 25th is the kick-off date for the "Zonta Says No" campaign. She requests that members change their Facebook page pictures to pure orange during the "Zonta Says No" campaign to bring awareness to violence against women.
- c. **Public Relations:** Ms. Bohnet reported the new newsletter is on the tables.
- d. **Scholarship:** no report as the Scholarship recipients spoke earlier in the meeting.
- e. **ZI Ambassadors:** Ms. Davis and Ms. Mountain reported that there will be exciting news in the future.
- f. **Suited For Success:** Ms. Schumaker reported that there were two big donations during the summer. The committee is planning a day to organize the closet, but the date has not been finalized.
- g. **Service Committee:** no report as the Donation recipients spoke earlier in the meeting.
- h. **Z Club:** Ms. Fournier reported that there was an introduction potluck over the summer. The Z's are planning to hand out candy during Safe Treat, but they need a location downtown. During their September meeting, Ms. Bader spoke. Ms. Huntington volunteered to speak at their October meeting. The Z Club has also set up a NU2U account that members can donate to.
- i. **New Z's:** Ms. McKee passed out a flyer for the self-defense class on November 14th.
- j. **Club History/Archives:** Ms. Darwin reported that Ms. Davis, Ms. Robertson (Beth), Ms. Boysen, Ms. Thomas, and herself are the members of this new committee. They are

working on collecting and organizing club materials into scrapbooks and making sure they are archive safe. Ms. Darwin asked if anyone has stuff to contribute, contact her. District is requesting a written history of the club, which they are working on.

- k. **CLIMB:** Ms. Hodges reported that the next commencement is October 9th at 6:30pm. There will be ten women graduating, and all ten currently have jobs. Ms. Hodges also reported that Laramie has the highest rate of CLIMB graduates.
 - l. **Style Show:** Ms. Bader reported that the committee is currently working on getting a location for the Style Show. They are planning on having the show on January 10th, with the theme “New Year, New You.” Leaning towards not having a silent auction this year, instead having vendor booths for local businesses. Ms. Bader reported that they need more help and need more members to join this committee.
 - m. **Holiday High Tea:** President Kosach reported that this will be held December 7th from 2-4 at the Iverson Home for Ladies.
 - n. **Rose Day:** Ms. Frazier reported it’s on March 10th.
 - o. **5K:** President Kosach reported that they are looking at May 11th for a possible date.
 - p. **District 12 Conference:** President Kosach reported that the conference will be October 4-6 in Canon City, Colorado. Ms. Bohnet and Ms. Bauman have agreed to be delegates. Ms. Mountain moved to accept the delegates. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boysen. The delegates were unanimously approved by the club. Ms. Frazier has agreed to be an alternate delegate. The alternate delegate was noted.
- IX. **New Business:**
- a. **Secretary Vacancy:** President Kosach reported that Ms. Hauser is leaving to relocate to Jackson. Therefore, the Secretary position will be vacant after the November General Meeting. A replacement has not been found. A few members were suggested for the position, and President Kosach will get in touch with those members.
 - b. **Membership Directories:** President Kosach thanked Ms. Bauman for all her hard work on putting together the directories.
- X. **Old Business:** none to report.
- XI. **Announcements:** Ms. Reisch got a new job as the Executive Scheduler for the President of the University of Wyoming. Ms. Hauser got a new job as CPA in Jackson, Wyoming.
- XII. **50-50 Raffle:** Ms. Harsha won the raffle.
- XIII. **Adjournment:** there was no further business to discuss and no objection to adjourning the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.