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BIDWELL RANCHO

Business Meeting Minutes (draft)

MEETING PLACE AND TIME:

The business meeting of Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, via Zoom digital conferencing. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were Gayle Luna, Maxine Guynn, Lisa Fitzgerald, Judi Merlo, Dawn McDonald, Susan Bandstra, Dina Volenski, Sheron Box, Kim Sayers, Melanie Austen, Marie Hartman, Pam Sheldon, Valerie Miller, Celeste Garcia, Tricia Homesley, Linda Lucena, Quinn Mendez, Angie Little.

PLEDGE:

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Alone we are strong....Together we are stronger!” - Anonymous

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, April 7, 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 April 30, 2020. The report reflected an ending balance of \$26,545.02 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 committee has added an additional T-shirt to the BONFIRE site: “In Training” 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.

FAIRVIEW

- Baskets have been assembled ‘with lots of goodies’ for 3 of our DIBI participants in the Fairview graduating class in lieu of the usual SIBR presence at their graduation ceremony and the key chain gifts, due to the COVID-19 mitigation efforts in schools. The baskets will be delivered on Thursday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Members should look for their refunds for any payments made to Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) for conference registration. SNR Treasurer Sheron reports that the checks are going out now.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The SIBR end of year party will be at the home of Pres Babette and will be a pot luck. Social distancing rules will be observed.
- 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.
- Club member and SNR Treasurer Sheron announced a new program by SIA for any existing soroptimist member who may be negatively affected by the pandemic and have now found it difficult to pay annual dues. The program will offer a discount on dues for 2020-2021 and there will be an application form on the Sia site. The portal opens on May 29, 2020. This will be a limited program that is dependent on available funds and will be administered on a first come first served basis.
- SNR annual dues - the Sierra Nevada region has announced a one-time member dues waiver for all continuing SNR members of \$25.00. SNR clubs are passing that savings on to each continuing member for the 2020-2021 club year. So SIBR continuing members will pay \$100.00 instead of \$125.00. New members joining in the upcoming year will still pay \$150.00 for their initial dues obligation.
- Pres Babette reminds everyone that dues need to be paid prior to July 1, 2020 in order to remain in good standing. Any members who wish to use Venmo can do so immediately as it is available now.
- SIBR 2020-2021 BUDGET. The budget committee presented the proposed budget to the members and after discussion, it was moved to approve as presented. This was seconded and voted approved by the members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Please see attached list of correspondence.

CALENDAR:

- May 31, 2020 - Club Giving (SIA) deadline
- June 26, 2020 - End of year party at Pres Babette's home. Following up to date State guidelines.
- June 30, 2020 - last day to pay 2020-2021 club dues.
- August - TBA - membership retreat

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Kim Sayers, Secretary