

# Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

October 9, 2025

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on October 9, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. welcoming 60 members and 2 guests.

Angie Zimmerman moved to approve the September minutes. Becky Wachs seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

## Announcements

- Angie Zimmerman will be presented with a pink hydro flask for recruiting 6 new members. Tiffany Hammerschmidt was presented with a pink Pilsner for her recruitment of 2 new members
- Sue Noll won the Thirsty's gift card drawing.
- Brenna Schwein, Delta Zeta President, gave a presentation on their sorority. Wendy Rohleder-Sook and Korinna Parker, University Outreach Chairs, shared information about a DZ/WWL night of bowling at Centennial Bowling on Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. A sign up was distributed. Wendy and Korinna will be presenting WWL information at an upcoming DZ meeting.
- Bullying Project Hays High - Ruth shared this will be on October 21st for Freshman and Juniors. Sophomores and Seniors will be in the spring.
- Ruth provided an update on Bison on the Loose. The WWL Bison will be located at Sunrise Park. Ruth invited members to share any ideas for the design for the bison which will be completed by FHSU and local high school art students.
- Mary Ann Shorman shared with membership that a \$200 donation from WWL was made to Grater Whey to help provide meals for Sgt Scott Heimann's family.

## Old Business-

- Sunrise Park Update - Ruth updated membership that they are working on the park layout and equipment placement.
- Updated Committee Descriptions - Ruth and Nancy reviewed some of the changes made in committees. There will be a committee chair meeting on October 14th in the small meeting room at Thirsty's at 5:15 p.m. A new social committee was started for the Christmas Social in December. Marie Froelich will chair. Members include Michelle Fairbank, Laken Zimmerman, Becky Zimmerman, and Brenda Kitchen. The social date is December 18th.
- Committee Reports-
  - SOS - Megan Ball and Caci Pommerehn shared information about their committee's mission and an information plan to share with teachers at the elementary schools called Pouring into Students. They hope to use this on an inservice day. With donations from Breathe Coffee House and Signature Builders, they are asking for \$600 to cover costs. Angie Zimmerman made a motion to fund the \$600. Jan Johnson seconded it and the motion was approved.
  - Matthew's Gift - Ruth met with Jeff Brull and Amy George at the hospital. They will come up with guidelines as to when to send a bag.
  - Women Who Feed - Joslyn Brungardt and Mary Ann Shorman reported their committee filled 100 snack bags for Matthew's Gift bags. They also reported on the Senior Supper and Social that was held at the Bob and Pat Schmidt Community Center on Tuesday, October 7th. The next supper will be planned for December.

- Victoria Outreach - Tiffany Hammerschmidt and Darla Froelich reported they represented WWL in the parade. Will have a table at the Victoria Annual Market. They have been asked to hand out candy for Halloween at St John's Place.

**New Business:**

- Reality U - Ruth presented a request from United Way for \$500 for this project. WWL has participated in the past. Michelle Fairbank made a motion to fund the \$500. Deb Klaus seconded and the motion was approved.
- Single Dispensers at Hays High - Ruth presented a request for \$564 from HHS STUCO to fund 12 dispensers in the single women's restrooms at the new high school. Janet Koerner made a motion to fund this request. Laura Denny seconded and the motion passed.
- Camber Kids requests - Jana Fross presented a request for \$400 for Halloween Treat to Eat and Socks for Your Feet. She also presented a request for a popcorn popper, popcorn packets for the popper and bags. Original ask was \$175 for the popper. Angie Zimmerman made a motion to fund both requests at \$1000. Becky Wachs seconded the motion and it passed.
- The Bricks Christmas Magic on Main Street - Mary Ann Shorman presented a request from the Downtown Development for \$1200 for WWL to sponsor soup for the Christmas lighting on November 28th. Doug Pfannenstiel will prepare and serve 500 cups of soup. \$600 would come from WWL and \$600 from WWF. There was discussion. Becky Wachs made a motion to sponsor this event. Deb King seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Ann Shorman