

Minutes of the Women Who Lead Members Meeting

July 9, 2026

A meeting was held at Thirsty's – The Venue on July 9, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

President Nancy Jeter called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. welcoming 47 members and 2 guests.

Angie Zimmerman made a motion to approve the June minutes. Pam Joy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Announcements-

- Nancy Jeter introduced our new board member, Lisa Karlin. Lisa will be a great asset for our connection with FHSU Outreach.
- Renee Moritz announced the 31 Days of Cash project is sold out and online sales have been turned off. She currently has a waiting list of interested buyers. If you have unsold tickets that you know you will not sell, please turn them in tonight. If you need more, also let Renee know.
- Nancy Jeter announced the Committee Chair meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, July 13 at 5:15 p.m. at Brief Space.
- Nancy Jeter announced the On-Boarding Session for new members and for those wanting more information is July 16th at 5:15 p.m. at Thirsty's small meeting room. I sign up sheet was passed around.
- Nancy Jeter announced the Sunrise Park Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th at 9:00 a.m. at the park.
- Nancy Jeter announced "Atta Girl" notes of recognition and congratulations will be sent out in the future with the pink rose for those times when a member needs to be recognized when they do something amazing, etc. Members were asked to let WWL Executive Team members know when someone needs to be recognized.
- Pauline Edmonds won the Thirsty's Gift Card Drawing.

Old Business-

- **Sunrise Park Update** - Nancy Jeter announced the new park equipment is in and is being installed. There will be some final stages coming that will be announced in the future.

New Business-

- **Project Requests**
 - o Christmas Jubilee on Main Street – Ruth Ruder reviewed the project request for \$3500. After discussion, the members felt our money would be better spent on giving to local food pantries. The request did not pass for lack of a motion.
 - o Stocking of local food – local food pantries needs were discussed. Cristina Janney made a motion to give a total of \$4,000 or \$500 each to the following food pantries: First Call for Help; Community Assistance Center; FHSU Food Pantry; Catholic Charities; St. Joseph's Food Pantry; Ellis; Victoria; and USD 489. Pauline Edmonds seconded the motion and it was passed.
 - o The Frost Fest parade is scheduled for December 6th and it was the consensus of the members present that we would not walk in the parade this year.

- **Committee Reports**
 - o Dottie Staab reported the Quiet Night for Veterans Event was a huge success with 25 attending. They received many donations and are already planning for next year where they will get more Veteran groups involved.
 - o Elder Care – Jan Klaus reported several members assisted Homestead Assisted Living with a barbecue on June 20th and committee members are also assisting with Bingo every Monday at Via Christi Village. The raised garden beds are thriving with annual flowers and their next meeting is scheduled for August 20th.
 - o Women Who Feed – Nancy Jeter reported for Mary Ann Shorman that the committee will hold another Popsicles in the Park at the ARC Park on July 15th and two more after that. A second Hungry Caterpillar Event will be held in August.
 - o Ruth Ruder gave an update on Matthew's gift project. The number of bags needed will easily exceed 100 this year as the hospital has already given out 65 and it is only July. Bags cost \$120 each and our budget is \$13,000 per year.

Members were made aware of an opportunity to help Options by preparing Bombas socks for distribution across Northwest Kansas. Volunteers will insert resource and volunteer information into sock sleeves, helping to get thousands of socks ready for community partners throughout the 18 county service area. If you would like to help contact Katie Meitner at 620-617-4391.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Jan Klaus, Secretary