

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

May 15, 2025

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

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m., welcoming 46 members and 2 guests. One Delta Zeta's in attendance.

Macey Pfeifer moved to approve the April minutes as presented. Joleen Fisher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Announcements-

- Name Tags: Production is behind but should be caught up soon. Members needing a name tag can sign up via the newsletter link.
- Ana's Gift: Lori Hertel thanked members for donating stuffed animals. Plans are underway to establish collection sites in partnership with WWL. Information will be shared on the website and Facebook once finalized.
- Matthew's Gift: Ruth Ruder read thank-you notes from recipients. She reminded members that this important initiative is expensive and currently low on funds. Donations can be made via the website.
- Gift Card Drawing: Lori Hertel won the Thirsty's gift card drawing.

Old Business-

- Sunrise Park Update: Ruth Ruder reported that dirt work on the ballfields is delayed until M&D becomes available. The Parks Department has ordered disc golf baskets, kiosks, maps, and trash cans. Nancy Jeter is actively applying for grants. A Parks Fundraising Committee will be formed soon.
- Committee Updates: Updated committee lists have been sent to chairs. The Innovative Influencer Committee (for members under 45) needs more participants.
- SOS Committee Funding Request: Chair Megan Ball requested \$2,500 for teacher requests. Cristina Janney made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Rita Carswell. Motion passed.
- Women Who Feed: Joslyn Brungardt shared that aprons are available for purchase at \$16 each.

New Business

- Scholarships: Over 50 applications were received and eight \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to: Isabella Eck, Kylee Pfeifer, Jill Myers, Morgan Munsch, Kallyn Meyers, Emily Corber, Jayne Brooks, and Savannah Schmitz. A big thank you to Cristina Janney and her committee members for their hard work!
- 31 Days of Cash: Renee Moritz has raffle tickets available. Only 500 tickets will be sold, with a daily winner drawn in August. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.
- Ellis Outreach : Pauleen Edmonds stated that the Ellis Outreach Committee has been busy. They recently provided goodies to the workers at Good Samaritan in Ellis. This summer, they are requesting \$1,500 to help provide food for children in Ellis. Bechy Wachs made the motion, and Beth Fisher seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Erin Giebler