

**Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho
Business Meeting
March 12, 2024**

1. Call to Order

The business meeting of Soroptimist International Bidwell Rancho was held at Nash's Restaurant. The Call to Order was at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present were President Marie Hartman, Vice President Babette Maiss, Immediate Past President Linda Lucena, Treasurer Paula Wilson, Financial Coordinator Judi Merlo, Secretary Maxine Guynn, Director Angie Little.

Members present were, Della Miller, Lisa Fitzgerald, Sally Mendez, Eileen Gonzalez, Susan Bandstra, Layne Diestel, Renee Hauge, Celeste Garcia, Yvette Sanfilippo, Melanie Austen-Kopping, Michelle Chambers, Kim Sayers.

A Quorum was present

2. Introductions

3. Thought of 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- Tonight's Happy Bucks will be donated to Dawn Letner to assist with her medical care.

5. Approval of minutes - Minutes for the February 13th were approved.

6. Treasurer's Report- the Treasurer's report was approved.

7. Unfinished Business-

a. Award's Banquet, Celeste asked that members RSVP to Judi promptly so Coco has time to order food. We're adding macaroni and cheese to the menu, coloring books and crayons for the children attending.

b. Fundraising Committee report, Babette reported that the Stop Trafficking 5K fundraising was going well. US Bank donated \$1500.00, Cal Walnuts \$400.00, and \$250.00 donors are coming in. The signup sheet for the run will be emailed April 1st.

Blue sky events and the committee are working to clarify the contract for the Brewfest which hasn't been signed yet.

The Board voted to host the Fall district meeting. We will have a raffle at the meeting for fundraising.

c. Dream it Be it, Babette reported that we have a Butte Co. sheriff coming with her canine partner for a speaker. We still need a speaker for our "Turning Failure into Success" segment. Signup will be emailed and in the eblast.

d. Fairview, Layne reported that She, Maxine and Anne Marie all participated in the Mock interviews with the students at Fairview. April 24th is the Career Fair, with local employers at Fairview. Layne applied to SIA for a \$1500.00 grant for Fairview projects. The Committee is asking for professional clothing and accessories for the Career Closet. They also need shoes, belts and coats. Old bikes also needed, they will pickup.

e. Anti trafficking, Linda reported that the Rape Crisis Center closed. Catalyst will be taking up the slack. Catalyst asked us to sponsor a staff training seminar for child sexual abuse. The seminar will train the trainer so attendees can train others. She requested a \$2000.00 check for the seminar.

8. New Business-

a. District 1 Leadership Summit, Babette and Marie attended the meeting in Red Bluff. Six out of eight clubs were present, they broke into small groups for the presentation

b. Registration is open for the SIA Convention in Bellevue WA. July 24-27. Marie and Lisa encouraged members to attend and also attend the SNR conference in Reno, June 7-9

9. Correspondence- Check from Melanie.

10. Calendar-

March 26th - Awards night

April 2nd - Board meeting

April 9th - Business meeting

April 13th - Dream it Be it

April 21st - Anti-Trafficking 5K

April 23rd - Program meeting

11. Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 PM