

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

September 14, 2023

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on September 14, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

Nancy Jeter called the meeting to order welcoming 42 members and 2 guests.

Darla Froelich moved to approve the August minutes. Celeste Sander seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Nancy reported on the financial report. It will be filed subject to audit.

Announcements-

- Members were reminded that if they parked in front of Ashley Furniture, brought food for the USD 489 food pantry and wore their name tags that they are eligible to receive tickets for the drawings.
- Pink Cup Presentation – Robbie Graf was presented a pink cup for recruiting 2 new members.
- WWL Online Store Update – Nancy announced that Redeem Designs has our new logo and will be printing the shirts that were previously ordered. The online store would be up and running and members will be able to order shirts soon. Please be watching for email.
- Women Who Lead will host a ribbon cutting on Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the United Way Office at 12th and Main. Nancy thanked Erica for all she has done for our organization.
- LaVonne Geiss announced that the November 9 membership meeting will be a Holiday Social for members only from 5:15 to 6:45. Please RSVP early so the committee is able to plan accordingly and be looking for emails with further information.

Old Business-

- Cyber Security Update – Ruth Ruder announced that Russ Tuttle will be speaking for adults only at the Beach Schmidt Auditorium on Sunday, September 17th at 7:00. Dallas Haselhorst will speak at 6:30. Please wear pink if you attend. Becky Kiser and Gary Shorman have announced and promoted this event on their podcast and shows.
- Born Learning Trail, Ellis – Nancy announced that the ribbon cutting was well attended.
- Dog Park Lighting Project - The dog park project is coming together and moving forward. The next Committee meeting will be Sept. 19 at 5:15 p.m. at Joslyn Brungardt's home. They are working with the Friends of the Hays Dog Park. Please watch your emails for upcoming dates and times and items to donate.
- Encore Series – Kaley Klaus announced and passed out a flyer on a new app “Sign-up Genius”. There are four shows remaining and two of the shows need more ushers.
- WWL Committee Reports
 - Member Relations Committee – LaVonne Giess drew tickets for the prizes given for wearing name tags, parking in front of Ashley Furniture, and bringing food pantry items for USD 489.
 - Publicity Committee – Kaley Klaus reported that Eagle Communications is in the process of building the website. She does not have a date when it will be completed but soon.
 - Committees – At the October membership meeting there will be information to sign up for committees or change committees if you so desire.

New Business –

Power of the Purse 2024 – Rhonda Meyerhoff announced that the date for the next Power of the Purse event will be March 21, 2024 at The Rose Garden. We do not have a speaker as of yet so if anyone has a suggestion, please see Rhonda. If you are interested in serving on the POP committee, please let Rhonda know.

Projects –

- Feeding Hays – Ruth updated that there has been one community meeting and another is scheduled the first week of October.
- Carts for Community Assistance Center – Ruth Ruder reported that Janet Koerner has spearheaded this committee and after researching they found carts for around \$85.00 each. The CAC is needing about 10 of these carts. Discussion followed.

It was moved by LaVonne Geiss and seconded by Cristina Janney that Women Who Lead donate \$1,000 to the Community Assistance Center to use toward purchasing new carts.
Motion passed

Open Forum – Macey Pfeifer announced that Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat will be held on October 10. You can leave food on your door step and volunteers will be coming around to pick up,

Sara Hicks announced an event “Dogs & Draws” to be held at Defiance Tap House on September 15 at 4:00 p.m. and hosted by the Humane Society.

Renee Moritz announced that Bank of Hays would be hosting the community “Shred”. Anyone is welcome to bring paper to be shredded (up to 5 boxes per person) on Saturday, September 16 to the Bank of Hays parking lot.

Cristina Janney moved to adjourn, Kaley Klaus seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at Thirsty’s – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Korinna Parker, Acting Secretary