

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2009

President Kathi Wright opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. There were 66 members present. Kathi thanked Mary Voggesser for hosting our Holiday Party at “The Philo Party Palace”. It was a festive evening with lots of laughter and delicious food. A good way to get in the spirit of the holidays!

As we have been doing each month, Joyce Caufman shared with the group an historical tidbit from Philo’s past. She described one of Philo’s much loved projects—The Santa Shop. The Santa Shop was started in 1969. Philo members met at the First National Bank on the corner of Cleveland and 4th which they had been doing since 1928. At that time Philo members would visit families and assess their needs. Joyce was in charge of “doll restoration”. Every girl from birth to 12 years old received a doll. Jean Christensen, a longtime Philo member, sewed many of the clothes for the dolls (patterns were 65 cents!). It was very rewarding to watch the families come in and pick out the doll they wanted.

Birthdays were acknowledged by Vice President Cindy Kurtz.

Lori Knedlik, Social Activities Chair, introduced our speaker Ceri Anderson, a Realtor with The Group, Mother, active volunteer and former Philo member from 2000-2006. Ceri spoke to the group about being “Fired up and ready to go!” She recommended the book “The Power of Focus” by Jack Canfield, Mark Hanson and Les Hewitt. Ceri felt the book has helped her to focus on changing some habits and letting go of old ways that were unproductive. She cited some humorous examples in her life and gave the group some tips on how to stay focused. The Philo membership thoroughly enjoyed her presentation and hope to see her back in Philo!

OFFICER REPORTS

1 **TREASURER** Shannon Voggesser:

~letters have been sent out to Philo members requesting that they pay their dues. Dues were due last Nov. Twenty five members have not paid their dues.

~Treasurer’s Report given:

Key Bank checking	\$10,143.32
Key Bank CD	\$ 5,585.34
Home State Bank	\$12,917.25
<u>Home State CD (6 mo. @ 3.1%)</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$38,645.91

2. **VICE PRESIDENT** Cindy Kurtz:

~we will need volunteers to hostess our meetings in March and April

~yearbooks available

3. **RECORDING SECRETARY** Dottie Childers:

~requested motion to approve minutes for Nov. meeting. Ann Moore made motion to approve, seconded by Mary Ann Lane. Motion approved.

~reminded members to sign attendance sheets for both Dec. and Jan. meetings

~announced there is a petition to sign on the back table to encourage Loveland City Council members to approve funding for downtown revitalization.

4. **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** Joan Swan:

~announced an Open House to celebrate the opening of the Boys and Girls Club Pulliam Youth Center on 1/20. Everyone is invited.

5. **HISTORIAN** Trudy Eckhardt:

~has created a database for Philo committees which can be used to send out information to all the membership, e.g. when a member has special needs. All mass mailings must be preapproved by the current President and/or the Philo Board.

~will be sending out a test email to everyone to verify their email address. Asked members to respond so she knows you have received her email—otherwise she will need to call you

~membership asked to notify the Vice President with any email changes.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS Chair Mary Ann Lane:

~wrote a wonderful letter to the Reporter-Herald to thank all the community including our Philo members for their support for this program

~Philo members contributed 108 baskets. Several churches, The Optimist Club and lots of community support helped Philo serve 276 families.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE Chair Peggy Pellizzari:

~felt the drive was a huge success with many Philo members involved.

~20 schools participated. Philo was able to donate 8,000lbs of food to HNS and the Food Bank.

~4 students with our Apprentice Program assisted Philo.

BLOOD DRIVES Chair Eunice Holthusen:

~next blood drive will be on 2/17 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please pick up brochures from her to distribute to the community.

SCHOLARSHIPS Chair Carly Habein:

~asked membership for volunteers for her committee since they had 2 members resign

~the committee will begin having meetings to accept applications for Scholarships

~Deloris Valdez Jarvis volunteered to be on the committee.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT Chair Karen Sanders:

~proceeds from the fundraiser were \$685.89

~retail sales were down compared to last year with some of the stores not having many customers. The committee may look at some changes next year i.e. one seating for dinner and allot more time for shopping. Amy Hummel and Dona Menzies were the winners of the jewelry raffle.

GOLF TOURNEY: SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS Chair Kathy Loken:

~Proceeds from our Philo shopping day at Cozy Cottage on 12/11 were \$112.00. Not many members attended

~there will be a "Support Our Sponsors" Open House at Mary Voggesser's on Feb. 5, 2009 from 2-6 pm. The purpose of the party is to thank our sponsors for their support of our Golf Tournament. There will be light refreshments. Everyone is encouraged to attend and thank our sponsors.

GARAGE SALE Chair Denise Olson:

~the Garage sale will be at the First Congregational Church (same as last year)

~the date is April 25th

~Denise will be emailing members with meeting dates.

CLUB OPERATIONS COMMITTEES

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP Chair Rita Hardin:

~announced Honoraries will be having a Salad Luncheon on 2/17 at Trinity Lutheran at 12:00.

SOCIAL COMMITTEES

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Co-Chair Bonnie Hanson:

~Philo will be delivering two meals/week to Lola Johnson while she is undergoing Chemotherapy treatments. Bonnie thanked the membership for all they have done and will be contacting more members in the coming weeks to help with meals.

Kathi thanked Hostesses for all their delicious treats.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Childers