

# Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

June 13, 2024

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on June 13, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. welcoming 55 members.

Becky Wachs moved to approve the May minutes, Cathy Van Doren seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Erin Giebler presented the May financial report.

## **Announcements-**

- RSVP to membership meetings – Ruth reminded members of the importance to RSVP for meetings to plan for seating and appetizers.
- On-Boarding/Information Session – will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Defiance on Fort Street.

## **Old Business-**

- Feeding Hays
  - Mary Ann Shorman reported that the committee met and since the name Feeding Hays is what St. Michael's Episcopal Church uses for their weekly spaghetti dinners, it was decided to name our project Women Who Feed.
  - The Feeding Hays meal at St. Michael's Episcopal Church that was sponsored by WWL in May fed 200 people. WWL will sponsor again in August, November, and February and sign up will be at the membership meetings prior to the dates.
  - The committee would like WWL to provide meal kits to First Call for Help. The plan would be to provide 20 meal kits per month. Each kit would feed 8 people and cost approximately \$20 a meal. Asking for \$2500 from WWL and plan to partner with some local businesses for the remaining dollars. Michelle Fairbank made a motion to spend the \$2500 for meal kits. Katie Dorzweiler seconded and the motion passed.
- Meals on Wheels sign up – Macy Pfeifer provided information on the third route and asked for volunteers. A sign up is available following the meeting.
- WWL Committee Reports
  - Member Relations Committee – Two \$10 Thirsty gift cards were given.
  - Elder Care Committee – Jan Klaus reported the committee planted the raised garden beds at Hays Good Samaritan on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cookies for Hays Med – Ruth shared thank you notes from Hays Med staff.
  - Scholarship update – Ruth reported that the committee will be reworking the scholarship process.
  - 31 days of cash – Renee Moritz reported that raffle tickets are now being sold. Members can purchase or take tickets to the sell following the meeting.

## **New Business**

- Committee updates – Ruth reported that the committee chairs will meet in July.
- Battle of the Businesses – Macey Pfeifer reported the challenge will end on Friday. The winner will receive the traveling trophy.
- Backpacks for Kids – Macey Pfeifer reported on the backpacks and supplies they provide for school children in need. WWL members will bring items to donate to the July meeting.

- Power of the Purse – Renee Moritz reported the committee is in the beginning stages of planning. The event will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025.
- Future Projects
  - Mary Ann Shorman presented information about DREAM camp and the need for the funding of 10 kids to attend. The camp is for kids who come from homes with parents/guardians who have substance/alcohol abuses issues. The camp is \$300 per child. Asking WWL to fund this project with \$1000 coming from WWL and \$2000 donated to WWL from Goldent Belt Credit Union designated for the project. Katie Dorzweiler made a motion to fund the 10 kids to attend camp. Becky Wachs seconded and the motion passed.
  - Ellis Outreach – Nancy Jeter and Pauleen Edmonds presented information on a shelter house to be built in the Ellis part where the Born Learning Trail is located. It is in the planning stages. The Patterson Family Foundation in Eastern Kansas will match dollar for dollar for donations. Renee Longpine made a motion to donate \$2500 towards the project. Scarlett Deutcher seconded. After discussion the motion was amended by Renee to donate \$5000, Scarlett seconded and the motion passed.

### **Open Forum – Membership Suggestions-**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Thirsty’s – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Ann Shorman