

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

DATE: The week of April 14th, 2020

COMPILED BY: President, Shannon Voggessor, and Recording Secretary, Peg Isakson, with Thanks! to committee chairs for submitting their reports.

BOARD REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Shannon Voggessor

Hope you all are doing well. I missed seeing you all at our general meeting this month. The board is waiting to see what happens in the next month or so and will determine at that time whether we will meet in June for our committee meetings. I want to thank all of you for continuing with your committee duties during this time. Our community needs us now more than ever and will continue to for some time. I'm proud that we have such a great organization that will continue to meet the needs of our community. Stay well and we will hopefully all be together again soon.

VICE PRESIDENT: Rita Harden

The proposed slate of officers has been completed, with Mary Starck agreeing to the nomination for Vice President. The proposed slate of officers, and the new members, being voted upon are:

Board Members 2020-2021

President - Rita Harden

VP - Mary Starck

Recording Secretary - Carol Watt

Corresponding Secretary - Florence Doksansky

Treasurer - Peg Isakson

Past President - Shannon Voggessor

New Members 2020-21

Amy Black

Christine Greene

Danita Nixon

Mary Denning

Marcia Hale

Megan Mahaffy

Ryan Carlson

Tina Wagner

Dana Weiss

TREASURER: Stephanie Butts.

Current balances are:

DOWH \$14,475.29

Golf/Scholarship \$22,020.42

General \$20,322.12

RECORDING SECRETARY: Peg Isakson

The minutes of the March 19, 2020 General meeting were mailed to the membership via the Web/Computer Tech committee. No email corrections have been received. The March minutes and these April Virtual Meeting Notes will continue to be open for corrections until the end of May, when the 2019-2020 Philo year will close. Please contact pegisakson36@gmail.com with any corrections suggested.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Natalie Parker

Resignations were received from Pam Stevens and Aimee Daniels.

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES:

By-Laws Revision – Mary Voggessor

The suggested revisions to Philo By-laws have been duly discussed at two previous meetings and comments taken from the general membership. Currently online voting is taking place through emails which have been sent to the membership.

Web Fact-finding Progress – Peg Isakson

Discussions have been held with the following current committees – DineOutWithHeart, Golf Tournament, Publicity, and Web Administration/Computer Tech. The Board has approved suggested revisions for Philo's website presence. A follow-up request to these committees has been made for budget implications and time-line of progress to be reported next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alternatives to Violence: The Annual Purple Ribbon Breakfast for Alternatives to Violence (ATV) scheduled for April 2nd was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, canceling this event may prevent ATV from hitting their annual fundraising goal that is needed to maintain services.

In leui of this event, Kari Clark, Executive Director at ATV has hosted a **Zoom meeting for Philo Sisters (who had made reservations) taking place on Thursday, April 16th at 9:00am**. She provided an update about ATV and give a summary of all the challenges they are working through with the COVID-19 crisis. Please contact Ruth Swanty for details if you'd like more information about this update.

Support for victims of violence is critical right now. And unfortunately, home is not a safe place for everyone. If you'd like to help please consider making a donation **to ATV by mailing a check to Alternatives to Violence**, 541 E 8th St., Loveland, CO 80537 or donate online

at <https://www.coloradogives.org/index.php?section=organizations&action=newDonation&fwID=36046>

ATV has also expressed a **need for luggage** for their clients as they move in and out of the SafeHouse. If you have any gently used luggage of any size, please consider donating it to ATV. If you have some to give, please email or text Jamie Powell to coordinate the donation, or bring items to a future Philo meeting.

Blood Drive: Earlier this month MJ was in touch with Garth Englund's Blood Drive coordinator. There is a huge need for blood, but as she sees things at this day, we will NOT be having a blood drive on May 19th. August

will be our next one. Instead, MJ will call all the donors that we have permission to call in early May and encourage them to donate. They can call either the Fort Collins location at 970-495-8965 or the location at MCR 970-624-1510 to schedule an appointment.

Canned Food Drive: Nothing to report

Christmas Food Baskets: Nothing to report

Dine Out With Heart

The 2020 Dine Out With Heart fundraiser is almost finalized and we are now in the process of advertising our grant applications which are due April 15th, 2020 and can be found on our website:

www.dineoutwithheart.org

We have alerted our past receiving non-profits that the proceeds are now ready to disperse, and we are advertising on Facebook and through local non-profit newsletters for any new non-profit that would like to apply. As a reminder, non-profits must use the funds to feed the food insecure in Loveland/Berthoud. The DOWH committee will review applications soon after the deadline and we are planning on dispersing the funds in May. We've been meeting via Zoom to continue this important work and to get the much needed funds into the community as soon as possible.

Overall this year was a challenge with the virus calamity hitting the businesses the beginning of the second week of the fundraiser. Because of this, the businesses only generated \$5,531, with one business proceeds still forthcoming. This amount was the lowest that the fundraiser has ever collected, but thankfully, with our sponsors donating almost \$11,000, the overall funds were almost the same as our best year!

The committee will continue to designate funds to the Philo Christmas Food Basket committee per the adopted "DOWH Procedure and Guideline". Currently, we anticipate funding around \$1700 for the Christmas food baskets. These numbers are subject to change, based on determining final fundraiser proceeds. These are very hard times and the committee is doing our best to help as much as we can, as we know Philo in general always does. If you or someone you know would like to contribute to Dine Out With Heart, you can still donate via our website at dineoutwithheart.org.

Stay safe and healthy dear sisters.

Golf Tournament: The plan is still to have the golf tournament on Friday, June 26 and do the best we can. So far, understandably, no golfers have signed up. We have approximately \$3,000 in sponsorship. A lot depends on the next few weeks - like when the golf course will reopen. It's currently closed until April 26. Cindy and Denise are sure attendance will be impacted. They are hoping to get 40 - 60 golfers and a couple more thousand in sponsorship.

The sponsor money goes directly toward scholarships. The golfers' fees are for the course and the food (generally speaking) so we should be able to handle the potential downsize of attendance. We doubt we will get many gift cards or business gifts to hand out as prizes since those businesses are severely impacted due to the virus. We hope Philo members step up to donate gift baskets for the raffle and prizes. We do not plan to have a 'cart gift' for each golfer to save on cost. We think we can use past gifts that are in inventory at Peg Isakson's house.

Currently, there is not a Chair or Co-chair for next year's golf tournament. So, this may be the last year for the tournament as Cindy and Denise will not chair it again. (They will be members if a Chair and co-chair step forward.) Therefore, they think it's a good idea to use up the leftover gift inventory and not accumulate more items.

Integrated Early Childhood: We purchased a total of 272 books for schools with just under \$1500 from the book fair and a gift card from RB&B Architects (Brianna Smith). All were delivered to the Early Childhood Program at Stansberry School in early March. We also delivered 16 weighted lap pads to Stansberry and Monroe. All were greatly appreciated.

Our last event of the year would have been the literacy fair which was cancelled due the school closures. Next year Cheryl Hitchens will take over as chairwoman. The ladies of this committee have been fantastic to work with these last few years. Thanks to all of you.

Newsletter: May newsletter articles due to Mary Stark by April 25. Reminder, she will not be newsletter layout editor after May. **We need a volunteer for this position.**

Publicity: Nothing to report

Duck Race: Loveland Rotary Club printed the Duck Race tickets in January instead of March. With the coronavirus, it proved to be fortunate. We were able to sell tickets (7 for \$20) at the January, February, and March Philo meetings. Since Philo meetings were canceled, we have accepted sales by phone and mail. Although we had a head start, sales were disappointing. We hoped to exceed our goal of 60 sets but have fallen well short of that at 45 sets. Rotary generously allows us to keep 80% of sales—the most of any organization they work with. As it stands at this time (April 10), we will add \$720 to the club operations budget instead of the hoped for \$960. This will impact the budget significantly since the other fund raiser, Fall Shopping Extravaganza, was canceled this year. We will continue to reach out to Philo members to purchase tickets before our deadline in July.

Scholarships: Application deadline has been changed to April 28 due to Coronavirus.

Spring Social: The 2019 Spring Appreciation Social has been cancelled and plans have been made to recapture our need to celebrate. We will schedule September 10, 2020 (Thursday) 5:30 P.M at High Country Beverage as a modified celebration with no cost to members. The event will include installation of officers and new members. The first business meeting conducted by new president Rita Harden will be held at this gathering. Also, mark your calendars for May 13, 2021 (Thursday) for the 2021 Spring Appreciation