SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL BIDWELL RANCHO BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 13TH 2018 PANIGHETTI'S EATERY CHICO CA

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by President Angie Little

<u>Those in attendance</u>: Members- Angie Little, Babette Maiss, Sarah Fry, Quinn Mendez, Yvette Sanfilippo, Maxine Guynn, Celeste Garcia, Kathy Gurney, Venita Tuter, Melanie Austen, Dawn McDonald, Sally Mendez, Judy Merlo, Linda Lucena, Della Miller, Karen Marlatt

Pledge of Allegiance led by Angie Little

<u>Thought for the day</u> given by Angie Little "If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it" Erma Bombeck

<u>Moment of SOLT</u> given by Angie Little - On our SIBR website utilize our links to Anti-Trafficking. "Soroptimist Stop Trafficking"-takes you to great information.

Happy Bucks

<u>Approval of minutes</u> from February Business meeting- no corrections, no additions, minutes approved as circulated

Approval of Treasurer's Report-Filed as distributed for Review

Program/Committee Reports-

<u>Focus</u>-Angie/Sarah-From the 2017 Focus Committee, one of the award recipients Promotores (affiliated with CHIP Housing) sent a thank you for our donation. The group purchased sewing machines and notions and will sell the products, aprons, tortilla warmers, shawls as a fundraiser.

<u>Special Events</u>-Maxine-Awards Dinner March 27th at UNWINED on Mangrove. This is listed on the Calendar on our SIBR website

Dream It Be It-Babette-Our Club will be partnering with SI Chico on this project "Discovery of Your Dreams" "How to Deal with Failure" Working with students at Fairview High School, 27 students have signed up. Beginning April 4th both Clubs, then we will alternate Wednesdays with SI Chico. Our Dates: April 4th, 18th, May 2nd and both clubs on May 16th. Volunteers from our club are needed on our dates from 1:45-3:15. Sign up to volunteer on the calendar on our website with Sign-up Genius. On March 28th the students would like to meet our volunteers at 2:00 at the school. When you arrive on campus remember to sign in at the office. Committee meeting March 15th 5:45 at Babette's office.

<u>Success Center</u> - Quinn Mendez, the Success Center is in a dedicated classroom at Fairview HS/Alternative Education. The room is approximately 430 sq. feet. It will be used to counsel at risk youth, such as those that are at risk for Sex Trafficking. \$1300. of the funds donated by our club have been utilized so far. Cleaning and painting materials, table and 6 chairs for small group meetings, area rug, shelving. The donated funds were accessed through the North Valley Community Foundation. A ribbon cutting will be in April. Our club will be notified when the date is set so that we may attend. Quinn Mendez is a counselor at the school and works with Nancy Medina-Social Worker/Case Manager. For continuous needs Nancy reaches out to organizations including her church. Quinn will reach out to SIBR member Lisa Fitzgerald regarding advice on a press release.

<u>Microbrewfest</u> - Angie gave a brief report in Sheron's absence. Raffle prizes are needed. Both Linda and Judi will take raffle donations. Babette will send out an email to club members with the non-profit # to give to donors of raffle prizes or food donations.

Unfinished Business

<u>SNR Conference-</u> Lip Sync Battle-Sally has volunteered to take charge of this.

<u>SNR Project-</u> Dress A Girl- Sewn by a group of our club members, 38 dresses near completion and 7 more out to be made.

New Business

<u>Girls on the Run</u> (GOTR) has requested a grant from us. Our club will fund scholarships for 4 girls \$125. each, \$500. Total

<u>Pioneer Day Parade</u>-Saturday May 5th, Angie will sign us up, S Club may participate with us this year, Cathy may be able to supply a tractor

Correspondence - none to report

Calendar-refer to calendar on our website

Meeting adjourned- at 7:05 by President Angie Little

Minutes respectfully submitted by-

Linda Lucena, substituting for Lisa Fitzgerald