

## **PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10, 2012**

President Juanita Cisneros called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 44 members present--35 active, 8 honorary, and 1 emeritus.

Juanita thanked hostesses: Eunice Holthusen, Sherry King, Joyce Krantz, and Susan Kuhn. Prospective members, Ruth Sprain, Jen Bao, and Linda Hollingsed were introduced.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President Juanita Cisneros** invited members to help clean out Lola Johnson's storage unit on April 21 at 11:00 am. Whatever is not saved for Philo or claimed by members will be donated to ARC or the Boys and Girls Club thrift shop.

Some early scrapbooks have been delivered to the Loveland Museum. Juanita has an appointment for further discussion of the museum's use of Philo memorabilia.

Those who did not attend the brainstorming sessions about Philo's vision and mission were encouraged to remain after this meeting to meet in small groups for about an hour.

**Recording Secretary Linda Stangel** thanked Connie Ephland for substituting in her absence. A motion, made by Mary Voggeser and seconded by Jan Dougherty, was approved to accept the March 2012 minutes as published.

**Vice-President Sheila Pottorff** updated the list of new members to be voted on at this meeting. Folders were given to prospective members, but not all were returned. Efforts will be made to clarify the process in the future.

**Treasurer Peggy Pellizzari** reported a balance of \$17,866.20 in the general fund and \$23,841.78 in the golf/scholarship fund. Peggy has revised the budget based on expenditures to date. With income from the golf tournament, we don't anticipate an increase in dues for next year.

**Corresponding Secretary Connie Ephland** had no report.

**Historian Marthann Dahlen** observed that, after six years, this is her last appearance at the officers' table.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The slate of officers was presented as follows:

President: Sheila Pottorff

Vice-president: Heather Morrison

Treasurer: Peggy Pellizzari

Corresponding Secretary: Pam Pellizzari

Recording Secretary: Linda Stangel

Historian: Juanita Cisneros

Anne Anderson moved that nominations be closed and "a unanimous vote be cast with great enthusiasm." The motion was seconded by Miki Roth and approved unanimously and enthusiastically.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The list of prospective new members was presented as follows: Jennifer Bao, Jennifer Danielson, Beth Soderquist, Ruth Sprain, Angela Thompson, Vicki Thompson, and Linda Hollingsed. A motion, made by Deb Fillion and seconded by Pam Pellizzari, was made to accept these new members. The motion was approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Blood Drive:** The next blood drive will be next Tuesday, April 17.

**Golf Scramble:** Gerry Henderson announced that posters and registration forms are available. Packets are available for those wishing to contact new sponsors.

Johna Cabrera would like the prize baskets and/or feedback from those who are contacting businesses by the May dinner.

Judy Potter is accepting reservations for Luncheon Only. The price and final menu have not been determined yet.

The Golf Scramble will be held on Friday, July 13.

**Integrated Early Childhood:** Materials for the supply boxes are ready. An announcement will be made about when the boxes will be assembled.

**Publicity Committee:** The committee was complimented on the item about Philo in the *Reporter-Herald* "Club Notes." Philo shirts in various styles and colors are available for order.

**Rotary Duck Race Tickets:** Judy Potter asked members to return money and/or unsold tickets by the May dinner. Extra tickets are available.

**Social Committee:** Shannon Voggesser reported on the success of the "Funky Night" painting at Studio Vino. The Walking Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 10:30 am, beginning at the *Reporter-Herald* parking lot. Participants can sign up as a team or individually. Each team needs a means of photographing its finds. It was mentioned that there will be a lot of activity downtown related to the opening of the Rialto Theater Center.

**Sunshine Committee:** With thanks to Bonnie Hanson for covering while she was away, Carol Albers reported on the cards sent recently (see newsletter for specifics). She read the April birthdays. Miki Roth raised a question about notifying the membership about illnesses, etc. right away rather than waiting for the newsletter. In contacting people, the Sunshine Committee will ask what kinds of help are needed (meals, etc.) and request permission to share the information with the members via email.

**Spring Appreciation Social:** Karen Pielin reminded us to pick up invitations for ourselves and others who are not present. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at the Best Western Crossroads Inn on Hwy 34 near I-25. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30, followed by installation of officers and initiation of new members. The theme is "Twilight in Tuscany." Payment of \$28 is due to Kathy Loken by April 27.

**Dona Menzies** offered to coordinate ticket purchases for anyone interested in *Batman Live—World Arena Tour*, October 26-28 at the Budweiser Events Center.

**Committee chairs** were reminded to prepare their notebooks to pass on to the next chairwoman.

**Blast emails** have been limited to items of importance that need immediate attention. Care has been exercised not to flood our mailboxes with messages from Philo. However, there are other circumstances, such as Sunshine Committee announcements, where an email would help keep the membership informed.

**Sheila Pottorff** announced that Ferguson High has received a \$600,000 grant and expressed appreciation for the support of Philo members.

The next meeting is the Spring Appreciation Social on Tuesday, May 8, at 5:30.

**Juanita** shared some parting thoughts as the out-going president of Philo. She expressed her thanks for everyone's support, encouragement, advice and friendship—with special thanks to the board members.

Recalling that a long-time member once told her that being president of Philo is like herding cats, Juanita described a couple of contradictions she encountered during the year. She was told not let people ramble on yet then was advised not to cut people off.. She was told to appoint chairwomen as necessary, but the first time she did, the member resigned.

Juanita observed that we do not meet in the summer, but our biggest fundraiser is in July. We install new members in May but do not take advantage of the momentum and fellowship over the summer. Some members live elsewhere and/or travel extensively in the winter but would be available during the summer. Perhaps the notion of being tied to the school calendar is no longer viable.

She proposed that we consider doing a golf tournament every other year and using the "fallow" year to focus on other things.

"As Philo sisters, we are in it for the long run. This is a life-long connection, so please take the time to get to know each other and work together.

"Someone last April told me that I would be fine because my heart was in the right place. That became my mantra for the year, and I am grateful to her for the sentiment. It was fun, it was frightening, it was a learning experience, and most of all it was an honor I will never forget."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50! Members stayed after to participate in brainstorming sessions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Stangel  
Recording Secretary