

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

October 12, 2024

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on October 12, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. welcoming 41 members.

Deb King moved to approve the September minutes, Dottie Staab seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Announcements-

- Ruth thanked the WWL greeters who volunteered tonight. Becky Wachs has the sign up for members who would like to volunteer for December. Needs 3 volunteers.
- There will be an On Boarding/Information Session on Thursday, October 17th at 5:15 p.m. at Defiance Downtown. Please sign up tonight.
- Sophia Baumbach with the Delta Zeta gave a report on the self defense course that was held on September 25th.
- Macey Pfeifer gave an update on the Ellis County Cold Weather Shelter. It will be opening the end of October.
- Mary Ann Shorman and Cathy VanDoren presented a \$5,000 check to the USD 489 School Board to be used for Early Childhood Connections weekend food packs.
- WWL is making a donation for the USD 489 Foundation Dinner auction to be held on October 26th.
- Macey Pfeifer reported on the Homes for the Holidays Carnival. WWL made a \$218 donations for an inflatable basketball goal. The event will be on Tuesday, November 8th. Proceeds go to help needy individuals with first month rent and deposit.
- Ruth Ruder and Mary Ann Shorman will represent WWL at the Chamber Business and Career Expo on October 22th.
- Member Relations Committee Drawing for Thirsty's gift card – Patti Curlile won the drawing.

Old Business-

- Chamber Kids Halloween Party – Joslyn Brungardt reported we will be providing Halloween treats, and activities for the kids.
- Sunrise Park update – Ruth Ruder and Nancy Jeter reported we are waiting on the sign to hold the ribbon cutting. Hoping before Daylight Savings time.
- WWL Committee Reports
 - Meals on Wheels – Macey Pfeifer passed around another sign up for members to volunteer for.
 - Sponsorship Committee Update – Joslyn Brungardt reported will kick off this next week.
 - Elder Care Committee Update – Jan Klaus reported committee met last evening. Working on several ideas, including providing Christmas trees to assisted living residents. There will be Christmas caroling after the December 12th meeting.
 - Women Who Feed – Mary Ann Shorman and Joslyn Brungardt reported committee will be providing 20 more meal kits for October. WWL will provide the Kindness cookies for Feeding Hays through the end of the year. Planning on sponsoring a chicken and noodles meal for the January 23rd Feeding Hays.

- Ruth Ruder talked about HHS Kids Feeding Kids which will take place on October 25th for USD students and families.
- Power of the Purse Update – Joleen Fisher announced will need new purse doantions by the January 17th membership meeting. Can also be dropped off at First Kansas Bank.

New Business

- Holiday Member Social – will be held at the December 12th membership meeting
- New Committee Reports
 - The Ellis Outreach Committee Co-Chairs Pauleen Edmonds and Joleen Fisher will have a brief meeting following the membership meeting tonight.
- Stop Bullying Project – Ruth Ruder reported this project is being planned for November which is Anti Bullying month. It is being coordinated with High Plains Mental Health, Ellis County Youth Advisory Council, FHSU and both high schools.

Open Forum – Membership Suggestions-

- Ruth announced Janese Koshiol has a sign up for volunteers to help put together items for the Veterans Christmas Magic project.
- If anyone is is interested in WWL apparel can go to the shop link on the WWL website.
- Connie Smith drew for the guess the candy in the jar contest winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Shorman