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BIDWELL RANCHO

Business Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE AND TIME:

The business meeting of Soroptimist International of Bidwell Rancho was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, via Zoom digital. The meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss, at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were SNR Governor Elect Lisa Fitzgerald, SIBR President Elect Linda Lucena, SIBR Past President Angie Little, Yvette Sanfilippo, Maxine Guynn, Judi Merlo, Susan Bandstra, Tricia Homesley, Della Miller, SNR Treasurer Sheron Box, Dawn McDonald, Sally Mendez, Gayle Luna, Colleen Pembroke, Valerie Miller, SIBR Treasurer Melanie Austen, Marie Hartman, Dina Vetrano, and SIBR Secretary Kim Sayers.

There was a quorum present at this meeting.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed. It is the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

HAPPY BUCKS:

What are you doing differently in 2021?

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous business meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, were distributed via email. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Melanie emailed the treasurer's report for December 31, 2020 and reviewed the report at this meeting. The report reflected an ending balance of \$28,890.68 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)

- Chair Marie Hartman explained to the meeting attendees just what the LYD award is and the purpose of this signature Soroptimist Program. Marie submitted her committees report with their 2020 LYD winners, first via email to the SIBR Board prior to the January 5, 2021 meeting of the Board, for their review and recommendation. The next step is for the SIBR club members to review this report and possibly approved the applicants. Marie first reviewed the application of Leslie Watts, who is a Camp Fire survivor, and is enrolled in an EMT program. Marie read the touching

essay from Leslie and presented her as the committees 2020 LYD first place award winner. The amount of this award is \$1,500.00. The club reviewed the information and after discussion, a Motion was made to approve Leslie as the \$1,500.00 winner, pending correction of her financial disclosure, which had an error. The Motion was seconded and approved by the club.

- The second application from Amanda Dolph also requires some clarification, as requested by the Board, prior to further consideration. Her application was submitted on time so there is still time to get the clarification from her so that she could be the clubs second winner at \$1,000.00. She is currently living at the Esplanade House and is studying at Butte College with the goal to transfer to CSUC and eventually become a social worker.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING

- Chair Linda reminded everyone that January is Human Trafficking month and thanked all those who forwarded the selfies she and Pres Babette requested from members. The collage that was created will be posted on the SIBR social media pages as part of the month-long effort. The TikTok posts were suggested by CSEC of Butte County, due to the fact that the target age group for anti-trafficking information uses the site extensively. Linda and her committee saturated the SIBR social media sites with the anti-trafficking messaging. It will be ongoing. The committee has been researching the possibility of securing billboard and/or bus shelter ad space for anti-trafficking messaging locally and committee member Sally Mendez has requested funds from her company, US Bank, which has a Charitable Donations department toward that goal. Billboard space is very expensive; bus shelter ad space less so but still costly. US Bank has been a generous donor to our club in the past, so thanks to Sally for making that request on behalf of our club.
- Linda also reported that the SNR steering committee for Anti-Trafficking, of which she is a member, will be tracking the 800 No. for the trafficking help line to see where, when, and how it is being accessed. She stated that if the club is able to fund the outdoor advertising with trafficking awareness information, the committee will submit that project to the Region (SNR) for Public Awareness projects recognition.
- Additionally, the Power of 100 Women organization application which was submitted last fall is still active and will be part of their next quarterly drawing at their meeting February 3, 2021.
- The Enloe Hospital forensic nurses will be getting back to the committee soon as to their current needs for materials that SIBR may be able to help with.
- There is still room for more members to be a part of this committee, so if you are interested, please go to the SIBR website and sign up. Or you can contact Chair Linda with any questions you may have.

DIBI (Dream It Be It)

- Committee members Tricia, Maxine, Dina, and Babette gave an update for the clubs' Spring 2021 DIBI program. It will be moving forward as a virtual program and SI Chico will once again be working with SIBR. It will be all on Zoom and will again take place in April and May. It will be recorded this time and available on-line as the school schedule is still in 'split' format with half the classes meeting in the mornings and the other half in the afternoons. So all the kids in the class will be able to participate. The committee hopes to have four scholarships from the program this year.

FOCUS COMMITTEE

- The first meeting of this group will be held on February 21.

SIBR COMMITTEES



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:

HOLIDAY WREATH FUNDRAISER - 12/05/20

- The net profit from this fundraiser was \$1,947.80, which is a great outcome for an event that was organized quickly and advertised for a short period of time. Great job Babette and her committee for getting this together.

OTHER 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.
- 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:

- Pres Babette has worked with local artist, Christine Mac Shane, to get a fun and simple fundraiser for the club in February. This will be a virtual PAINT N SIP class and is set for 2/20/2021, starting at 3:00 pm. The cost is only \$25.00 and we hope all members will want to join in. It is also not a high-dollar fundraiser and we need all members to promote this event to get the participation up. The club's profit from this event is only \$10.00 per participant. Babette will be sending a flyer via email that can be forwarded to family, friends, and co-workers.
- Members Gayle and Yvette, along with Babette, are working on organizing one more fundraiser for the club, "Soup to Go", in March. It will be a drive-through, pickup style distribution with a menu including chili and corn bread and possibly cakes from the "Nothing Bundt Cakes" local store. The club will have to use a commercial kitchen in order to produce the food so more research is being done at this time. More info will be available at the next business meeting.
- The 100 year celebration of Soroptimist International 1921-2021 is going to have to be marked COVID style and there are projects being researched by the committee. One plan is to have the community participate with a 100 mile walk/run/roll event, similar to the SNR Endowment event last summer. Ideas are welcome as it is in the planning stages, and the idea is to promote it the upcoming SIBR events.
- Pres Babette will have a new post on the SIBR TikTok page on January 11 with the next fundraiser highlighted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Please see attached list of correspondence.

CALENDAR:

- January 24, 2021 - Drive by New Member Installations. Meet at PVHS 1:45pm
- January 26, 2021 - Speaker Meeting - Welcome the SNR Board via Zoom
- January 27, 2021 - New Member orientation via Zoom
- January 30, 2021 - District 1 Winter Meeting. 10:00 am via Zoom. Details in SNR E-blast
- February 2, 2021 - SIBR Board Meeting - 5:45 pm - link in the SIBR calendar
- February 9, 2021 - Business Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom - link in the SIBR calendar
- February 20, 2021 - Fundraiser - Virtual Paint N Sip!
- February 23, 2021 - Speaker Meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom - link in the SIBR calendar

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Kim Sayers, Secretary