

Philo General Meeting Minutes February 12, 2008

President, Trudy Eckhardt, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. There were 57 members present. Trudy welcomed everyone with a reminder that Philo will be celebrating 90 exciting years with the Birthday Party. Copies of the article that was in the Reporter Herald were available for those who hadn't seen it and a correction about the methamphetamine program being looked at and not yet decided on as a possible service project were explained.

Committee Reports

Service Committees

Marthann Dahlen, Blood Drive Joint Chair, reported that the next Blood Drive would be Feb. 19th. It will start at 10:30, but the extra hour will be taken off the other end of the day. Marthann said this may have to be revisited for the next blood drives. Bonfils wants to include information about Philo in their historical archives they are compiling. Philo conducts one of the largest blood drives and has been doing it the longest time. Juanita Cisneros, Blood Drive Joint Chair, had an example of the aprons with "Philo" printed on them that will be worn at the next blood drive. Any other committee wishing to use the aprons will check them out from the Blood Drive Committee according to Trudy. Juanita had flyers to post at places of employment to encourage participation in the blood drive.

Shannon Voggeser, Scholarship Chair, said that Carly Habein had agreed to be Co-Chair of this committee. Shannon also said that Philo and the scholarship program would be represented at the Single Parents' Resource Fair on Feb. 23rd at the First Baptist Church in Ft. Collins. Applications for scholarships have been sent to various schools. The application will appear on the web sight. Completed applications are due on March 31st.

Fundraising Committees

Betty Brammer, Rotary Duck Race Chair, read a humorous introduction to motivate Philo members to sell duck tickets. The tickets were to be picked up after the meeting. Any tickets not picked up will be mailed. The tickets are \$5.00 each and there are 5 in each member's envelope. Money and ticket stubs will be collected at the March General Meeting. Members were encouraged to sell more than the 5 tickets in their envelopes. Philo will have a booth at Summerfest to sell duck race tickets.

Denise Olson, Spring Fundraising Chair, announced that we will be having a 4th Annual Garage Sale. Details about a space and date will be announced later. The committee met and discussed other fundraising ideas, including selling on E-Bay or Craig's list, and selling bottled water in the park for the 4th of July.

Club Operations Committees

Anne Anderson, Honorary Co-Chair, told members about an event taking place on March 1st. Honorary and “potential” honorary members are meeting at Davidson-Gebhardt Chevrolet at 9:30 am for a specially designed presentation of safety and maintenance for cars. Afterwards, there will be a brunch at 11:00 am at Johnson’s Corner. The cost of the brunch is \$9.50. A count needs to be made by Feb 28th. Any member interested should contact Anne, or Rita Hardin, Chair. Both Davidson-Gebhardt and Johnson’s Corner were sponsors of the golf tournament.

Karen Pielin, Publicity Chair, said that the logo must be decided on before going ahead with the t-shirts. It was decided at the January meeting that black would be the best color. Karen took a count for those who thought they would purchase a shirt. Approximately 30 members raised their hands. An order of 50 shirts would get the best price. Karen asked members to be ready to purchase the shirts at the March General Meeting. Sample sizes will be available to look at.

Social Committees

Carol Helzer, Sunshine Chair, thanked Bonnie Hanson for taking over while she was gone and organizing food for the Voggesser Family (Mary and Shannon). Carol had sent cards to Geri Henderson, Joan Putlack, Mary Voggesser, and Shannon Voggesser. Carol read February birthdays. Anne Anderson told the members that Martha Olander, a former Philo member had passed away. Trudy said Joan Swan’s brother had passed away recently.

Mary Voggesser stood and addressed the members expressing her appreciation for the cards, food, and condolences she and her family had received from Philo members after the passing of her husband.

Joan Putlack, Social Activities Chair, said that approximately 95 guests were expected at the Philo Birthday on Feb. 15th.

Gerry Henderson, Spring Appreciation Social Chair, reported that her committee had met for the first time. Gerry reminded members that May 6th will be the date this year. It is a change from the date in the yearbook.

Officer Reports

Kathi Wright, Vice President, introduced two prospective members attending tonight’s meeting. There were Jinger Buchner, and Deb Fillion. Kathi reminded members to make yearbook changes on the clipboard on the table. Kathi said that prospective new member names could be submitted through the April General Meeting. Kathi read the names of prospective new members she has on her list: Becky Lewis, Peg Isakson, Carol Pacella,

Jinger Buckner, Deb Fillion, Jana Campbell, Ginny Allison, Megan Gappinger, Natalie Parker, and Pam Clifford. Kathi said there are nine more openings for new members.

Cindy Kurtz, Treasurer, gave a Treasurer's Report. The Golf Tournament/Scholarship account has a total of \$18,914.45. The checking account has a total of \$6,603.72. The Key Bank CD has a total of \$5,408.61. The total of all these accounts is \$30,926.78.

Joan Swan, Corresponding Secretary, reported that new name tags were made by Sheila Pottorff. Trudy reported that the Board had regretfully accepted the resignations of Cynthia Garcia and Susan Sharp.

Michaele Gillette, Recording Secretary, asked if there were any corrections to the January minutes. There were none. Trudy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as they stand. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion was carried. Michaele reminded members to mark the attendance sheets and mark any months that they had forgotten to do so.

Doreen MacDonald, Historian, reported that the scrapbooks would be at the Philo Birthday Party. Doreen is looking into the possibility of scanning the scrapbooks. Juanita Cisneros made the suggestion to use a digital camera. Maryann Stroub said she thought an inexpensive scanner would work.

Trudy Eckhardt, President, reported that there are several Board positions open for next year. Cindy Kurtz is a candidate for Vice President. Shannon Voggeser is a candidate for Treasurer. Juanita Cisneros is a candidate for Recording Secretary. Joan Swan would like to continue as Corresponding Secretary. Election of Officers will take place at the April General Meeting. Trudy told members to check the back table for Secret Santa gifts. Cards for soldiers can be turned in on the back table. Please write in the cards. Donations for Alternatives to Violence, IEC, and Birthright were also on the back table.

Old Business

Trudy had a box to collect the votes on the Logo. Trudy presented the choices on the overhead for those who hadn't voted. Members were asked to pick two. The two finalists will be in the March newsletter and the final vote will be taken at the March General Meeting. Members could also vote by e-mail before Feb. 29th.

Trudy gave an update on the current status of the web page. She asked for a show of hands of the members who had checked out the web page and those that had checked the "Members" page. Members were e-mailed the access code for the "Members" page, and once there, members can click on the yellow star to add this site to favorites. As a reminder, a notice will be e-mailed to let members know when the March newsletter will be on the web. Extra information waiver forms were on the back table. Turn in all waiver forms to Michaele Gillette, Recording Secretary.

Service Projects Criteria Committee Co-Chair, Mary Ladd with help from her husband

had made up the e-mail questionnaire for the direction Philo should go for the next 90 years. Trudy urged all members to fill out this questionnaire. The results can be e-mailed to Denise Olson. Denise had copies of the questionnaire for members who don't have e-mail or couldn't access the web page. Trudy reported that the Board had decided prioritizing the results with some outside help would be a good idea. Johnna Borvoso, who works for McWhinney, was contacted. She suggested her husband, Art, would be helpful because he works with non-profits. Next fall would be a good time to begin the process.

New Business

Trudy said some changes on the Newsletter Committee will take place because of the web page. The Newsletter Editor name will be changed to Layout Editor. The Co-Editor name will be changed to Content Editor. The Circulation Editor will be changed to Circulation/Web Editor which will now include sanitizing the newsletter. Nita Starr would like to take on the Layout Editor position. Juanita Cisneros expressed interest in taking on the Content Editor position.

The Service and Fund Raising committees are uneven in number. One possible solution is to have the Committee Sub List sign-up placed in the Fundraiser section to fill in slots so Fundraising committees aren't so big and so other committees can add members as needed. Sign-ups for committees will be before and after the March and April General Meetings, and before the May Dinner.

Trudy explained her idea of having an apprentice program for junior and senior high school girls. The girls could use their community service to work on Philo committees and then become familiar with Philo and possibly become members. Cindy Kurtz volunteered to head a Task Force to set up guidelines. Cindy asked for volunteers to be on the Task Force. Nita Starr, Pam Pellizzari, and Deb Netzel volunteered.

Trudy explained that By-laws would be looking at the possibility of having new members come in throughout the year. Vacancies left on committees because of resignations could be filled this way. Initiation of new members would still happen in May at the dinner.

Trudy said the Board had voted on the decision to have new members pay for their dinners at the May dinner. The number of new members and the loss of dues from the resigning members makes this a budgetary matter. Discussion from the members both questioning and accepting this Board decision took place.

Joyce Krantz said the class given by Maryann Stroub on editing pictures on your computer was excellent.

Hostesses

Trudy thanked the hostesses for the February meeting. They were: Vicki Moehling, Chris Sexton, Joan Putlack, Lori Knedlik, Donna Showalter, Karen Skillman, and Johna

Cabrera.

March hostesses will be: Karen Scheck, Gwen Denton, Mary Ladd, Nicki Staiano, and Amy Hummel.

April hostesses need 3 volunteers to replace resigning members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary,
Michael Gillette