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Soroptimist International Rio Vista Business Meeting Minutes

The Point Restaurant
September 2, 2021

6:05 P.M. Call to Order Mingo Greco, President

Soroptimist Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

No Guests Allowed at this Meeting per SIA Headquarters. Quorum met.

WHOO Award to Emily Recinos for her 'can do' attitude and tenacity to get things done.

Minutes of Business Meeting June 3, 2021, Lynn Oesterle, Secretary
Motion to Approve, 1st Claudia See, 2nd Deborah Roden; Motion carried, none opposed.

Correspondence, Lynn Oesterle: Thank you from Jessica Mingay, 2020/2021 Scholarship recipient and thank you from Fisher Lyon, recipient of the Valerie Jackson Memorial Scholarship.

Treasurers Report, Kay Kelley, Over-all total balance ending 8/31/2021 of \$44,936.18.
Motion to approve August financials as presented, 1st Hope Cohn, 2nd Deborah Roden.
Motion carried. None opposed.
Proposal to put a portion of Soroptimist funds into an interest-bearing account. Discussion of how best to proceed and decision to do further investigation and bring more information back to membership. New device for processing credit card payments called ELAVON replaces our Square device.

New Member Induction Cinda Dreitzler was introduced by her sponsor, Jean Winters as our newest Soroptimist member. Welcome Cinda!

Sarah Donnelly is organizing the Bass Festival Beer Booth shared that there are additional spots open for helpers on the Doodle Poll. She passed around a sheet with dates and times available for sign up.

Committee Reports

- **Women's Rights Award**-Jean Santry, Ruby Award for outstanding women in the community is an optional award that SIA no longer recognizes. Survivor Bag Project has received \$500 from F&M Bank. Soroptimist member Evelyn Nodal donated Soroptimist bags with logos that are going to be used for the donation items. The

bags will be sold to Soroptimist members for \$7 and the funds from the bags will be used to buy additional items. Live Your Dream Award, flyers were circulated to members and are going out into the community to advertise the \$2500 scholarships.

- **Publicity**-Susan Whitesell, Roles and responsibilities were decided at first committee meeting. It was emphasized that committees are responsible for the first draft of any article or advertisement being put out to the community. Publicity has a wealth of resources available for help if/when needed. New account being established on MailChimp. We have been posting to Facebook and Instagram. Members are encouraged to like and share postings to increase club engagement. Also noted, members can use our website for answers and information regarding our activities and all things Soroptimist.
- **Fundraising**-Monica Awender, just under 700 tickets left to be sold for the Meat Raffle, we have sold close to 1300 of the 2000 tickets printed. Our goal is to sell all 2000 tickets prior to the Bass Derby Festival. A board in the shape of a cow has been designed to help us follow the sale of tickets. Members who are high sellers are asked to put their name and total sales on a spot that is then attached to the board. High seller wins \$100 gift card. Monica suggested using hashtags when posting on events as it helps to increase coverage. Considering selling meat raffle tickets in front of Lira's and possible other opportunities before the Festival. Bingo may not happen this year due to COVID Variant, may reschedule to Spring 2022. Next fundraising opportunity will be our New Year's Eve Lobster and Crab ticket sale event.
- **Membership**-Lupe Finch/Charlene Spinner, trying to fill current Fellowship Board with \$10 square purchases toward \$1000 scholarship monies, \$540 has currently been sold. When the current board is filled, we will go back to our usual Fellowship Board with \$5 square purchases. Squares can be purchased on our website. Committee is looking into fun activities for members. Possible activities are Art & Wine Event, Garden Tea Party, White Elephant Christmas Decoration Exchange of good quality unneeded Christmas décor.
- **Education**-Mingo Greco for Carolyn Azbell, Chairmen for their individual events were selected. Violet Richardson will be chaired by Sybil Miller, S Club by Deborah Roden, DIBI by Suzi Goldberg, Scholarships by Kim Guggemos, and Awards Night by Mary Ellen Lamothe.

President's Round Table, Mingo Greco, attended the District II Presidents meeting. This year is the 100-year birthday of Soroptimist. On September 28, 2021, Solano County Board of Supervisors will present a 100 Year Proclamation to the Soroptimist clubs of Solano County. On October 5, 2021, the City of Rio Vista and Mayor Ron Kott will present Soroptimist International of Rio Vista with a 100 Year Proclamation.

New Business, Mingo Greco

Student of the Month, as currently established does not meet with the Soroptimist mission to support women and girls. Discussion regarding possibly having it more centered around S Club members. Education Committee has been tasked with looking into this further and reporting back to membership with possible way to rework this recognition so that it complies with our Soroptimist mission.

Secretarial Duties, discussion and consideration given to who best to handle greeting card responsibilities. Motion was made by Claudia See and 2nd made by Lupe Finch to have the Secretary handle this. After continued discussion, decision made to let Education Committee be responsible for continuing to carry out this responsibility. Mary Wheeler volunteered to take on this activity.

District Meeting, will take place on October 16, 2021 at the Crow Canyon Country Club from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Club is tasked with selling basket raffle tickets. Discussion regarding the club paying for our share of tickets. Motion to have club purchase raffle tickets, 1st Mary Ellen Lamothe, 2nd Deborah Roden. Motion carried. None opposed.

New Business, Emily Recinos presented an idea to consider an option for dues management where a member could pay their dues through an installment plan. Discussion regarding pros and cons of such an option. Decision made to gather further information and details and present to the membership for consideration.

Candle Lighting to Celebrate 100 Year Anniversary per SIA suggestion. Four candles were lit representing a wish for Soroptimist International, a wish for Federation, a wish for Country and Region, and a wish for our Club. Picture of lit candles along with Soroptimist International of Rio Vista original charter was taken and will be sent to SIA Headquarters.

Braggs and Celebrations, Brag Free-Lynn Oesterle, Marble Game-Mary Ellen Lamothe (no win).

Motion to Adjourn: Toni Tucker 1st, Deborah Roden 2nd. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 p.m.