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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO – CHICO

Board of Directors Minutes Tues., Feb 3, 2026 (Directors present **in bold type**)

Babette Maiss	Marie Hartman	Melanie Kopping	Paula Wilson	
Layne Diestel	Maxine Guynn	Michelle Chambers	Sheron Box	

Meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss at 5:58p.m.
at the office of Parliamentarian Sheron Box, CPA

1. Treasurer’s Report Approved without revision.

- SIBR has received a reduced Convention fee from SIA; \$600 instead of \$825.
- The Board was reminded that members cannot serve food at SIBR events because it triggers sales tax to be required.

2. Minutes Approved without revision.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Committee Reports were submitted in writing and emailed prior to the Board meeting.

i. Membership Chair Marie brought up the point that it doesn’t create a positive club impression when so many members introduce ourselves as “retired” during Happy Bucks. The Board decided that stating our occupation will be eliminated altogether.

ii. Women’s Resource

- The Enloe Project replenishment items have been selected and are being ordered.
- Leah Slem, Director of Basic Need Project, will be our program guest speaker on Feb 24th. Babette will inform the members of the opportunity to bring gender neutral diapers for the BN Project, size 7 and up, and pull-ups.
The WR committee is looking at ways SIBR members can be involved; diaper donations, fall pumpkin event with children, stocking items for the emergency shelter, etc.
- Michelle reminded Paula and the Board to please include the new Women’s Resource committee in next year’s budget.

B. Live Your Dream

- All 5 awardees have been notified; 1st place \$1,200, 2nd and 3rd at \$1,000, and two at \$500 each. (A requested grant purposed to increase the awards was denied by SNR due to other clubs’ greater need.)
- Babette will ask Chair Kim to get a head count of guests by March 1 for the March 24th Awards event. This will inform the Board whether to host a dinner or simply a fruit & cookie dessert event.

4. New Business

A. Program Meetings

The Board approved the upcoming program topics made by Pres. Elect Layne. Babette suggested that next year’s program topics could be beneficially informative, such as women’s health.

B. Meeting dinners at Bidwell Golf Club

To maintain a good relationship with the golf club Finance Coordinator Melanie recommended that unless there is a dietary need, special menu requests by members be limited. The Board agreed that Babette will let the members know the limitation, and Melanie may deny special requests which are based on a matter of preference, not need, and/or which are already accommodated by the menu planned.

C. District 1 Leadership Summit was successful and table discussions and sharing were worthwhile and inspiring. Guest speaker Kathy Erickson from SI Chico emphasized that free learning opportunities abound in Soroptimist: eblasts, links to other club activities, YouTube – SI, SIA and SNR channels.

D. SIA Convention

Layne is considering attending the 49th convention in South Korea and if she goes, will be the SIBR delegate. If Layne doesn't go, Babette will be SIBR's online delegate.

5. Correspondence

Two raffle contributions were received for the upcoming Fashion Show. One unrestricted donation of \$100 was received from Floyd and Nadine Perry. Update: Michelle sent a thank-you to the Perrys.

6. Calendar

February 10 Business meeting
24 Program meeting, Director Leah Slem from Basic Needs Project
March 3 Board meeting; snack, Layne
10 Business meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary