

Philo General Meeting Minutes March 11, 2008

President, Trudy Eckhardt, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 50 members present. Trudy welcomed everyone and shared her weekend trekking and snowshoeing experience encountering new territories. Trudy encouraged members to also try new territory by signing up for committees that might be new to them. Trudy then passed out Certificates of Excellence to: Lara Martinez for developing a data base that can be cross referenced and used by three committees, Bonnie Hanson for stepping in and organizing the Sunshine Committees' help for the Voggessers, and Karen Pielin for helping to get the slide show going at the Philo 90th Birthday Celebration. Trudy thanked all the members for attending the 90th Birthday event. Diane Meuret was presented a horn whistle for her use at the Golf Tournament and thanked for her efforts.

Officer Reports:

Vice President, Kathi Wright, introduced the Prospective New Members in attendance. They were: Jinger Buchner, Megan Gappinger, Pam Clifford, Delores Valdez Jarvis, and Gail Rowen. Kathi reminded members that you can submit Prospective New Member names through the April General Meeting. Kathi said the committee sign ups were on tables around the room. Members can also sign up before and after the April General Meeting and at the May Spring Appreciation Dinner. Kathi also reminded members to make any yearbook changes on the clipboard at the back of the room.

Treasurer, Cindy Kurtz, read a Treasurer's Report. In the Key Bank checking account there is \$6,701.18. In the Key Bank CD there is \$5,431.11. The CD made \$22.00 in interest last month. In the Home State Bank checking account there is \$19,085.81. The total for all these accounts is \$31,218.10. Cindy mentioned an upcoming seminar being conducted by a Philo Golf Tournament supporter, Paul Hummel, on April 8th called "Women's Journey to Financial Independence." Cindy had some flyers for any members who were interested.

Corresponding Secretary, Joan Swan, said that the Board had accepted with regrets resignations from Sally Henry, Anne Larson, Sarah Long, and Amy Parsons.

Recording Secretary, Michael Gillette, corrected last month's minutes. Pam Pellizzari was changed to Peggy Pellizzari under volunteers on the apprentice program task force. Trudy asked if there were any additional corrections. There were none. Trudy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion carried. Michael reminded members to mark the attendance sheets and to turn in the Photography and Disclosure of Information forms to her.

Historian, Doreen MacDonald, was unable to attend the meeting. Trudy said Doreen had been collecting the CD's with pictures from the different committees. Trudy reminded the committees who to pass the cameras to next after their committee had taken their

pictures.

Trudy reminded the Chairs of committees to fill out the forms in the purple folders that were handed out at the beginning of the year. There should be two copies. One goes to the President, and the other is passed on to next year's Chair of the committee.

Old Business

The finalists for the Logo appeared in the March newsletter. There were three finalists due to a tie for second place, and the traditional logo. Trudy told members that the Board suggested adding "Helping the Community Since 1918" to whatever logo was chosen. The Logos were shown on the overhead for those who had not yet voted. A vote was conducted and at the same time members could pick up Duck Race tickets. Trudy asked for volunteers to count the votes. Stevie Benkendorf, Lin Stokes, and Rita Harden volunteered to do the counting. The Logo with the sweet pea bending over Philo was declared the winner later in the meeting. This Logo was designed by Amy Kurtz, daughter of Cindy Kurtz and granddaughter of Eunice Holthusen.

Trudy explained to members that the Board had revisited the New Members paying for dinners at the Spring Appreciation Social. Due to the fact that membership had approved the 2007-2008 budget in September, the Board decided to let the Spring Appreciation Social committee decide whether to prioritize their budget to pay for all New Member dinners this year. If the committee decides to pay for New Member dinners, this would be acceptable.

Trudy talked about the current status of the web page. The Board is going to take Maryann Stroub's suggestion to have the newsletters sent as an e-mail as well as posted on the web for the months of March, April and May. Trudy would like to challenge the membership to use the web page. Trudy would like to see 95% of the membership log on to the web page in April. There will be a specific date each month when the current newsletter will be available on the web page.

Service Projects Criteria Committee Chair, Denise Olson, reported that members need to turn in the questionnaires no later than March 31st. The committee needs time to tabulate the responses and to get a report ready for the April General Meeting. Members who had e-mailed the questionnaire to Denise were wondering if she had received it. Denise said she would e-mail those members to let them know she had received the questionnaire.

New Business

Trudy reported that the Board still had one opening: Recording Secretary. The slate of Officers to be elected in April are: President, Kathi Wright; Vice President, Cindy Kurtz; Treasurer, Shannon Voggesser; Corresponding Secretary, Joan Swan; Historian, Trudy Eckhardt. Dottie Childers said she would like to be Recording Secretary. The slate of Officers is now complete.

The slate of New Members and their sponsors was read in chronological order by Vice President, Kathi Wright and then again later by President, Trudy Eckhardt, (due to By-Law). Kathi read: Peggy Isakson sponsored by Shirley Lampshire and Karen Sanders; Jinger Buchner sponsored by Peggy Pellizzari; Deb Fillion sponsored by Peggy Pellizzari; Jana Campbell sponsored by Peggy Pellizzari; Megan Gappinger sponsored by Shannon Voggesser; Natalie Parker sponsored by Shannon Voggesser; Pam Clifford sponsored by Joan Swan; Cathy Carroll sponsored by Marthann Dahlen and Kathy Matsunaka; Christina Speinwachs sponsored by Trudy Eckhardt; Deloris Valdez Jarvis sponsored by Shannon Voggesser; Debbie Beard sponsored by Marne Engelking; Judy Grommon sponsored by Cindy Kurtz; Marian Maggi sponsored by Jane Bock; Phyllis Polucha sponsored by Marilyn Heth, and Gail Rowen sponsored by Carol Helzer. Prospective New Members may be added to the list until the election in April. There are currently three openings.

Members moving to Honorary status are Dottie Childers and Gwen Denton. There are no new Emeritus members.

Committee Reports

Service:

Blood Drive Joint Co-Chairs, Juanita Cisneros and Marthann Dahlen, were unable to attend the meeting. Trudy said the next Blood Drive would be April 15th. The sign-up sheet would be at the April General Meeting.

Integrated Early Childhood Chair, Nicole Whitenight, reported that the assembly of the literacy boxes for 4 year olds would take place May 6th at 9:00am at the school district administration offices. Nicole asked that any member available that day come and help. It doesn't take long with many hands helping. Nicole also said she had received thank you notes from the preschool teachers for the manipulatives the committee had put together.

Scholarship Chair, Shannon Voggesser, reported that the committee hadn't received many scholarship applications from the Single Parent Resource Fair on Feb 23rd, however, they did network with other organizations and gave out applications. Both the Loveland and Berthoud newspapers had run articles about the scholarship applications. The deadline for the applications is March 31st. Pre-screening of the applications will be done by the committee meeting before the April General Meeting.

Fundraising

Duck Race Tickets Chair, Betty Brammer had members play a memory game to help them remember to pick up and sell Duck Race tickets.

Spring Fundraising Committee/ Garage Sale Chair, Denise Olson reported that the Garage Sale would be in the same location as last year at the 1st Congregational Church

on Lincoln across from Safeway. It will be a one day sale on Sat., April 26th from 7:30am-1:00pm. From 1:00pm-3:00pm will be a free period for church members and various organizations helped by Philo, like Alternatives to Violence. It will be advertised only to those people. The general public won't know about this. From 3:00pm-5:00pm will be clean-up and taking away what is left. There will be a Bake Sale with items donated by Philo members with a donation jar. The money from the jar will go to Early Childhood. There will be no pick-ups this year. The committee will try to do lots of advertising ahead of time. All members were reminded that they should sign-up for a 2 hour shift. Sign-ups were circulated. Thursday, April 24th from 5:00-7:00 will be a drop-off time. Friday, April 25th from 8:00am-noon will be a drop-off time and from noon-4:00 will be pricing and set-up. Someone asked about the Philo banner. The banner would need two separate pieces, one saying Garage Sale, and one saying the date. Together those two parts would cost \$140.00.

Club Operations

Linda Stangel, member of the Publicity Committee reported. Linda said the committee was still in the process of ordering shirts for Philo. The shirts would be approximately \$30.00 based on an order of 50. 10th Street Embroidery will be doing the embroidering. Members can go to www.portauthorityclothing.com item L448 to view the shirts. The committee hopes to have the shirts ordered by May. Mary Ladd suggested that "Women Serving the Community Since 1918" be added to the Logo. Trudy took a vote and that idea was accepted.

Social

Sunshine Chair, Carol Helzer, read the March birthdays aloud.

Spring Appreciation Social Chair, Gerry Henderson, reported that her committee accepts the responsibility of paying for the New Member dinners. The event will take place at Ptarmigan CC on May 6th, which is the first Tuesday of the month. Cocktails will be at 6:00pm. It will be a buffet. The cost will be around \$24.00. The final cost hasn't been determined yet. The invitations will be at the April General Meeting. The theme this year is "Philomatheons As Stars". Gerry read a poem she had written entitled "Who Wants to Be a Star?"

Kathy Loken had some Philo trivia for the members. Ann Moore and Barbara Worden had been first and second in the last Logo selection.

Philo Golf Tournament Chair, Diane Meuret, reported that Sept. 14th will be date of this year's tournament. The Pro at the course is putting together a team so there will be some version of Beat the Pro.

Trudy thanked the March Hostesses: Karen Scheck, Gwen Denton, Mary Ladd, Nicki Staiano, and Dottie Childers.

Jan Dougherty needed volunteers to replace members that had resigned for the April Hostesses. Cindy Kurtz, Dee Dee Warnock and Jan Frame volunteered.

Trudy closed the meeting by asking members to pick up their chairs and to remember to sign-up for committees for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Gillette, Recording Secretary