

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2013

President Sheila Pottorff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 44 members present, 34 active and 10 honorary members.

In preparation for the Task Force activity, everyone was asked to sit at a table representing an organizational committee: Publicity/Social Media, Social Activities, Spring Appreciation Dinner, and Sunshine.

WELCOME

President Sheila Pottorff read a poem about love, one of the six characteristics in Philo's motto. She thanked this month's hostesses: Stephani Bradley, Shannon Voggesser, Denise Olson, and Natalie Parker. She introduced guests/prospective members: Pam White, Karen Vinal, Stella Taylor, and Jane Clevenger. The names of several other potential members were proposed.

TASK FORCE

Shelia Pottorff introduced the activity. The chair of each committee facilitated a conversation about 3 questions:

- What are the successes of your committee and how do they support our mission statement?
- What are the challenges and barriers facing your committee?
- What other resources in the Loveland/Berthoud community could you collaborate with to optimize your service goals?

A recorder wrote committee responses on chart paper. At the end, each committee shared its responses.

Social Activities:

- Successes: meets the mission statement in providing friendship, they have offered activities at meetings (scarf tying, tap dancing), specialized groups (Book Club, Bunco) meet regularly
- Challenges: Scheduling, finding inexpensive activities, having people follow through on their commitment, generating new ideas, setting up new specialized groups
- Local Resources: local businesses, downtown, Berthoud Observatory, Second Friday, progressive dinner, potluck picnic

Sunshine:

- Successes: team structure has been working, cards are sent in a timely manner, updates are in the newsletter, several sisters have received meals
- Challenges: communicating in a timely manner (not just newsletter and meetings) so that individuals can show their support, having a method of communication that reaches everyone, involving honoraries, acknowledging summer birthdays, encouraging everyone to participate when asked to provide meals

Spring Appreciation Social:

- Successes: meets the mission statement in providing friendship, everyone looks forward to attending
- Challenges: finding a local venue to accommodate the size with reasonable rent and cost of dinner

Publicity/Social Media:

- Successes: contacts with the Loveland/Berthoud community about our services, friendship, newsletter, Reporter-Herald articles, Philo shirts
- Challenges: getting more articles for the newsletter, more use of social media
- Local Resources: participate in local events (Berthoud Days, Corn Roast, Chamber of Commerce After Hours), possibly having a corn husking team, decorating Paddles for the Rotary Duck Race

OFFICER REPORTS:

President, Sheila Pottorff explained the process for committee sign-up. There are several changes this year. The sign-up sheets list the current committees. If you wish to remain on your current committee, initial next to your name. Cross your name off any committee on which you no longer wish to serve. You do not need to sign up for more than one committee but may serve on as many as you wish.

Vice-President, Heather Morrison needs nominations for VP. Heather met with the four prospective members to explain what Philo membership is all about. Other names may be submitted in March and April. Packets that include old yearbooks are helpful in preparing new members.

Recording Secretary, Linda Stangel will amend the January minutes to include attendance numbers. Kathy Loken made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Florence Doksansky seconded and the motion carried.

A new recording secretary is needed. Heather Morrison nominated Stephani Bradley. Stephani substituted for Linda when she was absent in January. [Thanks, Stephani, for filling in!]

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Pellizzari was absent due to family illness. Linda Stangel reported that the Board had regretfully accepted the resignation of Maryann Stroub and Angela Thompson. She read a thank you note from the resident of our Alternative to Violence apartment. Both mother and daughter expressed their gratitude for the Christmas basket and gifts.

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari was absent due to family illness. Linda Stangel reported a General Fund balance of \$18,143.96 and a Golf Fund balance of \$18,300.67. Five active and 6 honorary members still need to pay.

Historian, Juanita Cisneros presented this month's "This Date in Philo." Juanita read a history of Philo from 1942. Apparently, the history was updated every few years. It gave a more detailed explanation of the transition from the high school group to the organization in 1942. At that time there were 40 active members and a total of 115 women who had been members since it began.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alternative to Violence: Cathy Carroll and Sue Lussenhop met with Linda Nielson to tour the building where our apartment is located. The building has no special security. The building and apartments are in good condition. Residents are screened and must meet certain obligations (seek a job or enter school, counseling) in order to live in this transitional housing for up to two years.

At this time there may be a need for a new mattress. Birthday and Christmas gifts for the kids are appreciated.

Their current focus is raising funds for a safe house in Loveland. Land has been purchased for the building. Philo's role would be to help raise awareness and promote the fund raising.

Blood Drive: Florence Doksansky announced the next blood drive is February 19 from 9 to 5. She noted that the blood supply is currently low for all the blood banks. The Blood Drive Committee next year will be smaller and the hours reduced to 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Golf Committee: Gerta Fereday announced that the golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 16. Letters have gone out to previous sponsors, and one contribution has been received. Forms and talking points are available. Gerta challenged everyone to find one sponsor. More members are needed on the committee.

Integrated Early Childhood: Florence Doksansky reported on a meeting with the Early Childhood director. Instead of sending home supply boxes at the end of the year, the Headstart teachers will take the boxes on home visits, show families how the boxes can be used, and present them as gifts at Christmas.

Food Baskets: Dona Menzies shared that case workers working with the recipients appreciate what Philo does.

Rotary Duck Race Tickets: Paddles is decked out in her Valentine finery. Eunice Holthusen announced that the Duck Race Tickets are available now. There will be a prize for the most sales. Diana Boehner received tonight's prize. In March we will vote on whether to enter the larger decorated duck in this year's competition.

Spring Appreciation Dinner: Judy Potter announced that the dinner will be on Tuesday, May 14, at the Best Western. Cocktails will begin at 5:30. The cost is \$28. An invitation will be sent later by email. Judy declined to divulge the theme, keeping it a surprise until the invitation.

Sunshine: Bonnie Hanson mentioned an obituary for Irene (Benson) Faucett, who died at age 99. She was an active member of Philo when she was in high school. Shellie Gutierrez's husband is seriously ill. DeeDee Warnock has a new grandson. Teams who have not prepared meals in a while may expect to get a call.

Scholarship: MaryAnn Lane reported that the scholarship applications are available on line. There is \$15,000 available to award this year.

The next meeting is March 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please sign up to help Karen Sanders with refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stangel