**BUSINESS MEETING – MINUTES**

02 October 2024

**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.

**Approval of the Minutes**:

\*Motioned by Suzy Wilson and seconded by Jill Anderson

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

\*Motioned by Toni Tucker and seconded by Jean Winters

**Correspondence**:

The President read a card received from the late Terry McMullen's husband following the $1,000.00 donation in her memory.

She noted that we also received the following:

$50.00 from Gail Rodriguez on behalf of the Rodriguez family, in memory of Terry McMullen; and

$150.00 from Bill Mortimer, also in memory of Terry McMullen

**Presidents Report:**

* **Bass Derby – Top priority**

The Bass Derby is fast approaching; no one has signed up for the Beer Booth Saturday morning shifts. (11:00 am to 2:00 pm). All the other shifts are covered. It was noted that Eldy recruited some of her friends to help on Saturday in the PM.

The President asked that members check their schedule as we need an ABC-certified person, pourers, a cashier, and an ID checker.

The President reminded the meeting that Saturday, 12 October, is also the Founder Region District 1 and 2 meeting, and some members will be attending. She added that she made a plea with the Founder region leadership to change the date of the District 2 meeting as it interferes every year with the Bass Derby, which happens to be one of our biggest fundraising events. The proceeds from the beer sale will be split 50/50 between the Chamber of Commerce and SIRV.

We were reminded that we will sell meat raffle tickets and need volunteers. The booth location has not been assigned yet.

The parade is still on, and SIRV will participate. We will be #7 and are scheduled to march behind Assemblywoman Lori D. Wilson. If interested in marching, we will assemble in Lira's parking lot at 10:30 am. We will have a banner and some pom-poms.

* **Committees**

We still don't have a chair for the education committee. Fortunately for the education committee, the first part of the year is focused on S Club. Becky is handling it successfully. We have the Dream It Be It conference in the spring and the scholarship process, and we will need additional members.

* **December Meeting Meals**

We will not have the December meal at the Business Meeting on 04 December; We will have it at the Program Meeting on 18 December, which will be our Holiday Party.

The 1st meeting in January will be held on the 2nd Wednesday - 08 January since the 1st Wednesday of the month is New Year's Day. We will then have two consecutive meetings in January.

Please note that the cookie Exchange is a separate event to be held at Lupe's house.

* **District Meeting**

The District Meeting is on 12 October.

The President thanked Minnie Howell on behalf of SIRV for donating a beautiful Jelly Belly basket worth $75.00 plus. She reminded the meeting that there would be a basket raffle that would benefit the Fellowship. She explained that every Club must provide a basket worth at least $75 and reminded the meeting that we have tickets for the raffle baskets. They are $5 each or five for $20, and today is the last chance to buy tickets for the raffle as this is our last meeting before 12 October.

It was noted that the tickets and the list of attendees to the meeting must be submitted on 04 October. The Club pays for the registration for those attending the meeting, and the attendees usually pay for their lunch, but in this instance, the" wine money" might cover it.

The drawing for the Baskets is done during the meeting.

**Committee reports**

* **Membership Committee - recruitment events**

Lupe Finch reminded the meeting that the ice cream social 'meet and greet' event at Richard's ice cream parlor is on 23 October between 7:00 and 9:00 pm.

She will make herself available after the meeting for those who want to purchase their tickets. Tickets are $10.00

* **S Club**

Becky reported that they had their first meeting 2 weeks ago, and there were about 20 girls, and they were very motivated. She noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 21 October at 11:20 at the media center.

The President reported that she enjoyed attending the officer's meeting with Becky. While it was just an icebreaker meeting, she noted that the young women were delightful, inspiring, enthusiastic, and just a great group of girls. She added that she left there with 'full heart". Unfortunately, she couldn't attend the upcoming regular meeting because she was in Mexico, but she was planning to attend them in the future.

The President said she was invited to the forthcoming Rio Vision meeting and will receive the funds raised for S Club.

Becky was asked if she needed any donations for snacks, etc. She responded that it would depend on how much they get from Rio Vision. She added that last year, they spent circa $1,000.00 on food, and the girls really enjoyed it.

* **Fundraising Committee - event planning**

Toni noted that the focus is the meat raffle ticket sale and hoped everyone has turned in their money. She added that since she hasn't sold any of her tickets, she will be at Lira's on Sunday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm; if anyone wanted to join her, they would be more than welcome.

She also confirmed that the winning ticket will be pulled where the music will be playing.

Toni also mentioned that while SIRV had some great fundraisers in the past, people have been stealing our ideas. She proposed that the next meeting (Program Meeting) be a 'blue sky' session where we can all discuss new fundraising ideas. She noted that big fundraisers are really exhausting, and perhaps we could have a few smaller ones to supplement the big ones while doing more fun things.

Toni also stated that while Kay offered to help with the Women of Achievement Award, it was decided to do it every other year. Rumor has it that the Chamber of Commerce is contemplating a Women of Achievement Award concentrating on business. A conversation ensued, and the President suggested we differ this conversation to the next program meeting.

Becky pointed out that these events are Club events and must be decided by the Club, not by the few Fundraising Committee members. She also pointed out the lack of assistance and support when dealing with significant events like the Bass Derby.

Charlene noted that everybody must be reminded, and new members must understand that they are expected to participate in every fundraising event, and whilst a committee leads it, it is also a club fundraiser.

The President informed the meeting that SIRV is now part of a non-profit council that meets regularly to discuss conflicts on events because we have had various conflicts. The council is working on a calendar to forge better communication and mitigate potential conflicts. This reinforces the need to make Club decisions and not leave them to just a few people. It was also noted that the Fundraising Committee should have more members.

The President stated, "Based on my past experience, you can have very lofty goals, but if you don't have the volunteers, the interest, and the time, these things fall on the shoulders of 1 or 2 of 3 people, and that is true for all events, and this happened in every club I have ever been part of." Therefore, she urged the members to be realistic about what we can do.

A member suggested that an email be sent to the members who are not listed to help with both the beer booth and the raffle ticket sale. The President responded that she plans to call them.

She also reminded the meeting that we must be mindful of our brand. If we are going to do something, we are going to do it right, and we are going to do it well. We want to ensure we meet our mission because that is the ultimate goal.

The President mentioned Emilia's point at a Fundraising Committee meeting, about being futuristic in our fundraising approach. When we do something, we must plan for the next few years. So, we have items on the calendar and do not have to create them from scratch every year. It was suggested that a five-year plan be considered.

The question was asked about the greater number of members in the Membership Committee. A conversation ensued. The President will ascertain that all members are assigned to a committee. She also noted that the Education Committee was still without a chairperson.

* **Women's Rights Committee**

Jill reported that the committee had not received any applications so far and that the deadline for receiving applications for the Live Your Dream Award was 15 November.

**Chamber of Commerce Welcome Bags**

The President noted that The Chamber of Commerce asked that we provide them with information for the Welcome Bags. It was suggested that we give them the Live Your Dream Award flyer.

**The new ticket process**

The President explained the new process and thanked the members for their patience while changing it. She noted that this system ensures that members purchase tickets at every meeting.

**Fellowship Board**

The President mentioned the "Put Your Pin on" Drive. Charlene's friend made some pin rosettes/holders. They are $10.00. By purchasing the rosette/holder, you get two boxes on the fellowship board and two raffle tickets for the Fellowship raffle.

She noted that some SIRV T-shirts are for purchase at $20.00 (originally $26.00 plus tax). By purchasing a T-shirt, you will get four boxes on the Fellowship board and four raffle tickets for the Fellowship raffle. The President thanked Charlene for her contribution.

Kay showcased the new Fellowship T-shirt on sale for $35.00. She announced that members will get a chance to win a new Fellowship T-shirt if they buy one square on the fellowship board.

**Birthdays and Club Anniversaries**

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Lupe Finch 10/30 Kathy Wright

Mandy Elder 10/11 Mandy Elder

Marie Savoy 10/01 Suzy Wilson

**Next Program Meeting**: 10/16 Fundraising Brainstorming

**Next Business Meeting**: 11/06

**District 2 Board Meeting** (via Zoom) – 11/12 at 5:30 pm

**November Program Meeting:** 11/20 will have a split agenda – Sarah Donelly will be coming to talk about the St Vincent de Paul organization in our community – The President will give highlights from the District Meeting, and Kay will give us a Fellowship update.

The President thanked the members for their interest and enthusiastic feedback and reminded them they could talk to Laurie about anything.

**Dinner**

The President thanked Chef Arvel for a lovely dinner.

**The meeting adjourned** at 7:32 pm.