

MINUTES
Zonta Club of Laramie
April General Meeting
Grand Avenue Pizza
April 27, 2017

I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order by President Wendy King at 6:03 PM.

II. **SECRETARY'S REPORT.** Tamara Bretting moved to accept the minutes as written. Charlotte Davis seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Lori reminded the club members present to pay their dues before the meeting ended. No budget reports were provided. Lori said she would e-mail the club report the next day. Katie Ogden did not provide a report on the Foundation Account.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS - Committee Reports**

A. **Service.**

1. President Wendy reminded the club that we are still accepting applications for local service program support and that funds will be allocated at the May Board meeting. She asked that club members remind local 501c3 organizations to submit their funding requests.

2. Scholarship Chair Tamara Bretting said that she had not received any applications for the Jane M. Klausman scholarship, and that Claire Yost received the Young Woman in Public Affairs scholarship from our club. Ms. Yost's application was forwarded to the District for further consideration. Tamara also noted that the Woman of Promise Scholarship applications are due at the end of May.

3. Suited for Success. Deedee Boysen discussed cleaning up the Suited for Success studio and said that the Board had approved a Community Give Away Day to give away the clothes that aren't suitable for professional interviews. Deedee purchased the bags with our club logo on them and showed a bag to the club. She further suggested that we plan to do one give-away this summer and another in the fall until the number of clothes in our closet fits our space. During discussion, Jeanetta Schmidt suggested we hold the summer give-away during the Sidewalk Sale that is held downtown every summer. Jeanetta will find out the date and give it to Robynn. Robynn will contact the Elks to determine if that date will work for us to hold our give-away.

4. Care Bags for Climb, Hospital and Safe. Jeanetta brought a sign-up list for club members to identify items that they can bring to fill our care bags. We will assemble the care bags at the May meeting. These care bags will be given to victims of domestic violence. Wendy suggested that we add surgery socks and Robynn will follow up with a contact she knows who might provide the 50 we need. Wendy also shared that some clubs in our area give these care bags to victims of human trafficking.

B. **Advocacy.** Our club would like to distribute/post flyers on human trafficking during Jubilee Days this summer. Robyn and Jeanetta both have connections with the Jubilee Days Committee and will seek their approval before we move forward with the flyers. If approved, we will begin work on the flyer and how it will be distributed.

C. **Membership.**

1. Nominating Committee. Tasha reported the slate of officers and noted that we still need to fill the Club Treasurer position and two of the Nominating Committee positions. The slate she presented is:

President: Robynn Levene

President-Elect: Nevada Jackson
Vice President: Katie Ogden
Secretary: Jennifer Stone
Treasurer - Foundation Account: Johnna French
Treasurer - Club Account: Vacant
Nominating Committee: Wendy King, Vacant, Vacant

Directors 2016 - 2018:
Jeanetta Schmidt, Tia Ocampo, Effie Bader

Directors 2017 - 2019
Misty Springer, Alyssa Tekiela, Deedee Boysen (2017)/Robynn Levene (2018)

2. Z Club. Z Club Advisor Tamara Bretting reported that the Z Club is hosting the Cupcake Chase 5K and that proceeds will be sent to sex trafficking victims in Cambodia. Participants will receive a t-shirt and a cupcake. She also reported that they have almost completed 50 kits for the Days for Girls Program and that they wish to host a self defense class for girls.

D. Fundraising. Wendy was unable to connect with Treasurer Katie Ogden and was unable to provide a report on revenue from the Scavenger Hunt event.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal to change bylaws. Deedee Boysen proposed that the club change the language in the club bylaws to include new language that we would meet in June, July and August in addition to the meetings in September - May. Tamara Bretting made a motion to approve the summer meetings. Effie Bader seconded the motion. There was some discussion in support of why the additional meetings were beneficial to the club, and the motion received unanimous approval. Club meetings will continue on the fourth Thursday of the month throughout the summer. One of those summer dates will include the membership social.

B. May Meeting. President Wendy told the group that there will be committee sign-up sheets at the May meeting, along with the induction of the new officers. She also said we will talk further discuss the summer advocacy project.

C. Upcoming Dates. President Wendy invited the club to participate in the Sue Wedel Memorial Walk for Interfaith on April 30th, then shared the dates of the May Board Meeting and the General Meeting. She reminded the group that all are welcome to attend the Board Meetings if they wish.

D. Service Hours. Effie asked that everyone send her the hours they spent in service this year. She needs them for the Annual Report.

E. Membership Ceremony. Tia Ocampo and Tasha Bauman from the Membership Committee recognized each Zontian for her years in Zonta with a certificate, and thanked them for all the service and good fellowship they had provided during the past year. Photos were taken of the members present.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned by President Wendy at 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Deedee Boysen, standing in for Secretary Jennifer Stone