

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

November 13, 2025

A meeting was held at Thirsty's -The Venue on November 13, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

President Ruth Ruder called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. welcoming 50 members and 4 guests.

Pam Joy moved to approve the October minutes as corrected. Macey Pfeifer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Announcements-

- Judy Nixon was presented with a pink cup for recruiting 3 new members.
- Brenda Kitchen won the Thirsty's gift card drawing.
- Nancy Jeter thanked members for bringing toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. Toys or cash donations can be dropped off at Golden Plains Credit Union until December 4th.
- Michele Fairbank provided information regarding the Member Holiday Social to be held on December 18th at Thirsty's Venue. The theme is ugly sweater and there will be prizes. This event is for members only.
- Ruth Ruder asked membership about interest in participating in the Frost Fest Parade again this year. It was decided that WWL will have a trailer and hand out candy and reindeer food.
- Ruth informed members they can order WWL stocking hats for \$15 on the WWL webpage.
- Ruth and Nancy reported on the Welcome to Hays Sign that WWL will be a part of. This will be going up next week with the Ribbon Cutting on December 9th at 4:00 p.m. All of the groups have been asked about a \$1000 CASA donation. Jennifer Sauer made a motion for the donation of \$1000 to CASA. Michele Fairbank seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business-

- Joslyn Brungardt reported on the Christmas Magic on Main Street which will be on Saturday, November 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. WWL is sponsoring the soup supper and providing a game for children. A sign-up sheet is available for volunteers.
- Ruth provided information to members regarding board applications. If interested can apply on the WWL website. Applications are due November 28th.
- Ruth and Nancy provided information on the updated committee descriptions. Members are asked to go to the WWL website and make their committee choices if so desired. Hali Bielser is the Committee Chair and will be meeting with all committee chairs in January.
- Committee Reports-
 - SOS - Caci Pommerehn reported on the Pouring into our Students coffee/information events that were held at Roosevelt and Wilson Schools. It was well received and several needs were brought to the committee's attention. There will be an SOS fundraiser at Breathe Coffeehouse on Saturday, December 13th with all proceeds to go to SOS.
 - University Outreach - Korrina Parker reported that 20 women attended the bowling social with Delta Zeta. Gillian Lynch gave an update on what the DZ's are up to.
 - Elder Care - Ruth reported that there will be caroling after the social on December 18th. They are looking for members to help carol on December 9th at Via Christ assisted living and again on December 11th at Via Christi senior living. Times are from 11:30 to 12:00.
 - Women Who Feed - Mary Ann Shorman reported that they had put together 30 meal kits for First Call For Help. Sign up available tonight for volunteers to assemble reindeer food on Wednesday, November 19th at 5:00 p.m. at Define Design. The next Senior Supper and Social

will be on Tuesday, December 9th. WWF committee members reminded to be looking for the signup email.

New Business

- Pauleen Fisher reported the Ellis Outreach Committee met and are planning a hot cocoa/cookies/activity for Good Samaritan in Ellis in December and also a Valentines bingo for February. On January 15th, Ellis plays TMP in basketball. They are planning a 50/50 raffle. The proceeds will be donated to Women Who Feed.
- Christmas Joy - Ruth reported for Jan Klaus. They are needing \$1000 for 12 more lighted Christmas trees for the assisted living homes. Macey Pfeifer made a motion to fund the \$1000 for the trees. Lori Hertel seconded and the motion passed.
- Camber Kids - Ruth reported for Jana Fross. They are requesting \$2500 for the Christmas meal at Thirsty's and Christmas gifts for the residents. Renee Moritz made a motion to fund the request. Rita Carswell seconded and the motion passed.
- Night To Shine - Ruth reported this is a Prom for developmentally challenged individuals. They are requesting \$500 again this year. Lori Hertel made a motion to donate \$1000. Judy Nixon seconded and the motion passed.
- Food Pantry Requests - Nancy Jeter shared with members that we will be aware of food pantry needs and address as needed.
- Breakfast with Santa - Nancy reported that she met with Brent from Thirsty's and he is requesting volunteers for the breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13th and Saturday, December 20th. Also requesting volunteers to address return letters to children who write letters to Santa. Sign up was available.
- Early Childhood Connections - Mary Ann Shorman reported she reached out to ECC. They had a parent donate coats but will check and make sure they are not needing more. Will also let us know if funding for weekend food packs is needed. Rita Carswell made a motion for a contingency \$500 is needed for coats. Gillian Lynch seconded and the motion passed.

Open Forum

- Ruth thanked members as she will complete her term as President at the end of December.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18th, 2025 at Thirsty's – The Venue at 5:00 p.m. This will be the WWL Holiday Social.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Shorman