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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF BIDWELL RANCHO – CHICO

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

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

Meeting was called to order by President Babette Maiss at 5:55p.m.

at the office of Parliamentarian Sheron Box, CPA

1. Treasurer's Report Approved without revision.

2. Minutes Approved without revision.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Live Your Dream Event

- Chair Kim Goosman reported that there will be 3 of the 5 awardees attending the March 24 Award event, with a total of 18 guests altogether. Kim has a Soroptimist charm and framed certificate to present to each awardee, and will also buy flowers.
- Financial Coordinator Melanie will work with Misty Brown at the golf course to see what menu would fit within our \$400 budget.
- For dessert, Marie will order a sheet cake with the Soroptimist logo and awardee names. Approximate cost, \$50-60

B. Committee Reports were submitted in writing and emailed prior to the Board meeting. No questions or comments.

C. Meeting dinners at Bidwell Golf Club

A Bylaw amendment was created regarding RSVP and payment expectations.

[Via email the following day, Marie moved and Michelle seconded the motion to adopt the amendment, and the motion passed.] Addendum attached below.

4. New Business

A. Career Closet and Fairview High School - Layne

- Fairview Chair Ann Marie is working with new staff at the school to strategize goals. (Layne and Ann Marie are working closely together because the Career Closet and Fairview are interlinked.)
 - The immediate plan is for flyers promoting the Career Closet to be distributed to the girls at the school. Interested students can make an appointment through the school office, and the Fairview committee will deliver appropriate job interview clothing options to the school for the girls try on. Layne would like better pieces to be returned, which will be dry cleaned, while inexpensive items may be kept by the girls (which will save cleaning costs).
 - A future goal is to install a wardrobe on campus to house clothes.
 - Another possibility for the career closet is to make ongoing donated clothes available for other girls and women, such as, those connected to the Basic Needs Project or other agencies.
 - In 3 months the Board will assess the success of the career closet project.

- ii. Ann Marie will station a Soroptimist table at the school's career faire on April 16th, 1-3:00 p.m. (same date as DIBI event). She will promote programs and scholarships we offer, and may also bring a rack of clothing from the Career Closet to show the girls examples of what's available.
Ann Marie would like suggestions of people and businesses to have tables at the faire.

B. AAUW Invitation

The local chapter of the American Association of University Women is hosting a Coalition Brunch on April 18th at St. John's Episcopal Church, 10:00 a.m. The purpose is to help link local women and organizations supporting women. Babette plans to go and invites all SIBR members who are interested. Attendees are asked to bring a brunch item to share. Beverages will be provided. RSVP by April 11 to Michelle Rasmussen aisforants@yahoo.com

C. Storage Locker

Babette will be setting a locker clean-up date this spring, and also wants to purchase sturdy storage bins to help keep the locker efficiently organized.

D. SIA President Elect candidates

The 3 candidates are listed on in the SNR eblast, with a link to view their profiles. Members are asked to review and give input to Babette for our club's vote.

E. SNR Awards

Babette is working on the submissions to the annual Sierra Nevada Region awards.

- 5. Correspondence** Update: A few checks arrived for the fashion show, and will be delivered to Sheron at her office.

6. Calendar

March 10	Business meeting
18	SIA Virtual Tea Party, 5:30 p.m.
21	Fashion Show
24	Live Your Dream Awards Event

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Michelle Chambers, SIBR Secretary

Addendum

Organization Name:	Soroptimist Intl. of Bidwell Rancho
Date Submitted:	03/03/2026

Bylaw Change Details

Article/Section Number:
4.4 Meeting References
4.5.6
Original Wording: The cost of each meeting will be \$25.00, and all members will be considered attending, unless they notify the Financial Coordinator prior to Monday at noon, the day before the meeting. If they do not notify the Financial Coordinator, they will be responsible for the \$25.00 cost of the meeting.
Proposed Change (Description of Change): The cost of each meeting will be \$25. All members are encouraged to email the financial coordinator by Friday before the meeting to let them know if they are attending. If the financial coordinator doesn't hear from the member by Friday, they will be counted as a "no" - not attending. If a member RSVP's "yes" but doesn't come to the meeting, she will be responsible to pay. If a member hasn't reserved but comes to the meeting they are responsible to pay \$25
Reason for Change: Correcting and updating original version