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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF

BIDWELL RANCHO

## Business Meeting Minutes Approved

### MEETING PLACE AND TIME:

The business meeting of Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, via Zoom digital conferencing. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:01 p.m. Other members present were Gayle Luna, Maxine Guynn, Lisa Fitzgerald, Judi Merlo, Dawn McDonald, Susan Bandstra, Dina Volenski, Sheron Box, Kim Sayers, Yvette Sanfilippo, Melanie Austen, and Angie Little.

### PLEDGE:

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.” - Anonymous

### HAPPY BUCKS

### MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, were distributed via email. There was one correction and the minutes were approved as corrected.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie submitted via email the treasurer's report for March 30, 2020. The report reflected an ending balance of \$33,835.93 which included restricted funds of \$471.00, belonging to the S Club. Hearing no objections, the report will be filed for review.

### PROGRAM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### DREAM IT BE IT COMMITTEE

- This program has been canceled for this year due to the COVID-19 health emergency and the closure of the schools. Chair Babette would like to give the t-shirts and swag bags to the girls who were already participating anyway.

#### BREW FEST COMMITTEE

- Committee Chair Sheron Box and President Babette explained the SIBR Board recommendation to postpone the 25th fundraiser until June 5, 2021 due to all of the uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Chair Sheron checked with the Elk's to try and secure a date later in 2020, but no dates were available and the food vendors participation is not looking promising. The ticket sales have stopped entirely, and there is so much uncertainty at this point, it does not make sense to start ordering glasses and supplies for this year's fundraiser. There was much discussion and motion was made and seconded to approve the postponement. HOWEVER, due to the fact that there was not a quorum attending this meeting, an electronic vote will have to be forwarded to the entire club with President Babette receiving the votes. The results will be sent to the club immediately afterward. Ticket holders will be able to keep the 2020 tickets to use next year or they can request a refund. Pres Babette will update the SIBR website as soon as the voting results are in. The Elk's has agreed to keep the \$1,000.00 deposit already paid by the club to use for our next contract in 2021.
- The Awards Committee has mailed the recipients checks to them as the annual SIBR Awards Dinner had to be canceled due to the health emergency.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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- The annual Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) conference for 2020 has been cancelled, or possibly postponed. The SNR Conference Committee is going to work with the Atlantis to try and reschedule this event and possibly combine it with the July 7-10 SDR event. More on that as things progress.
- The SIBR delegates have reviewed the resumes for the new SNR officer's and the voting will be done on-line now. The delegates will vote individually at the weblink. Our own Lisa Fitzgerald is running for Governor Elect and Sheron box is running for a second term as SNR treasurer.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

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- SIBR may still have a end-of-year party in June. TBA. Pres Babette has offered her home for a pot luck get together, if the social distancing rules will allow and SIA has lifted their restrictions for club meetings and events.
- The downtown Chico Pioneer Day parade, scheduled for May 2, 2020, has been canceled.
- The May 12, 2020 New Member Mixer will have to be canceled due to the health emergency, however there will still be a member meeting via Zoom.
- Pres Babette emphasized the need for new and difficult fundraisers should the club approve the postponement of the 2020 Brew Fest. She had an idea that she explained for an option with a website that works with non-profits: Bonfire. Pres Babette and member Susan Bandstra explored the site and came up with some options for a few designs for a T-shirt and Mug that will be sold on the site with a percentage being forwarded to SIBR. The club has 6-months to sell 50 shirts and the profit will be \$10.70 per shirt. The sales page will have the SIBR club information and video, and the designs include the Soroptimist logo. A link will be added to the SIBR website and social media.
- Pres Babette also encourages members to come up with other fundraising ideas and forward them to her.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

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Please see attached list of correspondence.

CALENDAR:

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- April 28, 2020 - Speaker Mtg via Zoom
- May 5, 2020 - Board Meeting via Zoom
- May 12, 2020 - Speaker Meeting via Zoom
- May 31, 2020 - Club Giving (SIA) deadline.

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Kim Sayers, Secretary