

**Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho**  
**Business Meeting**  
**March 11, 2025**

1. The Business meeting of Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho was held at Bidwell Park Golf Course. The Call to Order was at 6:03. Board Members present were President Marie Hartman, Vice President Babette Maiss, Immediate Past President Linda Lucena, Treasurer Paula Wilson, Financial Director Judi Merlo, Secretary Maxine Guynn, Director Angie Little.

Members present were Celeste Garcia, Layne Diestel, Melanie Austin Kopping, Kim Goosemann, Lisa Fitzgerald, Della Miller, Michelle Chambers, Gayle Luna, Susan Bandstra, Yvette Sanfilippo, Eileen Gonzalez, Anne Marie Chik, Kim Sayers.

A Quorum was present

2. **Introductions**

3. Thought for the Day - "The woman I was yesterday, introduced me to the woman I am today; which makes me very excited about meeting the woman I will become tomorrow." - Poetic Evolution

4. **Happy Bucks**

5. **Approval of Minutes February 11th Business Meeting**

The Minutes were approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was approved.

7. **Unfinished Business**

**Awards Night,** Michelle asked for a head count of those attending our Awards Banquet March 25th. Judi will email the club members not present tonight to get their answers.

**Fashion Show,** Layne reported that everything is coming together well. She thanked her Committee, Yvette, Gayle, Linda, Babette and Sheron. Sally will be our MC and will also be on the Noon news this Friday to promote the event. There will be artisan vendors on the Patio. The Silent Auction and Raffle both have lots great gifts. There will be a separate auction for a wine cellar filled with wine, lights and wine accessories. The Ticket deadline is March 18th.

**Fundraising,** Babette reported on the upcoming Anti-Trafficking 5K, April 26th. 6 tickets have been sold so far. She will send out the Flyer after our Fashion Show. A Banner with information on run is going up on the outside of the Chico Women's Club. She asked that we like, comment and share the 5K on Facebook.

**Membership and new Member induction,** Linda read a thank you from Tricia at Fairview School thanking the club for their participation in the mock interviews and the career fair. Marie and Linda Inducted our new member, Kim Goosemann.

**Dream it Be it,** Babette reported that the signup sheet to work at the event is out. It will be at St. John's Episcopal Church on Floral Ave, April 5th. US Bank donated \$1500.00 to the event. We will use it to provide \$500.00 scholarships to girls that attend the event. There will be six scholarships, three from us and three from the Chico Club. There will be a career panel and workshops for the girls. We need cut-outs from magazines for the collages the girls will be creating. We need pictures of various occupations. We also need to get more girls to signup, please spread the word.

8. **New Business**

**Nominating committee action item,** Marie announced that she had selected Della to be the Chair of the nominating committee. The Board selected Sheron for the committee. The Club had to select a member to be on the committee. Lisa nominated Melanie and the Club voted to approve her nomination. Next month at our business meeting the committee will present a slate of Officers. We will vote on the slate the following month.

**District 1 and 2 Leadership Summit report,** Marie reported that She, Babette and Michelle had a nice day at the leadership meeting. They had lots good conversations with other attendees and enjoyed meeting with both districts.

**SNR Region conference,** Marie announced that our Region Conference will be June 6th - 8th in Reno, NV.

9. **Correspondence**

1. \$100.00 donation check from Tri Counties Bank for the Fashion Show.

10. **Calendar**

March 25th - Awards night  
March 29th - Fashion Show Fundraiser  
April 1st - Board Meeting  
April 5th - Dream it Be it  
April 8th - Business meeting  
April 22nd - Program meeting  
April 26th - Anti Trafficking 5K

11, **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 by President Marie Hartman.