

Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho
Business Meeting
September 10, 2024

1. **Call to Order**

The Business Meeting of Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho was held at Bidwell Park Golf Club. The Call to Order was at 6:02 P.M. Board Members present were Vice President Babette Maiss, Immediate Past President Linda Lucena, Treasurer Paula Wilson, Financial Coordinator Judi Merlo, Secretary Maxine Guynn, Director Angie Little, and Parliamentarian Sheron Box.

Members present were, Renee Hauge, Susan Bandstra, Yvette Sanfilippo, Anne Marie Chik, Michelle Chambers, Kim Sayers, Lisa Fitzgerald, Beth Lougee, Della Miller, Sally Mendez, Dawn Letner, and Layne Diestel.

A Quorum was present.

2. **Flag Salute**

3. **Introductions**

4. **Thought for the Day** - "It's a welcome gift to encourage others to achieve greatness."

5. **Approval of Minutes - June 11th Business Meeting**

The Minutes were approved

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was approved

7. **Unfinished Business**

Red White and Brew Fest recap/earnings, Babette reported that we made \$1000.00 on the raffle and 180 tickets were sold. She thanked the club members for all their support over the years of Brewfest. Babette informed all our Brewfest Sponsors that we will not be involved with any Brewfests in the future. Our name will be removed from Forrest's and Blue Sky Festival advertising.

8. **New Business**

Dinner Meeting cost, The Board recommended raising the fee for Dinner from \$20.00 to \$25.00. The Club voted to adopt raising the fee to \$25.00.

Committee Sign-ups/ Missing Chairs, Babette reported on the status of the sign-ups for our committees, sign-up forms were available. We need a Chair for the Live Your Dream committee and the Special events committee.

Fundraising prep for Fall 2024, Sheron reported on our upcoming fundraising events. We have Bunco on November 3rd at the Chico Women's Club. Our Stop Trafficking 5K run on April 27th.

New Fundraiser, The Board recommends that the Club vote to approve a fashion show and luncheon fundraiser. Layne discussed the details of the event. It would be at Canyon Oaks Country Club on March 29, 2025. Tickets would be \$50.00. We would like to sell 200 tickets which is the capacity for seated dining. Members would be required to sell 4 tickets each. We would have a raffle and sell wine. Vendors could be involved and pay a fee to attend. 5th Street and Cotton Party will provide the clothing for the fashion show. Women in the community would be invited to model clothes. Expenses estimated at \$6400.

The Club voted and approved the luncheon and fashion show fundraiser.

Business/Corporate Membership, Linda and Della reported on the new Corporate/Business flyer. The flyer will target businesses and individuals to recruit new members. The flyer is available on all our social media. We need members help with identifying local businesses to send flyers to.

SNR District 1 Fall Meeting, Lisa gave an update on the upcoming meeting, with more details to follow later. The meeting will be held at the Diamond Hotel in Downtown Chico October 26th. There will be a tour of the Chico Museum at 5:00 with no host dinner at the Madison Bear restaurant following. Club members are encouraged to register at the SNR website.

9. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report

10. **Calendar**

September 24th - Member Retreat
October 1st - Board Meeting
October 8th - Business Meeting
October 22nd - Program Meeting
October 26th - SNR District 1 Fall Meeting

11. **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 by Vice President Babette Maiss