

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

January 9, 2025

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on January 9, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. welcoming 37 members and 4 guests.

Pam Joy moved to approve the November minutes, Angie Zimmerman 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 February.
- Ruth thanked members for bringing items to Stock the Pantry for FHSU.
- Ruth thanked outgoing board members Renee Moritz, Mary Karst, and Anne Zimmerman for their service to WWL. She introduced new board members Wendy Rohleder-Sook, Scarlett Deutscher, and Ella Burrows.
- Shelby Doty won the drawing for the Thirsty's gift card.
- Ruth thanked Joslyn Brungardt and Jan Klaus for their work making the December holiday party a beautiful time for all.
- Ruth provided information regarding members representing WWL without the board approval to do so. She had received a call regarding a negative experience.
- Ruth advised members to get with Nancy Jeter regarding any grants they may want to write for WWL. Grants must be approved by the WWL board.
- Members were reminded they can pay membership dues at this time.

Old Business-

- Sunrise Park update – Ruth Ruder reported that the frisbie golf course is being utilized frequently. WWL will be looking at the practice ball fields for girls and boys as their next goal. Will plan the ribbon cutting for spring. A fundraising committee will be formed to help raise funds going forward.
- Ruth led members through the committee description and chairs.
- Sponsorship – Joslyn Brungardt reported that sponsorships are going well and should be completed by the end of January.
- Ruth Ruder reported the Stop Bullying Project will be held at TMP on February 19th. HHS is looking at sometime in March.
- Power of the Purse Update – Renee Moritz updated members on the event. Still taking purse donations. Purses need to be new with tags on them. She has a signup available and information tags to complete with donations.
- Women Who Feed – Joslyn Brungardt and Mary Ann Shorman reported WWL will sponsor the St. Michael's Feeding Hays on Thursday, January 23rd. Sign up tonight if willing to volunteer. First Call For Help is in need of meal kits. The committee will meet to put these together. WWL is delivering Meals On Wheels the last week of each month. Sign up tonight if can help.
- Mental Health – Michelle Fairbank reported her committee met and assembled 100 self soothing boxes. These will be kept at her office located at 2703 Hall Suite 15 and may be picked up and distributed to agencies and schools as requested.

- Elder Care Committee – Jan Klaus reported the Christmas caroling and Christmas trees and wreathes were well received at the 3 assisted living centers. Her committee does not have a meeting planned at this time.
- Supporting Our Students (SOS) – Megan Ball provided the history for what has inspired this new committee. This committee will work to meet needs identified by schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Shorman