

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

July 10, 2025

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on July 10, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. welcoming 44 members and 1 guest.

Angie Zimmerman moved to approve the June minutes. Macey Pfeifer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Announcements-

- Ashley Kingsley won the Thirsty's gift card drawing.
- Sarah Meitner, Director of the Hearland Community Foundation, presented a check for \$7,500 to WWL for the Sunrise Park basketball court.
- Define Design was recognized as the winner of First Call's Battle of the Businesses. WWL took 2nd place.
- Members were thanked for bringing back to school items for the Backpacks for Kids.
- Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs will have a joint meeting on Tuesday, July 22 at 5:15 pm in the Thirsty's front meeting room.
- There are boxes to collect new stuffed animals for Ana's Gift in 4 locations. These were shared with membership.

Old Business-

- Sunrise Park update – Ruth Ruder and Nancy Jeter walked the park with Jeff and Justin with the city looking at equipment placement. Two mommy/baby swings will be ordered soon.
- SOS Committee will attend the Education Appreciation Event on August 26th to promote awareness of the committee's mission. Cost \$250.
- Women Who Feed – Mary Ann Shorman updated membership on the Little Feeders and the Popsicles in the Park which are on hold until next summer due to some delays.
- 31 days of Cash – Raffle tickets will be sold until the end of the month. There are still 134 tickets available to be sold.
- Mental Health Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk- a sign up sheet is available. The walk will be held on September 13th.
- Christmas Magic on Mainstreet – Ruth informed membership that WWL has been asked to provide an activity for this event and we have agreed to provide this activity.
- Bison on the Loose update – Nancy Jeter updated membership that this project is moving forward.
- Tina Albers shared a personal story and thank you for Matthew's Gift.

New Business

- The Chamber Hays – Joint Civic Club Welcome Sign on US Highway 183 south of Hays- Ruth informed the membership we have been asked to be a part of this with 5 other civic clubs.
- Members will be asked to bring food items to the August membership meeting for the FHSU stock the Pantry.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Shorman