

# **Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting January 8, 2026**

A meeting was held at Thirsty's – The Venue on January 8, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

President Nancy Jeter called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. welcoming 56 members and 2 guests.

Becky Wachs made a motion to approve the November minutes. Angie Zimmerman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

## **Announcements-**

- Nancy introduced the 2026 Board of Directors and the two new Board members, Angie Zimmerman and Jana Fross. The new executive board members were announced as follows: Nancy Jeter, President, Ruth Ruder, Past President, Mary Ann Shorman, Vice President, Erin Giebler, Treasurer, and Jan Klaus Secretary. Nancy thanked outgoing board members, Korinna Parker and Shelby Doty for their service to WWL.
- Nancy announced there will be a Committee Chair Meeting led by Hali Bielser on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at BriefSpace.
- New Board member orientation was taken off the agenda since it only involves the board members. Nancy mentioned that a date for New Member Orientation has not been set.
- Nancy thanked all members that assisted over the month of December with all of our Holiday Happenings as follows: Magic on Main Street; FrostFest Parade; Breakfast with Santa; and the Pop Up Committee Members that wrote replies to children from the Santa Letters.
- Reminder to Save the Date for the Power of the Purse on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at the Unrein Building. More information will be presented by Joslyn Brungardt and Caci Pommerehn.
- We still have WWL stocking hats available to purchase. See Erin Giebler if you are interested in purchasing one.
- Patti Curlile won the Thirsty's Gift Card Drawing.
- Cristina Janney announced that the application to apply for the WWL scholarships is now open. Applicant must be a woman and reside in Ellis County. Applicant must be admitted in or plan to enroll as a full-time student at a university, or trade school in Ellis County for the fall. WWL will be giving out eight \$1,000 scholarships!

## **Old Business-**

- Joslyn Brungardt gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Power of the Purse. This year the theme will be "Style With a Purpose Fundraiser". The ticket price is \$75. A style show is planned featuring six local boutiques: Simply Charmed; The Buckle; Refine; Lily & Marie;

Sugar; and Azalea. Along with the style show, there will be a live auction with purse packages. Two of the packages will feature an experience. There will be a Wine Pull with 104 bottles of wine and some having gift cards attached. Members will be asked to donate the bottles of wine and gift cards needed. Volunteers and committees will be used so we can all take ownership in this event. 25 Silent Auction Purses will be obtained by the Sponsorship Committee; 25 raffle purses will be obtained by members donating these purses; and the 6 live auction purses will be sourced by the Executive Board. Decorations and set up will be accomplished by the Women Who Feed Committee and the alcohol and food will be arranged by the WWL Board. Define Design will take care of advertising, etc. Members wishing to sign up to help with this event can do so through the POP Newsletter that will be put out on the WWL Website. A meeting will be held with all those that sign up to help. More information and updates to follow.

- Hail Bielser, Chair of the Committee Chairs, reminded committee chairs of the quarterly meeting planned for next Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at BriefSpace. She would like for committee chairs to report on upcoming projects at this meeting.
- SOS - Megan Ball gave an update on the Supporting our Students Committee. December was a big fundraising month. All three schools that they visited have sent in multiple requests for student needs. The committee raised \$20,000 over the three week period, thanks to social media, Hays Post and the outreach events. Their goal for 2026 is to expand to all schools in Ellis County. They have provided many clothing items, shoes, haircuts, lunch money, etc. along with a recent request for an eye exam and glasses if needed.
- Elder Care - Jan Klaus thanked all members that showed up to sing Christmas carols at the Via Christi Nursing Home and the Via Christi Assisted Living Center as well as Brookdale and Homestead Assisted Living.
- Women Who Feed – Mary Ann reported the Senior Dinner Social at the Bob and Pat Schmidt Community Center in December was a success and they provided approximately 130 meals. They will have a meeting in January and are planning another senior dinner social in February. Joslyn recognized Macey Pfeifer for her work in getting WWL involved with Meals on Wheels. Members are encouraged to sign up when asked and bring along a friend. You won't regret it.
- Mental Health - Michelle Fairbanks announced they will have a meeting of the Mental Health Committee on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. Committee members will be notified.
- Sponsorship Committee - Joslyn Brungardt reported the Sponsorship Committee has been busy since the beginning of December. The theme this year is "Pencil Us In" and will run through January and February.
- Delta Zeta – Gillian Lynch announced several upcoming events for the DZs including Big Men on Campus, Dodge for a Cause, and Greek Week. They do have a new executive board.
- Camber Kids – Jana Fross reported they put together 20 Christmas packages for the acute kids that are in and out of Camber Children's Mental Health and 18 packages for the long term patients. The long term patients made wish lists and they did their best to make their wishes come true. They also sponsored a meal at Thirsty's where the kids could dress up

in outfits they were allowed to purchase from the ARC Thrift Store and they were visited by Santa (member Korinna Parker's husband).

New Business

- Nancy announced new projects will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jan Klaus, Secretary