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Business Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE AND TIME:

The business meeting of Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at Garden Villa Cafe, 196 Cohasset Rd., Chico, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:05 p.m. Other members present were Melanie Austen, Lisa Fitzgerald, Linda Lucena, Carol Johnson, Dawn McDonald, Cathy Gurney, Maxine Guynn, Kim Sayers, Della Miller, Sarah Fry, Gayle Luna, Yvette Sanfilippo, Susan Bandstra, Sue Johnston, Valerie Miller, Celeste Garcia, Sherry Holbrook, Judi Merlo, Sally Mendez and guest, Pam Shelton.

PLEDGE:

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It is not joy that makes us grateful, it is Gratitude that makes us joyful." Brother David Steindl-Rast

HAPPY BUCKS

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, were distributed via email and available at the meeting. There was 1 correction and the minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie Austen reviewed at the meeting the October 31, 2019 report. There was a total balance of \$64,934.45 which includes restricted funds received for the Camp Fire Fund in the amount of \$21,083.43 as well as \$471.00 being held for the S Club, leaving an available funds balance of \$43,380.02. Hearing no objections, the report will be filed for review.

PROGRAM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARD COMMITTEE

- President Babette reported that we now have two applicants for the award.

BREW FEST COMMITTEE

- Pres Babette distributed hard tickets, 10 to each member, for the 2020 event in order to have some available before Christmas for anyone who would like to give them as Christmas gifts.
- Pres Babette will post the availability of tickets for Cyber Monday.

CAMP FIRE COMMITTEE

- Committee Chair Sally Mendez offered Kudos to member Judi Merlo for her hard work in helping with the review of applicants and final disbursements of funds. Six applicants were attained through Youth for Change with Judi's help. School supplies, food, clothing, bedding were the only requests on the applications. A Card with checks were given to the recipients. Youth for Change will add additional gift cards to the greeting cards. All funds have now been distributed from the Camp Fire fund.
- Congratulations and a very big Thank You! from the entire SIBR club.

DREAM IT BE IT COMMITTEE

- President Babette announced that the first meeting of the DIBI committee will be on November 22, 2019, at La Comida restaurant: 12:45 p.m.

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 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 had productive meetings and they are reviewing multiple projects.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- Pres Babette gave the Silent Disco final report was a net profit of \$846.85 for inaugural event. And it may be something that we do another time.

HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

- Co-Chair Yvette reported that an email was sent out to members asking for donations for the annual Canned Food Drive. Members are encouraged to bring canned goods to any club meeting/event prior to December 12, which is the drop off date, 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 1st. The shopping excursion will be in the 1st week of December and the gift wrapping will be at Gayle's home once again.

SANTA PROJECT COMMITTEE

- Chair Susan reported that the club sign-up sheet is posted on the SIBR website and encouraged all members to have a look and sign up soon. And they do still need to find a Santa for this year, so any suggestions are appreciated.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

- The SIBR holiday party will be on December 17, 2019, with the location tba.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The “charter party” and installation of new officers for the newest SNR club, SI South Yuba City, will be held November 15, 2019 in Wheatland; more info regarding the event is in the SNR e-blast.
- Members Kim Sayers, Dina Volinski, and Cha Cha (Tracy Williams) have volunteered to help charter a new SI club in Oroville, CA and they would like a few members to join their committee. More members are desired and welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The annual Bell Ringing for Salvation Army sign-up sheet was available at the meeting and can also be accessed at the SIBR website. The event will be December 7, 2019. Location tba.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Secretary Kim reported that the only correspondence received for this period was a thank you note from District 3 Director Sue Chambers thanking the club for hosting a great Fall District Meeting.

CALENDAR:

- November 15, 2019 - Deadlines: LYD applications; IRS Form 990; State of Cal form 199 and RRF-1; SNR officer nominations for 2020-2022
- November 15, 2019 - SISYC charter party in Wheatland
- November 22, 2019 - DIBI meeting at La Comida 12:45 p.m.
- November 26, 2019 - SIBR member social at Bill's Towne Lounge - in lieu of speaker meeting
- December 3, 2019 - Board Meeting
- December 7, 2019 - Bell Ringing - location tba
- December 10, 2019 - Business meeting - Micro Brewfest Brainstorming
- December 12, 2019 - Santa Project , Dorothy Johnson Center
- December 17, 2019 - SIBR member holiday party - location tba (no speaker meeting in Dec) with Gift Exchange - \$20.00 limit.

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
Kim Sayers, Secretary