

# Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

September 11, 2025

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on September 11, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

Vice President Nancy Jeter called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. welcoming 48 members and 5 guests.

Becky Wachs moved to approve the August minutes. Angie Zimmerman seconded the motion. Beth Fisher made a correction to the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

## Announcements-

- Rita Carswell was presented a pink Pilsner cup for recruiting 2 new members.
- Member Relations Committee drawing for a Thirsty's gift card was Sara Hicks.
- Pedal Patrol in the Park - Hays CVB and the Hays Police Department will hold this event focusing on bicycle and scooter safety on Saturday, September 13th. WWL has donated 75 pink frisbees to give away.
- Delta Zeta Hot Dogs for Hearing will be held this Saturday. WWL donated \$250 for costs. Proceeds go to the American Society for Deaf Children.
- Matthew's Gift Luncheon Report - Nancy reported the luncheon was a success. Over \$14,000 was raised. The campaign so far has been very successful.
- Heartland Community Foundation - An anonymous donor has started a Women Who Lead fund. The Heartland Day of Giving is in October.
- WWL membership is invited to the Ellis Creekside Park ribbon cutting on September 27th at 4:30 p.m.

## Old Business

- Michelle Fairbank reminded members the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk will be this Saturday, September 13th. Meet at Frontier Park at 1:00 p.m. Walk at 2:00 p.m.
- WWL Committee Reports
  - SOS Committee - Jennifer Rack reported there were over 400 educators at the Teacher Appreciation event. TMP, Holy Family, Ellis and Victoria were in attendance as well as USD 489. The need to expand SOS to include all of Ellis County in the future will be discussed.
  - Mental Health and Elder Care - Connections and Conversations is something that is being planned for Assisted Living and Senior Centers to visit seniors who are experiencing loneliness. All WWL members can sign up to participate.
  - Women Who Feed - Mary Ann Shorman reported 20 meal kits were assembled and given to First Call For Help. A Women Who Feed bag was donated to the USD 489 Foundation Auction from Women Who Lead/Women Who Feed.
- 31 Days of Cash - All of the tickets were sold and the drawings are complete. One winner donated winnings back to WWL.

## New Business

- There was no new business.

## Open Forum – Membership Suggestions-

- Cristina Janney announced there will be a couple of vacant spots on the Scholarship Committee. If interested let her know.
- Macey Pfeifer announced she is needing volunteers for Meals on Wheels every other week. This is a Monday - Sunday commitment. Volunteers will be paid a stipend. First Call For Help is also looking to hire an office assistant.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Ann Shorman