

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2013

President Sheila Pottorff called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were 49 members present, 35 active and 14 honorary members.

WELCOME

President Sheila Pottorff thanked this month's hostesses: Cathy Carroll, Dianna Boehner, and Sue Lussenhop. Guests/potential members were introduced by their sponsors: Pam White (Jeanne Findley), Trish Malik (Sheila Pottorff), Debbie Clark (Gerta Fereday), Debbi Benewich (Beth Soderquist), Stella Taylor (Kathy Loken), and Christina Huff (Cindy Kurtz).

Our guest speaker, Lynda Nielsen from Alternatives to Violence, was unable to be here tonight.

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Sheila Pottorff reviewed committee sign-up openings. Early Childhood and Shopping Extravaganza committees need a chair. Juanita Cisneros has agreed to co-chair the Spring Appreciation committee.

Sheila presented an organizational chart outlining three divisions of Philo committees: Organizational, Fundraising, and Outreach. She gave us time to discuss the chart at our tables. Many comments addressed dues and fundraisers. Our fundraisers are primarily supported by Philo members. We should try to draw from outside of our membership to reduce the financial burden on Philo members. We are currently able to support our club operations with money from fundraisers without raising the dues. We have made the purchase of Duck Race and Shopping Extravaganza tickets more optional and accept donations in lieu of buying tickets. We need to be alert to new opportunities for fundraising. We want to raise money as opposed to assessing members.

Another comment regarded taking time off from Philo when we just need a respite. This is a matter that by the By-Laws Committee would need to address.

Vice-President, Heather Morrison read the list of candidates for membership: Pam White, Karen Vinal, Stella Taylor, Mary Starck, Trish Malik, Debbi Benewich, Christina Huff, Margaret Crespo, Debbie Clark, and Gwen Stephenson. Cindy Kurtz moved that the list of proposed new members be approved as read. Joan Putlack seconded and the motion carried.

Heather read the slate of officers for 2013-14 as recommended by the Board. President—Heather Morrison, Vice-President—Judy Grommon, Recording Secretary—Deb Fillion, Corresponding Secretary—Pam Pellizzari, Treasurer—Peggy Pellizzari, and Historian—Sheila Pottorff. Mary Voggesser moved to approve the slate as proposed. Gerta Fereday seconded and the motion carried.

Recording Secretary, Linda Stangel asked for approval of the March 12 minutes. Trudy Eckhardt made a motion to approve the minutes. Marthann Dahlen seconded and the motion carried. Linda acknowledged Trudy's help in editing the minutes throughout the year.

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Pellizzari had nothing to report.

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari reported a General Fund balance of \$18,280.96 and a Golf Fund balance of \$23,239.76. The Golf Fund has received some sponsorship money for this year's tournament plus refunds from unused scholarships. The Scholarship Committee can award \$16,500 this year.

Committees are reminded to submit their expenses. Expenditures are down by quite a bit at this time.

Historian, Juanita Cisneros presented this month's "This Date in Philo." She read the "ABC's of Philo" from 1920, surprisingly relevant to Philo today. Anne Anderson related how Philo began with a group of high school girls when one of their mothers suggested that they find something constructive to do with their time. They worked with the city of Loveland to clean up an area that is now Westside Park. Until 1955 Philo met twice a month. As women began to work outside the home, Philo changed to once a month. This demonstrates how adaptable Philo has been through the years. Anne expressed her pride that the process continues today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Integrated Early Childhood: The committee has been sewing very simple vests, capes, aprons, and skirts of different kinds for the children to use in their play areas. They presented a Show-and-Tell of dress-up items sewn and purchased.

Supply boxes will be given to 320 children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. It is hoped that they will use the supplies to keep up with their learning over the summer.

Philo members donated over 100 books at Christmas. It was suggested that we bring books to the Spring Appreciation dinner as well.

A donation of \$300 was made to the Conrad Ball Literacy Fair. As a service learning project, Con Ball students work with Early Childhood students to create little personalized books on the computer. Our donation helps to purchase supplies for this project.

A change will be made in the distribution of the supply boxes for next year. Boxes will only be given to the children in Head Start. Teachers will introduce the boxes at their home visits and show the parents and children how to use the supplies. Teachers will help to assess what should be included in the boxes and how effectively they are being used.

Scholarship: Diane Bakel announced that 22 scholarship applications have been received. The committee will meet to score the applications on Friday. Interviews will take place on April 24. Applicants this year are very diverse, ranging in age from 17 to 50 and including a mother and her daughter. For the first time, an application has been made for an online school. Again we have a grandchild of a Philo member applying. Committee members will "adopt" recipients to get to know them better. A reception is planned for them at our September 9th meeting.

Alternative to Violence: Lynda Nielsen was unable to speak as scheduled tonight.

Blood Drive: The next blood drive is Tuesday, April 16. The sign up sheet is on the back table.

Stephani Bradley was absent tonight, baby-sitting for Heather's children. Sheila brought up the possibility of having some reliable Ferguson students provide babysitting during the meetings next year.

Shopping Extravaganza: Since Judy Grommon will be vice-president next year, we need a chair for this committee.

Golf Committee: Cindy Kurtz asked for help in soliciting new sponsors. Jeanne Findley brought in a new \$500 sponsor this week. Gerta Fereday has forms available.

Sara Quale has cards with themes for making prize baskets as well as guidelines on value and content. Members can sign up to contact businesses who have contributed prizes in the past.

Registration forms have been sent to previous golfers. We can have as many as 112 golfers or 28 teams of four. The tournament is open to women of any skill level, using the Best Ball rules. Those who do not golf may purchase lunch for \$25.

Rotary Duck Race Tickets: Paddles was decked out in her/his rain hat and coat in spite of the snow and cold. Eileen Huddle reminded us to turn in our ticket stubs to be eligible for \$3000 worth of prizes.

She introduced us to our Big Duck. Lin Stokes will dress her/him for the competition. Philette was suggested as a name. Other suggestions are welcome. The big ducks will be on display at the Chase Bank lobby, in the Corn Roast Parade, and at a booth at the Corn Roast. This year's Corn Roast will be held August 24 on 4th Street. Three lucky winners found prizes underneath their chairs.

Spring Appreciation Dinner: Dinner reservations are due by May 1. Sponsors should encourage the new members to RSVP even though their dinner is paid for. Colleen Ligothke will take reservations (\$28) tonight.

Publicity/Social Media: Peg Isakson explained that the Publicity Committee is focusing on some "personal networking," participating in events like the Cherry Pie Festival and making personal contacts to promote Philo.

Philo will have a booth at Loveland Children's Day on April 24 from 1:30 to 4:30 at Foote Lagoon. Peg will entertain the children with an activity but may need helpers to work with children one-on-one. Also, volunteers are needed to be on hand to promote Philo to the mothers while their children are occupied. Juanita volunteered the use of her tent.

Another possibility is Berthoud Days on September 1. The cost of a table there is \$200.

Sunshine: No cards have gone out since the newsletter. Bonnie recognized members with April birthdays. Keep the Sunshine Committee informed throughout the summer.

Web Admin: Trudy reported that efforts are being made to arrange committee sign-ups on line next year.

Task Force: Joyce Krantz reviewed the Task Force activities from where we started to what we have accomplished and what lies ahead. The committee has analyzed the sheets from our discussion groups in terms of what is effective, what is not effective, and what are the commitments of time and money.

The process has been as rewarding as the product. We have already made changes on the basis of our group discussions. We all have a better understanding of what the various committees do. The committees themselves have clarified their duties and goals. The Blood Drive has reduced its hours and the number of volunteers necessary. The Food Basket Matching and Delivery committees have been combined and their goals re-evaluated. Chairs have the opportunity to serve two-years, and members can stay on a committee for more than one year. The sense of obligation has been replaced with choice and passion in signing up for only one committee. We are trying to introduce more of a "FUN factor" into our activities.

There is more to do. The Task Force will continue to meet and make recommendations. Some changes would require a vote to change the by-laws. Issues under consideration include extending the years for honorary status, removing the Historian from the board and creating a new committee, and going to a year-round schedule. All recommendations will be subject to group approval. We are still experimenting but have seen a lot of positive energy.

OUTSIDE PHILO

Kathy Loken has forms to register teams for Sierra's Race on June 1 at The Ranch. This cause is dear to her heart with the 25th anniversary of her daughter Laura's death from meningococcal meningitis. Members are encouraged to sign up for Laura's team. Last year 419 free immunizations were given. A clinic will be set up for immunizations at The Ranch.

Jeanne Findley is excited to welcome her new grandchildren from Ethiopia. Their parents will be going to Ethiopia on April 21. They will take clothes for children from 4 to 14. Contact Jeanne for more information or to donate.

Peg Isakson will be going to the Wind River Reservation again. Contact her about donating items.

This is the last official meeting of Philo for the 2012-2013 year. Next month there will be no business meeting at the Spring Appreciation Social. Our new officers will be inducted and new members will be initiated.

May 14 at the Best Western -- Social hour begins at 5:30

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted for the last time,
Linda Stangel