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BIDWELL RANCHO

Business Meeting Minutes Approved

MEETING PLACE AND TIME:

The business meeting of Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, via Zoom digital conferencing. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were SNR Governor Elect Lisa Fitzgerald, Maxine Guynn, Linda Lucena, Judi Merlo, Susan Bandstra, Kim Sayers, Melanie Austen, Pam Shelton, Angie Little, Sue Johnston, Sally Mendez, and Della Miller.

PLEDGE:

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“The start of something New, brings the Hope of something Great!

Anything is possible!” - Anonymous

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, were distributed via email. There was one correction and the minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie reviewed the treasurer's report for August 31, 2020. The report reflected an ending balance of \$25,941.06 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:

OTHER FUNDRAISERS

- Pres Babette reported that the masks that were decided on at the member retreat in August are selling on the BONFIRE site, as well as the “In Training” T-shirts (referencing the 2021 SIBR Micro Brew Festival). She asks that members keep promoting the link to the site. Babette has added the link to the club Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

ANTI TRAFFICKING

- Chair Linda Lucena - in case you were not aware - Linda is also the SNR Stop Trafficking 2020-2022 Coordinator Chair. There are 3 committee members working with her from different areas in the Region: Northern Nevada, Southern Nevada, North East California. Congrats Linda and thank you for all of your work in these efforts. Linda was contacted by a member of SI Woodland recently regarding a

project they are working on to create a list of trafficking resources for SNR clubs. These will include programs to educate ourselves, the public, clinicians, and include resources available for survivors. This list will include national and regional organizations that work to combat Trafficking. Additionally, they will post in the SNR E-blast, or committee report, an update on the criminal trials of the owners of BACKPAGE.COM.

- The SIBR Anti Trafficking committee which is chaired by Linda and includes committee members Sally Mendez, and Pam Shelton, is also getting information for SIBR regarding billboard or bus shelters available to post Anti Trafficking information.
- Members are reminded that SIBR will have a 'movie night' on September 29, 2020, at Babette Maiss home (observing social distancing and mask wearing) to view the movie I am Jane Doe, which is about trafficking victims and the trial of the founders of BACKPAGE.COM. This will probably be a tough film to watch but is very important all the same.

SANTA PROJECT

- Co-Chairs Della Miller and Sue Johnston have met to discuss this year's modified event and they have contacted CARD regarding our new format of a 'drive through' Santa event. The committee is scheduled to meet on September 11, 2020. There is still time to sign up for this committee if any members are interested in working on this fun project.


LIVE YOUR DREAM

- Member Sally Mendez has spoken with Valley Oak Children's Services regarding the new application cycle. They have helped us get the work out in the past and we have received applications and chosen an awardee from customers of this organization.
- The application information is on the SNR website (sorooptimistsnr.org) as well as our own SIBR site and social media.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sally Mendez will be the chair for this committee and Pam Sheldon will be a 1st time committee member - thank you, Pam! There is still room for more members to join this committee so please check it out if you are interested.

SIBR COMMITTEES

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Look for this link on our SIBR website (sibidwellrancho.org) if you would like to review our committees and sign up to participate; to gain access to this members only area, the password is: P1edge

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC AWARENESS

- The 3 signs purchased by the membership committee and Pres Babette have been distributed to members of the board to plant in a prominent place either at home or their place of business. The members will keep the signs out for 2 weeks and then pass them on to another member. Please contact Pres Babette or Angie Little if you would like to have one of the signs next.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Don't forget that Pres Babette has created an SIBR club Venmo Account for the payment of all dues and donations, should members or others wish to use it. Please find the account **SoroptimistIntl-BidwellRancho** on the Venmo site.
- Any members who would like to help support the club by making regular donations, in lieu of the dinner meetings and happy bucks, through Venmo or by check to our post box: PO Box 9170, Chico, CA 95927-9170. These donations help us fulfill our mission.
- Pres Babette reported that the County of Butte has a Grant available for non-profits: Butte Non-Profit Stabilization Program. Members Melanie, Sally Mendez, and Lisa Fitzgerald volunteered to look into the grant for the club - thank you!
- Pres Babette has requested assistance for the 2020-2021 club year with the SIBR E-blast that she produces each month. All committees should submit a short report during the period in which you are meeting and actively working on your projects to Babette. These will be included in the SIBR E-blasts.
- Calling all cooks! Please submit a favorite recipe or two to Pres Babette for the monthly E-blast AND to be added to the SIBR cookbook that will be published for sale at some point during this club year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Please see attached list of correspondence.
- Special correspondence from the SIBR Friendship Link: SI Munster has contacted us via email (to Babette of course) asking if SIBR would like to share a Zoom meeting sometime in November. Pres Babette and the Special Events Committee are working on details to make this happen for us. Thank you!

CALENDAR:

- September 17, 2020 - SUDS with SI Chico - Zoom - link on the SIBR on-line calendar
- September 22, 2020 - Speaker Meeting via Zoom
- September 29, 2020 - Movie night at Pres Babette's home. Following up to date State guidelines. 5:30 pm social time , 6:00 pm movie starts; popcorn and wine will be available
- October 6, 2020 - Board Meeting - Zoom - link on the SIBR calendar
- October 10, 2020 - District 1 Fall Meeting 10:00 am- Zoom - link on the SIBR calendar
- October 13, 2020 - Business Meeting - Zoom - link on the SIBR calendar

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Kim Sayers, Secretary