

*Soroptimist International  
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## Business Meeting Minutes April 12, 2022

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### 1. Call to Order

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The Business meeting of Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho was held April 12, 2022 at Nash's Restaurant. The call to order was at 6:05p.m. Board members were; President Linda Lucena, Vice President Marie Hartman, Secretary Yvette Sanfilippo, Treasurer Judi Merlo, Financial Coordinator Dawn McDonald, Director Angie Little, Immediate Past President Babette Maiss. Members present were: Lisa Fitzgerald, Sarah Fry, Celeste Garcia, Maxine Guynn, Gayle Luna, Sally Mendez, Valerie Miller, Della Miller, Kim Sayers, Paula Wilson, Alise Pugh, and Renee Hause.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

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### 3. Thought for the day

"Spring is proof that there is beauty in new beginnings". Matshona Dhiwayo.

### 4. Happy Bucks

Turn to your neighbor and each of you share what is growing in your home garden.

## 5. Approval of Minutes March 8th Business Meeting

Corrections will be made to #5 as per Judi Merlo:

Judi (not Lisa) mentioned that \$450 of meeting fees was not yet in the bank balance at this point. Lisa mentioned that the date should read January 2022, not January 2021.

Corrections will be made to #9 as per Babette Maiss:

Babette is the one contacting the German Club about the project with Ukraine (not Judi).

The minutes will be filed with the noted corrections.

## 6. Treasurer's Report - Judi

We're maintaining 15k. We brought in about as much as we spent. There will be details at the next Business meeting.

## 7. Program/Committee Reports

### a. Fundraising - Babette

We'll be having a Bunco Tournament at the Women's Club. Several of us went to Orland to check out how they do their tournament. There will be more information further on down the Agenda.

### b. DIBI Recap - Babbete

We had 36 registered but only 16 showed up. All of them were very engaged. We will do it this way from now on. We had a Taco Bar for lunch from La Cocina Economica Mexican Food Restaurant. There was a lot leftover. We gave out goody bags with T-shirts. We'll use the leftover T-shirts for next year.

The speakers were very inspiring. We had them fill out a evaluation form which we can use as testimonials.

Each Club gets two \$250 Scholarships for DIBI recipients. We decided to give out a total of four.

### c. Membership - Babette

Next week, Monday and Thursday will be New Member Orientation. Coco and Rene officially join in fall.

### d. Anti-Trafficking - Linda

At Conference we received an Endowment Grant of \$1,000 to be used for our Bus Advertising.

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## 8. Unfinished Business

### a. **SNR Conference Report** - Marie

Marie passed the "Call to Conference" around to share. Ten members attended and Marie recommended that everyone should go, as it's a great experience and you get to see the "big picture".

Linda and Babette were our Delegates. They voted on a new Board and one By-law change to remove borders. If any member moved away, they could still keep membership with their Club.

Lisa Fitzgerald was our Governor Elect and is now our Governor after Installation at Conference. There were inspiring speeches from many past Governors.

Sunday was LYD Awards and the Ruby Award winner was from Zimbabwe. She does all kinds of educational experiences for children.

### b. **International Goodwill** - Babette

Babette contacted our Sister Club in Munster, Germany. We decided as a Board, to wait and see what they come up with in regards to helping Ukraine.

### c. **Power of 100 Women** - Sally

On May 4th, they will hear from 3 different non-profit groups who will be pitching their projects to be funded. We are asking for the funds to help with our Stop Human Trafficking in Butte County. The winner will receive \$100 from each woman who is a member of the "Power of 100 Women". There could be well over 100 members.

Three non-profit groups are pulled from a "hat" and then have 5 minutes to pitch their Project. Our name has been in the hat for two years.

The three slated are: Us, Friends of Farview (Environmental group) and Butte Environmental Council. The winner will be chosen at the meeting.

### d. **Bunco Fundraiser** - Babette

Our next fundraising event will be a Bunco Tournament at the Women's Club on Sunday May 22nd. Club Members are asked to bring a raffle gift worth \$25 or donate a monetary amount of \$25 (money could go towards a gift, or food and/or wine).

A flyer will be out tomorrow. Tickets are \$25 each and will include one drink ticket. You'll receive a flyer with 6 tickets on a sheet. Any money you collect for ticket sales you will give to Babette. Payment options are: Credit Card, Venmo, mail check or Give Butter (our fundraising ticket tool).

A regular advertising flyer will also be sent.

**e. Club Dues**

Dues are due by June 1st. \$125 Venmo or check.

**f. SDR - Soroptimist Development Retreat**

This retreat is for Club Leadership. See the flyer.

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**9. Correspondence - Yvette**

1) PO Box invoice - give to Judi.

2) Thank you for Laurel Society Membership - Lisa

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**10. Calendar**

4.26 Soroptimist Connect - 5:30p.m. WineTime

5.3 Board Meeting

5.10 Business Meeting

5.22 Bunco Fundraiser

6.1 Member dues payment deadline.

**11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:59p.m.**

**12. Soroptimist Pledge.**