



Soroptimist International of Rio Vista

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment

BUSINESS MEETING – MINUTES

December 4, 2024 – 06:09 pm

Board Members: Evelyn Nodal (President), Minnie Howell (Vice President), M J Caesar (Secretary), Vivian Nodal (Treasurer), Jill Anderson (Asst. Treasurer), Laurie Oleksiewicz

Members: The quorum was met. (17 members)

Approval of the Agenda:

Approved with one addition: CD upcoming renewal.

*Motioned by Cinda Dreitzler and seconded by Charlene Spinner.

Approval of the Minutes:

*Motioned by Claudia See and seconded by Suzanne Goldberg

Approval of Treasurer's Report

The President discussed the October and November financials.

- She mentioned that the budget report is almost ready and needed to run it by the board this month. She also noted that starting in the new year, we will have a report that will be more concise, condensed, and a little easier to read.
- The President reiterated the need to move money from special projects to operations.
- Jill Anderson noted that we are waiting for a scholarship recipient to provide her schedule so that the payment can be made.

The financials were approved

*Motioned by Cinda Dreitzler and seconded by Lupe Finch

CD upcoming Renewal

- Jill Anderson reminded the meeting that last November, we decided to move \$10,000 to a CD for one year, and it was up for renewal. The rate of interest was 4.76%. She reported that if we were to renew the CD for one year, it would be 2.8%. However, if we were to renew it for one to three months, they would give us 4.3%, and for four to six months, they would give us 4%.
- Jill is seeking approval from the members to renew the CD for 3 months. She also noted that Vivian will keep track of the CD and ensure that it is renewed on a timely basis.

- Mary Savoy made a motion, and it was seconded by Claudia See

Correspondence:

We received the following: 2 checks from Wells Fargo for a total of \$500.

The President explained that Vivian Nodal works for Wells Fargo, and by virtue of being on the board of a charitable organization, they gave her \$300 and an additional \$200 for being a Soroptimist International member.

It was noted that we also received the \$1,000 scholarship donation from **Diana Vasquez** for the Women Empowerment Award project.

President Update

- The next meeting will be on December 18, and it will be our holiday party. Chef Arvel will cater the holiday meal. The board will pay a bit extra to get a festive meal. However, we will only charge the same \$20.
- The President noted that we will also have an optional 'fun' gift exchange. For those participating, the gift value must be no less than \$20.
- The President noted that in January, our business meeting will be held on January 8 since the first Wednesday of the month falls on New Year's Day. She also stated that our program meeting will be on January 15. Sarah Donnelly will be the keynote speaker and will be talking about St Vincent de Paul. We will also play Bunco for the first time that night. This will be the trial group, and if it is worth it, we will open it up to other people.
- The President reminded the meeting of the chapter's website. She mentioned the member portal, which is the repository for the member roster. A password is required for access. She reminded the members of the importance of respecting each other's personal information.
- The President informed the meeting that Jean Kellam would be taking a leave of absence and stepping away for a little while.
- She noted that we received two applications for the 'Live the Dream' award and several applications for the Violet Richardson, and the deadline is December 15. She noted that the information was sent to the high school as well as to the alternative schools. Ness Cron and one of her colleagues were very appreciative of having been included in the process. The award is \$500. The President noted that all the participating chapters send their nominee's name to the Founder Region, and the region selects someone for the whole region. That person receives an additional \$1,000

Committee reports

- **Fundraising Committee**

Tony Tucker provided an update on the gingerbread house decorating event scheduled for December 21, including ticket sales and the need for donations and supplies. The tickets are \$40.00. The event will take place at the Rio Vista Community Center, and help is needed on Friday to help set up from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Help will also be needed to take it down.

Emilia Seiferling mentioned that members could sponsor a gingerbread house that would be gifted to a school kid. This undertaking would be another way of raising funds for the chapter while helping a kid have a merry Christmas.

The President noted that she took the necessary steps to secure the Community Center at no cost. She also commended the fundraising committee for their efforts and the successful arrangement of the gingerbread house event.

Membership Committee

- Lupe reminded the meeting of the upcoming cookie exchange scheduled for this Sunday at 4:00 pm at her house.
- She also informed the meeting that Ben's and Friends Wine and Appetizers had been rescheduled to February 2 because of a 'Superball conflict'. She added that if members bring a guest, they will win a raffle ticket, and if the guest joins SIRV, the member will win another raffle ticket for a big and wonderful basket that will be raffled off.

Education Committee

- Marie Jo Caesar, as the 'De facto' chair, reported on the progress of the Violet Richardson award and the upcoming meeting with the school counselor and the school principal regarding the 'Dream It Be It' event.
- The President noted that one of the main objectives of the meeting is to set up a day for the event.

S Club

- Becky discussed the S Club and their recent meeting with the school administrators. She noted that the group discussed the importance of feminine hygiene products in schools and the S Club's community project.
- The President also commended Becky for a job well done with the young girls.
- Susan Whitesell asked that we take pictures of the S Club meetings.

Women's Rights Committee

- The committee received two great applications. They have until February to make a decision. Vera Sunada is currently contacting some 'impartial' judges to review the applications.
- The committee is discussing their plans for Bags of Hope and Women's International Day.
- Jill Anderson reminded the meeting of the generous donation for the Women's Empowerment Award and the importance of the STEM award.

Publicity Committee

- Susan Whitesell provided an update on publicity efforts, including articles and social media posts for various events.
- Beckey took the opportunity to thank Susan Whitesell for all that she does. Her sentiments were shared by the rest of the members.

Fellowship Board

- Claudia See noted that each square is \$5, and there will be a raffle tonight.

Other:

- Members shared personal updates and brags, including travel experiences and family interactions.
- Suzanne Golberg mentioned the ongoing art exhibition and encouraged others to attend.
- The group conducted the door prize raffle and the 50/50 raffle.

Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jean Winters	12/27
Marie-Jo Caesar	12/14
Myrtle Farleigh	12/21
Vanessa Cron	12/06

Club Anniversary

Greta Jenkins
Myrtle Farleigh

Next Program Meeting: 12/18

Next Business Meeting: 01/08

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

The President reminded the meeting that the Soroptimist 101 will start momentarily.