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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, November 10, 2020, at Nash's Restaurant as well as Zoom digital for some members. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were SNR Governor Elect Lisa Fitzgerald, Linda Lucena, Angie Little, Yvette Sanfilippo, Maxine Guynn, Judi Merlo, Susan Bandstra, Pam Shelton, Angie Little, Tricia Homesley, Sue Johnston, Della Miller, SNR Treasurer Sheron Box and Kim Sayers.

### PLEDGE:

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement." Helen Keller

### MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, were distributed via email. There were two corrections and the minutes were approved as corrected.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie emailed the treasurer's report for October 31, 2020 and member Sheron Box reviewed the report at the meeting. The report reflected an ending balance of \$26,408.95 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:

#### LIVE YOUR DREAM (LYD)

- There was no additional report at this meeting however President Babette had been in contact with chair Marie Hartman who relayed that her committee is actively trying to find one additional application for this year. The committee has one application so far. Applicants must complete the application through the on-line portal and the deadline is November 15, 2020.
- Pres Babette had sent a link to all members in October with the LYD application flyer which can be forwarded to potential applicants that members may be aware of.

#### SANTA PROJECT - 12/10/20

- Co-Chairs Della Miller and Sue Johnston have found a volunteer someone to play Santa. They are requesting help from members with gathering decorations to use at the pop-up tent locations which will be set up as approved by CARD at COMMUNITY PARK, 1900 Dr. Martin Luther King JR PKWY, Chico. The time for set up prior to the event will be approximately 4:00 p.m. and the event time is set for 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The committee will be sending additional emails out to the club as things progress and if there are any additional changes by CARD. Della and Sue have done a great job of adapting their plans to the changing environments and as CARD has requested. Specific rules on the CARD website will be followed concerning distancing and any other COVID related mitigation measures.



#### HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

- Co-Chairs Yvette Sanfilippo and Gayle Luna are organizing the annual food drive for drop off at the Salvation Army during the first week of December. Members can start delivering any food items now at Yvette's salon, Bella. The committee will be sending an email to the club soon with further details and can answer any questions members may have about appropriate types of food items. Additionally, the annual gifts from the club for the Sabath House have once again been requested and the committee are working with the Sabath House on those details. These will be forwarded to the club as they become available.

#### DIBI (Dream It Be It)

- A quick update from Babette as she and Tricia Homseley have been working to see if it will be possible to have a program at Fairview this next year. The school district cannot set any dates or firm details at this point but it looks like the 2021 Program could possibly be on-line this time, which is great since the 2020 program had to be cancelled completely. More info will be forthcoming as it is available.

#### SIBR COMMITTEES

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Look for this link on our SIBR website ([sibidwellrancho.org](http://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:

##### HOLIDAY WREATH FUNDRAISER - 12/05/20

- Details for this event have been emailed and the deadline to register with the materials package is November 27. To date, there are 17 registered. Lisa Fitzgerald has secured advertising on 103.5 - Thanks Lisa! - and members are asked to forward the information flyer to friends and family and promote the event as much as possible. The date for materials pick-up will be December 4 - this the day before the Zoom class and members will be needed to help hand out the materials at Chico Florist from noon - 5:00 p.m.
- The annual Bell Ringing to benefit Salvation Army has been cancelled this year. Members who wish to make donations are encouraged to go to the Salvation Army website where they can do so through their on-line donation page.
- 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.

- 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 (2020-2021).

NEW BUSINESS:

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- The SIBR annual Holiday party will be modified this year and one suggestion was to caravan to members homes and sing Christmas Carols. This would take place on the regular business meeting night 12/08/20; additionally, the possibility of an in person party on 12/15/20 at Nash's Restaurant is being looked into, or perhaps a Zoom cocktail hour. More details will be forwarded soon.
- Zoom meeting with SI Muenster! November 17, 2020 at 10:00am via Zoom. Don't miss out on this opportunity to 'meet' up with our Friendship club. The early hour is due to the time difference between Germany and our own PST, but it will be worth it. Hope everyone can log in.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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- Please see attached list of correspondence.

CALENDAR:

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- November 17, 2020 - 10:00 am Zoom meet up with SI Muenster - link in the SIBR calendar
- November 26, 2020 - no Speaker meeting - Happy Thanksgiving week
- December 1, 2020 - SIBR Board Meeting - link in the SIBR calendar
- December 8, 2020 - Possible Caroling - TBA
- December 10, 2020 - Santa Project!
- December 12, 2020 - SI Chico fundraiser - gourmet dinner with chef Ann Leon - see their website for details.
- December 15, 2020 - club get together - TBA

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

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

Kim Sayers, Secretary