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education and training they need to achieve  
economic empowerment.*

## Business Meeting Minutes    Approved

### MEETING PLACE AND TIME:

The business meeting of Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at Garden Villa Cafe, 196 Cohasset Rd., Chico, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:01 p.m. Other members present were Melanie Austen, Lisa Fitzgerald, Sheron Box, Linda Lucena, Carol Johnson, Dawn McDonald, Cathy Gurney, Maxine Guynn, Kim Sayers, Cha Cha (Traci Williams), Della Miller, Sarah Fry, Gayle Luna, Yvette Sanfilippo, Susan Bandstra, Sue Johnston, Valerie Miller, Daran Goodsell, Dina Volenski, Celeste Garcia, Sherry Holbrook, Angie Little, Tricia (Patricia) Homesley, Judi Merlo, and one guest in attendance.

### PLEDGE:

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"When Women support each other, incredible things happen. ( International Women's day 2018)

### HAPPY BUCKS

### MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, were distributed via email and available at the meeting. There were 3 corrections and the minutes were approved as corrected.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie Austen emailed and reviewed at the meeting the September 30, 2019 report. There was a total balance of \$63,998.91 which includes restricted funds received for the Camp Fire Fund in the amount of \$17,629.93 as well as \$300.00 being held for the S Club, leaving an available funds balance of \$46,068.98. Hearing no objections, the report will be filed for review.

### PROGRAM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- President Babette installed two new members: Daran Goodsell and Tricia Homesley. Welcome!

- The Membership Chair, Immediate Past President Angie Little has scheduled a new member orientation meeting for October 15, 2019 at the Broadway Heights restaurant at 5:30pm. There will be another orientation for those who were unable to attend this one.

#### LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD COMMITTEE

- President Babette reported that we still have just one candidate and committee chair, Marie Hartman, is in the process of contacting prior winners to find out if they are still attending school and if they have additional needs that we may be able to assist with.

#### BREW FEST COMMITTEE

- Chair Sheron reported that hard tickets will be available before Christmas for anyone who would like to give them as Christmas gifts.

#### CAMP FIRE COMMITTEE

- Committee member Judi reported that 2 potential recipients have been identified and that our SIBR website has a link to apply for assistance.

#### DREAM IT BE IT COMMITTEE

- President Babette announced that SI Chico and SI Orland will be assisting once again for our next program.

#### FAIRVIEW HIGHSCHOOL COMMITTEE

- Chair Judi reported that the bus passes, which the club has in previous years provided to the students, have been requested once again by the school.

#### FOCUS COMMITTEE

- Chair Sarah Fry reported that the committee has met and they have 3 good ideas to start pursuing.

#### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- President Babette reported that new member Daran Goodsell has signed up to be part of this committee - thank you!
- The Silent Disco hard tickets are still being sold for the October 11, 2019 event. The Tipsy Horse Beverage vendor will have water as well as Beer and Wine. Club members are needed to do set-up from 5-6:00 pm and clean up from 10-11:00 pm. Marisellas taco truck will be the food vendor.

#### ANTI TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE

- Chair Linda Lucena reported that the committee has met via electronic media and the "Circle of 6" app information cards will be distributed October 9, 2019 to the Panhellenic Counsel at Chico State. The next meeting of this will be October 11, 2019 at 9:30 am at the Upper Crust Bakery in Chico.

#### HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

- Co-Chair Yvette reported that the committee has met to discuss the annual Canned Food Drive and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of December will be the drop-off date for the items; members are encouraged to bring canned goods to all club meetings in November and December and give them to any committee member: Co-Chair Yvette SanFilippo, Co-Chair Gayle Luna, Maxine Guynn, Sue Johnston, Susan Bandstra.
- The Sabbath house budget for this year is \$1,500.00 and the committee is working to get a list of items from the director by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The shopping excursion will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December and the gift wrapping will be at Gayle's home once again.
- The committee is also checking with other transitional houses that SIBR has worked with in the past to see if there are additional needs this year.

#### SANTA PROJECT COMMITTEE

- Chair Susan reported that the committee has met and are working on details. They do need to find a Santa for this year, so any suggestions are appreciated.

#### S-CLUB COMMITTEE

- Chair Maxine reported that she met with the club recently and notified them of the money collected on their behalf at the District 1 meeting, totaling \$171.00, from the Happy Bucks donated by the clubs in attendance.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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- The small storage unit at Guy Rents Mini Storage has been emptied and the keys turned in.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

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- The SIBR board recommended a donation of \$100.00 to be sent to the new SI South Yuba City club to satisfy the Regional obligation for clubs, as outlined in the Sierra Nevada Region bylaws. The "charter party" and installation of new officers will be held November 15, 2019 in Wheatland; more info regarding the event is in the SNR e-blast.
- SI Chico has invited all SIBR members, to attend their SUDS on November 7, 2019, at The Commons Social Emporium.
- Members Kim Sayers and Dina Volinski have volunteered to help charter a new SI club in Oroville, CA and they would like a few members to join their committee. Cha Cha (Traci Williams) volunteered at the meeting. More members are desired and welcome.
- President Elect Linda welcomes any members suggestions for speakers for the meeting in January, February, April, and May.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

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- Secretary Kim reported that the correspondence received for this period was all District Meeting related, mostly registration forms and checks.

CALENDAR:

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- October 22, 2019 - Speaker meeting
- November 5, 2019 - Board meeting
- November 6, 2019 - Camp Fire Committee meeting
- November 7, 2019 - SUDS with SI Chico, The Commons Social Emporium, on Park Avenue
- November 12, 2019 - Business Meeting
- November 15, 2019 - SISYC charter party in Wheatland
- November 15, 2019 - Deadlines: LYD applications; IRS Form 990; State of Cal form 199 and RRF-1; SNR officer nominations for 2020-2022
- November 26, 2019 - SIBR member social (location tba) in lieu of speaker meeting
- December 10, 2019 - Business meeting
- December 12, 2019 - Santa Project , Dorothy Johnson Center
- December 17, 2019 - SIBR member Christmas party. (no speaker meeting in Dec)

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.  
Kim Sayers, Secretary