

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

November 14 2024

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on November 14, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. welcoming 55 members and 8 guests.

Michelle Fairbank moved to approve the October minutes as corrected, Becky Wachs 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 January. Needs 4 volunteers.
- Joslyn Brungardt and Jan Klaus shared information regarding the Member Appreciation Holiday Social to be held at the December 12th membership meeting. This event is for members only and all will need to RSVP by December 2nd. After the event, members will go caroling at the 3 senior facilities.
- Nancy thanked members for bringing toys for the Toys for Tots. There will be a photo with Steve Unrein following the meeting.
- Erin Giebler provided information to members on the new WWL monthly newsletter.
- Nancy Jeter announced WWL will be sponsoring a tree at Christmas at Thirsty's.
- Angie Zimmerman was presented a WWL pink Cup for recruiting 2 new members.
- Members were reminded they can pay membership dues at this time.

Old Business-

- Sunrise Park update – Ruth Ruder reported the sign is up at the park. Will be planning a Chamber ribbon cutting. The frisbie golf course should be ready in the next couple of weeks.
- Ruth Ruder reported the Stop Bullying Project will be held at TMP and HHS the end of February beginning of March. This project is student led.
- WWL Committee Reports
 - Sponsorship Committee Update – Joslyn Brungardt reported the sponsorship drive is going well and should wrap up by the end of December.
 - Camber Kids Halloween Party – Joslyn Brungardt reported the project was a huge success. The staff is so appreciative. Jana Fross will take over as the Camber Kids committee chair.
 - Ellis Outreach Committee report – Pauleen Edmonds reported that WWL is now a sports booster club sponsor for Ellis High School. WWL also has donated to the Ellis 5th Quarter which is held following games as a safe place for students to gather.
 - Delta Zeta Update – Ella Burrows updated member on a couple of events they will be having. One will be a Dodge Ball Tournament with the proceeds going to the Hearing and Speech department.
- Power of the Purse Update – Renee Moritz updated members on the event. Taking purse donations. Purses need to be new with tags on them. She has a signup available and information tags to complete with donations.

New Business

- Mental Health Committee – Jennifer Rack reported the committee met and have identified 2 projects they would like to do. 1. Self soothing boxes - \$2,000 and 2. Providing money to help assist those who cannot afford the \$10 fee for walk in counseling - \$1,000. Angie Zimmerman

made a motion to allow \$3,000 to fund these projects. Cristina Janney seconded and the motion was approved.

- Elder Care Committee update – Deb Hoffman reported their committee met. They would like for WWL to provide 12 Christmas trees for Homestead residents and 8 Christmas wreaths for Brookdale residents. Cost would be around \$675. The trees and wreaths would be kept and reused each year. Macey Pfeifer made a motion to allow \$800 for the trees and wreaths with any remainder money be used for other Elder Care projects. Pam Joy seconded and the motion was approved.
- Camber Kids Christmas project – Jana Fross will be meeting with Trevor for more information.
- Women Who Feed update and Thanksgiving Project – Mary Ann Shorman reported 20 meal kits were provided for First Call For Help in October. WWL will be sponsoring a St. Michael's Episcopal Church Feeding Hays on Thursday, January 23rd. Sign up to volunteer will be at the January membership meeting. Macey Pfeifer has Meals on Wheels delivery sign up available tonight. The committee would like to provide \$500 per school to go toward the Thanksgiving food boxes they give out. There are 6 schools. Cristina Janney made a motion to donate \$3,000 for the schools Thanksgiving boxes. Angie Zimmerman seconded and the motion was approved.
- Early Childhood Connection – Mary Ann Shorman reported that WWL donated \$500 last year for coats, boots and gloves. We would like to do this again this year. Michelle Fairbanks moved to donate \$500 to Early Childhood Connections for coats, boots and gloves. Crystal Young seconded and the motion was approved.
- Frost Fest – Nancy Jeter and Joslyn Brungardt reported WWL will participate in the Frost Fest parade on December 8th. Will give out packages of reindeer food.
- Shelby Doty shared information on the Oxford House which will be for women and children of recovering drug and alcohol abusers. WWL will be exploring how to help.
- WWL Committees – Ruth Ruder explained the restructuring of committees, new committees and sign-up information.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Shorman