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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF
BIDWELL RANCHO

*Provide women and girls with access to the
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, February 11, 2020, at Round Table Pizza, 2201 Pillsbury Rd., Chico, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were Pam Shelton, Melanie Austen, Gayle Luna, Cathy Gurney, Betsy Spears, Maxine Guynn, Sherry Holbrook, Della Miller, Sarah Fry, Linda Lucena, Lisa Fitzgerald, Judi Merlo, Dawn McDonald, Susan Bandstra, Sue Johnston, Angie Little, Celeste Garcia, Kim Sayers, Yvette Sanfilippo, and Valerie Miller.

PLEDGE:

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.” - Lao Tzu

HAPPY BUCKS

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, were distributed via email. There was one correction and the minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie Austen presented the treasurer's report. From the beginning balance of \$42,710.32, the report reflected an ending balance of \$35,221.77 which included restricted funds of \$471.00, belonging to the S Club, and \$107.30 remaining from Camp Fire funds. Hearing no objections, the report will be filed for review.

PROGRAM/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ANTI-TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE

- Committee Chair, President-Elect Linda Lucena, informed the club that she was able to attend the Runaway Girl conference and shared a handout - [Pimp Tactics 101](#) with the club. Linda was introduced to a clinician at this conference who works with victims of CSEC (trafficking).
- Chair Linda also attended the quarterly CSEC committee meeting and she let them know that SIBR supports them.
- Linda also attended the “Power of 100+ Women” quarterly meeting and submitted the application from SIBR for the first quarter charitable funding award. SIBR was not chosen this time around but the committee has retained the application for future consideration.

- Thank you, Linda and your committee for all of your good work!

DREAM IT BE IT COMMITTEE

- Committee Chair Babette has listed the first session for the 2020 DIBI program on the SIBR website calendar for **March 11, 2020**. The sessions this year start at 10:50 am and end at 11:40 am and they are once again located at Fairview High School. The speakers for the SIBR sessions are mostly set but the committee is still looking for a speaker for Session #5, Turning Failures into Success. Any members with suggestions are asked to contact the chair or any committee member. Members wishing to attend should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the session.
- Thanks Babette for keeping us on track and doing such a great job with this Dream Program!

BREW FEST COMMITTEE

- Committee Chair Sheron Box, asks that members keep selling tickets for this year's event and reminded everyone that tickets are available on the SIBR website as well. This year there are Designated Driver tickets available at a reduced price. Food trucks at the event are an area of research at this time with a "booth rental" fee for them. The band for the inside area (new this year) has been secured.
- The Homebrew Shop will have a demo at The Galley in Chico in March to demonstrate brewing and they will sell our Brewfest tickets at this event.
- The committee announced that tickets will be made available to local charitable fundraisers as raffle prizes and silent auction donations, 2 tickets and some glasses, a t-shirt, etc., for the first time this year and any members with an event idea are encouraged to contact the committee.
- Chair Sheron asks all members with suggestions of how to make this 25th Anniversary Brewfest special to please email her with your ideas. Lastly, Celeste Garcia is looking for additional members to join her Brewfest Food Service sub-committee to help secure restaurant donations for this year's event.
- Thank you to all of the Brewfest committee members who work so hard to get this huge event organized.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Babette reviewed the activities at the Sierra Nevada Region winter meeting which was viewed on-line for the first time this year and was co-hosted by our very own Lisa Fitzgerald, District 1 Director. Babette gave her Presidents Report and plugged our upcoming fundraisers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Silent Disco Fundraiser is set for April 3, 2020 at 6:00pm. It will be located at the Chico Guild Hall once again and this time we will include our own Beer Garden instead of a beer vendor. Black Noise will be the music/headphones provider once again and there will be food trucks available for food purchases by the attendees. This event will be open to all ages and the tickets will once again be \$20. More details will be finalized and presented to the club.
- The Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) annual conference will be held April 24-26, 2020, at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno, NV once again. Please watch your email in-box for the Call to Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Please see attached list of correspondence.

CALENDAR:

- February 25, 2020 - Speaker Meeting - Skye Adams, Bridging the Gap
- March 1, 2020 - 5 Star Awards due to SNR
- March 3, 2020 - Board Meeting
- March 10, 2020 - Business Meeting
- March 11, 2020 - DIBI starts
- March 24, 2020 - SIBR Awards dinner

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.
Kim Sayers, Secretary