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2nd DRAFT

Business Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Meeting Place and time

The Business meeting of Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho was held October 12, 2021 at Nash's Restaurant. The call to order was at 6:00p.m. Board members present were : President Linda Lucena, Treasurer Judi Merlo, Secretary Yvette Sanfilippo, Financial Coordinator Dawn McDonald, Director Angie Little, Membership Chair Babette Maiss. Members present: Susan Bandstra, Lisa Fitzgerald, Sarah Fry, Celeste Garcia, Cathy Gurney, Maxine Guynn, Sally Mendez (via ZOOM), and Valerie Miller,.

Pledge of Allegiance

Thought for the day - "Some people think that you have to be the loudest voice in the room to make a difference. That is just not true. Often, the best thing we can do is turn down the volume" - Nikki Haley, former UN Ambassador

Happy Bucks - Share something that made you smile in the past 2 weeks.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - Judi Merlo

Approved as read.

Approval of Minutes from September Business Meeting

There were no corrections, filed as read.

Program/Committee Report

Fundraising - Babette

Drive-Thru Oktoberfest dinner. This will be held Thursday October 21st. Volunteer hours are from 1-7p.m. 110 dinners have been sold. The meal will consist of 1 brat, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, chocolate mousse and one SIBR vintage brewfest pint glass. Babette is including a German saying and has posted a funny video.

License Plate Frames. They have been ordered and we should receive them in 3-4 weeks. They are plastic dipped in blue chrome.

Christmas Wreath. The date is Saturday December 3rd at 3:00p.m. This will be a hybrid version wreath workshop where there will be an in-person demo using ZOOM. People can sign up to come in-person or to just ZOOM from their home. Manny at the Galley is letting us use the room again. We made 2k at our last wreath making ZOOM class.

Dream It Be It - Babette

The event will be on Saturday April 9th at the Women's Club. Target girls are: High School, Girl Scouts and Foster Care. Corning girls may be participating also. Babette is asking for a few more volunteers. Cathy Gurney offered. She needs ideas for some fun prizes to give throughout the event. Friday April 8th is SI President Sara Beacham's President Project. She is expanding the DIBI to older women (Sororities, older girls scouts... More details to follow. SIBR will be invited.

Santa Project - Sarah & Susan

As we did last year, this event will be a Drive-Thru at MLK 20th Street Park on December 9th, Thursday. A sign-up Genius will be emailed soon. We need to borrow the decorations and EZ Ups again. Della and Babette may be able to get S-Club involved. Santa will be Lisa's son Connor again and Robert Fickert will be driving him in on the LaFrance Fire Engine.

Live Your Dream - Angie

We have one month left. There are no applicants at this point. Community Action Agency, and the

Dept. of Social Services were contacted by Angie. Two Butte College Departments were suggested by Linda. Yvette mentioned the Butte Beauty College.

S-Club @ Inspire School of the Arts - Babette

S-Club President Gwen had a slide show featuring SIBR and possible future projects, like the Period Project. Babette was on ZOOM participating and played a game with them. There are ten kids and two of them are boys. One girl speaks through a computer and had great suggestions. They also want to do a Food Drive. One of their projects will be to put art project bags together. Babette will see if they can help with the Santa Project. She has also talked to them about funds and expense slips to help run their own club. They may be painting a bench on campus which Babette may fund. They are looking for Sponsors. \$500 will get you a feather on the wall.

Committees with Openings - Linda

Fairview Committee- Melanie
Needs 1-2 more volunteers.

Trafficking - Linda
Needs 1-2 more volunteers.

Unfinished Business

100 Year Celebration -

SIA Celebration was long but fun. It was 3 hours and 2 days.
SI Celebration was 4 hours. There were breakout rooms that were fun that had 25 women from different countries.

Patrick Ranch Christmas - Babette
Regina asked if we could help decorate for Christmas. The dates are: November 15-17 and times are, 9:00am - noon. Babette will send out the contact information if you want to help out.

Soroptimist International Dream Big Campaign - Lisa Fitzgerald
SIA's goal is to raise 15k. There is a video showing how women can get their lives back, that they can meet their dreams. A woman tells her story of growing up. Starting 2021 the goal is to serve 1/2 million girls within a 10 year span. There will be a Big Girl Accelerator Program. SIA recognizes that local level Clubs do things to reach girls through education in other ways than Dream It Be It. These girls would count. There is a Sponsor program. If \$1 million is donated, that donor would be able to speak at the Convention. All donations will be honored through the Laurel Society (pin). There will be club recognition which will be by Region. Awards will be given out. See Lisa for more information.

Cooking demo at the Galley - Babette
Saturday at the Galley, Gayle will be doing a demonstration of the meal, Babette will be talking about SIBR and Yvette will be serving and assisting. We will just be doing the Sauerkraut and Brats, and those attending will get to sample them. We hope to sell tickets to those attending.

Correspondence - Yvette

There was no correspondence noted.

Calendar

- 10.16 Demo at the Galley
- 10.21 Drive-thru Dinner Fundraiser
- 10.22 Dream It Be It Planning Session - noon at La Comida
- 10.26 Soroptimist Connect - 5:30p.m. at The Commons
- 10.30 District 1 Fall Meeting Zoom together @ Babette'

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