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Zonta Club of Laramie
September General Meeting
September 27, 2018
Corona Village

In Attendance: Jennifer Stone, Wendy King, Effie Bader, Jane Thomas, Charlotte Davis, Alyssa Tekiela, Johnna French, Tamara Bretting, Robynn Palmer, Erin Bohnet, Eileen Torok, Tasha Bauman, Emma Jo Spiegelberg, Deedee Boysen, Tessa Cedillo, Martha Reisch, Michaela Rank

Guests: Fawn Johnson

1. **Call to order** by Jennifer Stone, 6:00pm
2. **Welcome Visitors**
 - a. Returning members, new members, and visitors were recognized/introduced.
 - b. Scholarship Maggie Clerkin thanked the club for their support, and told us about her experiences so far at the University of Wyoming.
3. **Secretary's Report:** by Tamara Bretting - The August 2018 General Meeting Minutes were emailed to the club by Tamara Bretting. No corrections were suggested from the group. Tasha moved to accept, Alyssa seconded. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** by Wendy: foundation and club accounts are to date. No new information to report.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Advocacy:** by Wendy
 - i. Focus this month: Let Us Learn Madagascar. We took a moment to read through the project in our Handbooks and discuss the impact this project will have for girls in Madagascar.
 - ii. We discussed the plan to continue focusing on one ZI project each meeting to keep it fresh in our minds where the ZI money goes when we pay dues and raise funds.
 - b. **Service Committee:** by Tamara Bretting
 - i. **Z Club:** The Z Club has been working hard on their Days for Girls project, well on their way to creating 50 hygiene kits for girls in Kenya. They are looking for more fabric, so any club members who have extra fabric at home, please bring that. The club will once again be hosting a site at the LHS Trunk-or-Treat event. Please bring candy to the next general meeting so the girls will have plenty to distribute at the event. Diaper drive at

Ridley's the weekend before Thanksgiving, please come buy some diapers for the event and donate them to the Z Club to be distributed to many organizations around Laramie.

- ii. **Spark:** Jennifer – There has been a bit of a location road block with this event. We are having a hard time finding the space for it. Judge Kricken is busy, but still working with us to make the event happen.
- iii. **Suited for Success:** Alyssa: We are working with Climb to attempt a more permanent “Pop up for Success” location. Girls/women who see the rack there will then also see an advertisement for the Suited for success program and be able to contact a club member for access.
- iv. **Book Club/Movie Night:** Alyssa would like to continue organizing our alternating book club and movie night. Our first event of this year will be the movie “Hidden Figures” on October 18, 6pm at Johnna's home. Please bring snacks and be ready to create some scrapbooks for our historian projects. We have a rich history preserved already at the Heritage Center, and we need to continue that record keeping. Our book for the first book club will be American Child Bride, by Nicholas L. Syrett.

c. Membership: by Tasha Bauman and Erin Bohnet

- i. Directory Update: New today! Please note the important dates are in the directory. There are two corrections: Tessa's address and EmmaJo's address.
- ii. Membership Social: November 13th at Martha's, 6pm. Denise Parish (District Advocacy Chair) will be there to speak with us!
- iii. Members: we are at 24 right now! Keep up the good work!

d. Fundraising: Jennifer Stone:

- i. Planning for the fiscal year and discussion of fundraising projects. We need to fund 3 scholarships at \$500 each, grants to the community, and potentially send money to ZI. The fundraising goal would be \$3000 to cover these needs.
- ii. Ideas: Pumpkin Raffle this fall, limited tickets, cash prize plus donated prizes (more information coming). Sales of items at the Area meeting we host in the spring. Pairing of Rose Day and Honor a Woman (picture wall idea) in March. Potentially a “Galentines Day” event. Paint parties and an Ivinson Mansion Brunch to honor women were also brought up as potential events (with smaller potential to raise funds).

6. New Business:

- a. Schedule of Speakers/Events for the year: A sketch of the year's events, speakers, fundraisers... was created by the group. Here is an approximation of that work:
 - i. **October:** Movie Night (see above), Domestic Violence Awareness, Governor's Seminar (we have 5 members going!), Membership Presentation, Fundraiser: Pumpkin Raffle
 - ii. **November:** Induction of New Members, Zonta Says No, Membership Social (see above), Pop Up Paint Party (social/fundraiser)?
 - iii. **December:** Christmas Party, Ivinson Open House (see below)
 - iv. **January:** Amelia Earhart (Z Club presentation and update), advertise for service grants
 - v. **February:** Budget Proposals, Speaker: ?, Galentine's Day, Honor a Woman Photos?
 - vi. **March:** Requests for Service Money, International Women's Day Activity (brunch?), Rose Day?
 - vii. **April:** Induction of New Members, Slate of New Officers (vote), Area 2 Meeting in Laramie (April 6)

viii. May: Induction of new officers, Service money awarded, End of Year Report due, Zontian of the Year presented by last year's winner, Alyssa.

ix. June: Scholarships awarded

7. Old Business:

- a.** Grants to organizations follow up: \$100 to SAFE
- b.** Membership dues for 30 and under: up to date in the handbook.
- c.** Iverson Open House: December 8th (2:30-6:30) and 9th (12:30-4:30). We are helping again.
- d.** International Women's Day event for 100 Celebration: Still working on this, with a brunch honoring women as a potential event for us.
- e.** Christmas Party Date: 12/2, or 12/16, we'll keep working on this.

8. Open Discussion: Alyssa reported a Heart Mother's Breakfast benefit, part of the funds raised will be used to help bring Alyssa to Cambodia to meet her Heart Daughter! This will be October 20th, please come support.

9. Adjourn: 7:18pm by Jennifer Stone