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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO – CHICO

Club Business Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

Members present in bold (alpha list, by first name):

Angie Little	Kim Goosmann	Melanie Kopping	Venita Tuter	
Anne Marie Chik	Kim Sayers	Michelle Chambers	Yvette Sanfilippo	
Babette Maiss	Layne Diestel	Patti Pardini Barrett		
Beth Lougee	Linda Lucena	Paula Wilson		
Della Miller	Lisa Fitzgerald	Sally Mendez		
Gayle Luna	Marie Hartman	Sheron Box		
Judi Merlo	Maxine Guynn	Susan Bandstra		

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m., with President Babette presiding.

Thought for the Day from Sheron: Empowerment is not about making women strong. Women are already strong. It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength.
G.D. Anderson

SOLT from Lisa: Understanding how our club votes for SIA leadership.

Happy Bucks: "New year.... Fill in the blank"

A. The November **Minutes** were accepted without comment or change.

B. The **Treasurer's Report** was accepted without comment or change.

C. Committee Reports

1. Co-Chair Maxine reported that the **Santa Project** served about 150 kids, and leftover gifts and books went to Little Chico Creek school where they would be shared with appropriate students. (We were prepared for 300 kids.) The event ran very smoothly and they expect a bigger turnout next year.
2. **The Women's Holiday Project** Co-Chair Yvette reported that her committee was able to serve about 50 women connected to The Jesus Center, with gifts and gift cards, and the choice of a hoodie or robe. (The committee received a grant to help fund the project.)
3. **Dream It Be It** will feature some different and interesting activities this year, including artists who will help the girls each try a project during the event. This year the event will be held on Thursday April 16th instead of weekend, and there are underserved area schools that plan to bus girls to the event.
4. **Women's Resource** reports that there will be a meeting next week, welcoming Marie who will head the anti-trafficking subcommittee. Tomorrow, 1/14 will be Michelle's first live presentation of the HET powerpoint, to SI Chico.
This week Michelle and Melanie attended the Rotary lunch with guest speakers from the FBI, who work with trafficked victims.
Rotary is planning to send teams to compete in the SIBR 5K in April.

5. **Fundraising** Chair Layne shared **March 21 Fashion Show** details: Kim S. will MC the event. Wine donations are welcome in the \$20/bottle range. Members are asked to contribute \$25 toward the committee's arrangement of significant raffle prizes. Sponsorships are currently at \$6,000. Business card-sized ads may be sold for the program at \$250, and Friends of SIBR mentions in the program cost \$100. Contact Linda or Layne if other sponsors are secured. Also, please sell tickets! Babette encouraged members to go to the SIBR facebook page > events to comment and share the Fashion Show PR pieces on social media. Lisa will approach local Dino Corbin to inquire about radio ads.
6. Sally and Pattie said they've decided to table participation in a local fundraising Lip Sync contest, until next year's event.

D. New Business

Live Your Dream 34 applications were received, largely through the Basic Needs Project. The committee and board recommended 5 recipients; the motion passed unanimously. Awards are set at \$1,200 for the top selection, 2@ \$1,000, and 2@ \$500. Lisa pointed out that LYD funds are available at the Region, and she will pursue getting \$1,000 in order to match our #4 and 5 recipient awards of \$500 each; if successful this would bring 4 awardees to \$1,000 each, and the top one to \$1,200.

E. Correspondence Babette reported that we received a note from Dawn L., thanking the club for the card and gift card we sent.

Venita has had a stroke and is in a facility; she wouldn't recognize visitors but members may send notes to her home and a friend will take them to Venita.

F. Calendar

Jan 27 Program meeting book club, *The Book Club for Troublesome Women*

Jan 31 District Winter Leadership Summit, Redding

Feb 3 Board meeting

Feb 10 Business meeting

Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary

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