

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

April 11, 2024

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on April 11, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order welcoming 47 members and 3 guests.

Darla Froelich moved to approve the March minutes, Scarlett Deutscher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Ruth gave the March financial report.

Announcements-

- Members were reminded of the importance of RSVPing to the membership meetings as it is how we make sure there is enough food and seats for everyone. Members should RSVP by clicking the link, not by replying to the email.
- Scholarships- The committee will meet next Tuesday (4/16) at 5:15 at Golden Plains Credit Union to review the 41 applications for the 4 WWL scholarships available.
- Macey Pfeifer from First Care for Help explained the Meals on Wheels program and asked if the WWL would be willing to purchase a Hot Box and volunteer to deliver for one week per quarter if First Care for Help gets approval to add an additional route. Cristina Janney made a motion for up to \$700 to purchase a Hot Box and to offer the volunteer opportunities to WWL members. Sherry Dryden seconded the motion. Motion Passed
- A thank you was read from Early Childhood Connections for WWL providing weekend food bags for children in their program.
- An On-Boarding/Information Session will be held on Thursday (4/18) at Defiance Downtown at 5:15 for new members and those wishing to learn more about WWL. Those interested signed up to attend the meeting.

Old Business-

- WWL apparel update – Jennifer Rack reported that It's Personal will be opening an online store very soon. Once the store is available on the WWL website, membership will be emailed. As a reminder, It's Personal is the only location that will do screenprinting for WWL. If you would like the WWL logo embroidered, you can do that at It's Personal, Gone Logo, Phaze 2 and Redeem by ordering a shirt directly from them or bringing in your own shirt. Shirt colors are limited to Hot Pink, Black, Gray, and White.
- Jessica Johnson gave an overview of what the daily "Drop-Off Ladies" do which is picking up deli and bakery items from Dillons that would normally be tossed and taking them to schools and other non-profits. Members who would like to help with this can reach out to Jessica.
- Renee & Rhonda reviewed how Power of the Purse went. Overall the evaluations had great scores. Comments were reviewed during the meeting. While numbers are not finalized yet, WWL expects for about a \$17,000 profit from the event.
- Joslyn Brungardt gave an update on the Feeding Hays project. She stated the first WWL sponsored meal will be 5/16. She will have a sign up list at the next meeting. There will be two shifts available: 3:30 – 5:00 and 5:00 – 7:30.

- Sherry Dryden asked for members to fill out the survey that was previously sent out to help with her PhD. She is just 33 surveys short. It was asked that membership be emailed the link again.
- WWL Committee Reports
 - Member Relations Committee – Lisa Ree won the drawing for a \$10 Thirsty’s gift card.
 - Elder Care Committee - Will be attending Senior Day at Big Creek Crossing on 5/1. They will hand out 100 bags filled with goodies. Raised garden beds continue at Via Christi and Good Samaritan. Jan Klaus announced her co-chair Deb Hoffman was unable to attend the meeting as she was out of town welcoming a new grandbaby.
 - Missions Committee - Cookies for HaysMedAppreciation Day. WWL will again participate this year by providing cookies for the event in May. These cookies will be individually wrapped with our logo added.

New Business

- Membership meeting for May will be May 2
- Trevor Kennedy from Camber Kids explained what Camber Kids is and thanked the WWL for their support.

Open Forum – Membership Suggestions-

- Member Dr. Judy Nixon spoke to the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Thirsty’s – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erin Giebler

(in absence of Secretary Mary Ann Shorman)