

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

President Juanita Cisneros called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 46 members present--38 active, 5 honorary, and 3 emeritus.

Juanita thanked hostesses: Pam Clifford, Eileen Huddle, Peg Isakson, and Karen Sanders. Florence Doksansky introduced prospective member Ruth Sprain, and AJ Gantt presented Jennifer Bao.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Recording Secretary Linda Stangel:** A motion, made by Miki Roth and seconded by Toni Wallace, was approved to accept the November 2011 minutes as published.

**President Juanita Cisneros** thanked Peggy Pellizzari for holding the Christmas party at her home. It was a great time to socialize. In response to requests for more social activities, a summer picnic has been suggested.

Several members recounted their experiences in delivering food baskets. Sheila Pottorff connected with a former student. Juanita's pumpkin pie survived intact when she dropped it. Shellie Gutierrez renewed contact with a woman who attended junior high with her. Peggy Pellizzari and family each received a handmade carved wood gift from a grateful recipient.

Due to overlapping travel dates, the newsletter is late. Nita Starr has submitted the newsletter, but Trudy Eckhardt is currently away.

The Blood Drive signup sheet was circulated.

Juanita distributed some documents to committee chairs as a means of "downsizing" the President's Notebook. Each committee should keep records to pass along to the next chair.

**Vice-President Sheila Pottorff** described the duties of the vice-president and issued an invitation for anyone interested to join her at the Pourhouse on Tuesday, January 31, at 5:00 pm. Duties of the officers are on pages 58-60 of the yearbook.

New Member Packets are available. Potential members should submit their Information Sheet to Sheila.

In preparation for committee signups for next year, Sheila will contact each co-chair to confirm her intention to move up to the chair position. Committees that do not currently have a co-chair should try to fill that position from within the current committee.

**Corresponding Secretary Connie Ephland** read a note from a food basket recipient thanking Philo and the Cabrera family for their generosity.

**Treasurer Peggy Pellizzari** reported a balance of \$14,751.95 in the general fund and \$19,812.40 in the golf/scholarship fund. A second reminder for dues payment went out on January 9. There are 10 active members and 9 honoraries who have not yet paid dues.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Golf Scramble:** Diane Dynes distributed the list of sponsors for the 2011 golf scramble. She encouraged us to add this to our yearbook and patronize these businesses throughout the year. The list also appears on the web page.

The 2011 golf scramble yielded over \$17,200, and the goal for 2012 is \$20,000. Since the beginning, we have awarded more than \$85,000 in scholarships. We can easily reach the \$100,000 mark this year.

Gerry Henderson heads the Sponsorship subcommittee. In reference to the list of 2011 sponsors, she reminded us that many more contacts had to be made to generate this list. She has a packet of materials to use when soliciting sponsorships. It includes sample letters and talking points. She has a list of contacts from last year and encouraged us to seek donations from the businesses that we patronize. There are three sponsorship levels: \$100, \$200, and \$500. We will accept smaller amounts at the Donor level.

Johna Cabrera is in charge of prize donations. Last year we had 67 baskets for the prize drawings at the luncheon. Five were worth more than \$500. She has cards with contact information for last year's donors. Members who pick up a card should keep Johna informed to avoid duplication of requests. This year members may also make a themed basket with \$50 to \$75 retail value. Suggested themes are available from Johna. All baskets should be completed by April.

**Spring Appreciation Social:** Karen Pielin reminded us to save Tuesday, May 8, for the dinner. Cocktails begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30, followed by installation of officers and initiation of new members. Details will follow.

**Sunshine Committee:** Carol Albers reported on the cards sent recently (see newsletter for specifics). She thanked everyone who contributed food for the memorial service for Fred Anderson. Anne Anderson stood to personally thank Philo for not only the food but also the many expressions of sympathy and support. Carol read the December and January birthdays.

**Alternatives to Violence:** Pam Pellizzari has copies of the Pastels on 5th calendars. These are 2012 calendars featuring all of the Peoples Choice Award winners. They sell for \$13.18 each with \$10 going back to Alternatives to Violence.

**Kathi Wright** invited members to attend the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County breakfast on February 7 to honor the Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year. Breakfast is free but donations are accepted.

**Mary Voggesser** spoke of meeting Pauline Davis at Fred Anderson's memorial service. Pauline is a descendent of Emma VanZandt, founder of Philo.

**Miki Roth** offered complimentary daytimers.

**Food Basket Matching:** Dona Menzies, having served her last time as chair of this committee, expressed her appreciation for the good things members shared about their experiences delivering food baskets. As chair, she hears the negatives. She distributed a summary of the 268 donors and recipients. There were 103 Philo donors who came through with baskets and donations.

**Judy Potter** announced that the Rotary Duck Race tickets will be available soon. We receive 60% of the money we collect. There may be a change in price for the tickets this year – possibly 3 for \$10.

**Cindy Kurtz** reported that she has had some technical difficulties but is working on her Philo scrapbook. We are still looking into the possibility of working with the Loveland Museum to display and preserve our memorabilia.

**Canned Food Drive:** Jan Dougherty reported that we collected about 14,000 pounds in the Canned Food Drive of which 7934 pounds was donated to the House of Neighborly Service. This represents between \$30,000 and \$35,000 worth of food. Nineteen schools collected food, and Bill Reed physical education classes helped sort. Because many of the teachers and students do not know anything about Philo and this project, a thank-you letter with a Philo pamphlet is being sent to the schools. Jan expressed special appreciation to Lynn McDonough and her husband for picking up donations. Also, she thanked her co-chair Kathi Wright.

**Social Committee:** AJ Gantt will contact those who have signed up for the wine tasting to confirm. The wine tasting will be on February 4 at 6:30pm. Twenty-six of the 40 slots have been filled.

Another scavenger hunt is planned for the spring. Because it is disappointing to plan an event outside of Philo and not have serious interest, she proposed to schedule something before or after a regular meeting.

Information about the Philo Book Club appears in the newsletter. For information about the Bunco Club, contact Dona Menzies.

**Stevie Benkendorf** reminded chairs of the importance of completing committee reports to pass on to future chairs. Sheila has forms for committee reports.

**Blood Drive:** The next Blood Drive is February 21. Please consider donating blood and encouraging friends and family members.

The next meeting is on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00. Although other options were discussed, it was decided to keep the meeting as scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00!

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Stangel  
Recording Secretary