

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

August 14, 2025

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on August 14, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. welcoming 44 members and 4 guests.

Becky Wachs moved to approve the July minutes. Gillian Lynch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Announcements-

- Patty Curlile won the Thirsty's gift card drawing.
- Members were thanked for bringing food items for the FHSU food pantry.
- Ruth provided information regarding the committee chair meeting which was in July. Hali Bielser will now be the Committee Chair Coordinator and meetings will be planned to be held quarterly.
- Nancy reported that the Project Suitcase committee is being dissolved and will become a pop up committee when the need arises for more bags.
- Joslyn Brungardt reported the Matthew's Gift bag has been revamped and fundraising is in progress to sustain this project.
- Joslyn reported the sponsorship committee has met and planning is underway for 2026.

Old Business-

- The SOS Committee will attend the Education Appreciation Event on August 26th to promote awareness of the committee's mission.
- 31 days of Cash – Erin reported all of the raffle tickets were sold and the scholarships are fully funded for this next year. Winners are announced on Facebook and the WWL website.
- Mental Health Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk- Michelle Fairbank provided information on this walk which will be held on September 13th. WWL has a team and members can sign up online.
- Lisa Karlin provided an update on Tailor for Tigers and the clothing that has been purchased so far.

New Business

- Ruth Ruder and Pauleen Fisher provided information on the Ellis Outreach 5th quarter. They are requesting \$500 to help with funding. Jennifer Sauer made a motion to give \$500 to this project. Becky Wachs seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Open Forum

- Jan Klaus provided information on the Walk to End Alzheimer's which will be on October 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the FHSU Quad.
- Marie Froelich provided information regarding the Cancer Council selling bierocks until September 1st. Pick up will be 9/18. Funds go to gift Ellis County families battling cancer.
- Ruth announced that WWL received a Midwest Energy grant for \$5,000 which will go toward the Sunrise Park project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Shorman