



PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2014

President Heather Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

WELCOME

Welcome and acknowledgment of this meetings hostesses Anne Anderson, Barbara Giesey.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Dine Out With Heart fundraiser proposal:

Dona Menzies, Shellie Gutierrez, Diane Lauer, and Denise Olson presented the proposal for a new fundraiser. The Loveland residents with other communities are encouraged to patronize local eateries, who will create a \$25 (or related) dinner deal for the first two weeks in October. The serving tables will be given pre designed envelopes, provided by Philo, for patrons to donate money to be used to fund the Christmas Food Basket program. Any overflow money is to be donated to other nonprofits that focus on hunger. This new fundraiser will require a newly established committee called, Dine Out with Heart. The motto is "A community without hunger is a community with heart".

The Board has met with this committee several times as they put the proposal together and has sanctioned it as a viable fundraiser that Philo should implement. Dona is looking for 7 volunteers that will help implement the fundraiser in October. Contact Dona if interested.

Officer Reports:

President, Heather Morrison: Heather announced open board positions for the 2014-2015 year. Vacant positions include: Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Heather is now putting together the sign-up sheets for next year committees and will be talking to current chair and co-chairs for input on what the future needs of the committees are.

Vice President, Judy Grommon: Linda Stangel and Judy have been working on new procedures for interested new members sign-up. They will be abandoning the old folders and replacing with a questionnaire and new membership information sheet. These forms will be on the web site for all to access but the intent is not for mass handout. Current members are expected to mentor and sponsor a prospective new member. The prospective new member is not considered until the completed information sheet is turned in. Prospective member nominations are presented at the March meeting and again at the April meeting prior to voting.

Recording Secretary, Deb Fillion: Deb asked for approval of the November 12th minutes. A motion was made by Judy Potter and seconded by Marthann Dahlen; minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Pellizzari: Pam was absent and Deb Fillion filled in reading a thank you from Trish Stanczyk, Ed. Cord. for the Thompson School District Early Childhood Program thanking Philo for the Pete the Cat books, stuffed animals and the Christmas book donations for their children. Deb also shared a news article about our Philo sister Miki Roth who is now the Loveland Chamber Chairman of the Board. Congrats!!

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari: General Fund balance of \$18,075.79 and Golf/Scholarship Fund balance of \$21,437.97. Still need some people to pay dues. Peg shared a thank you note she received from scholarship recipient, Jessica Peterson. Jessica graduated thanks to our support.

Historian, Sheila Pottorff: Sheila took us on a journey back to the 12-14-1948 Christmas program. The program was put on by new members with the new members dressing up as various Christmas characters, singing songs and providing attractive refreshments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine: Mary Voggesser read the December and January birthdays and acknowledged those that were at the meeting. Please check your newsletter for the list of cards that have been sent recently. A sympathy card was sent to Vicki Moehling's family as she was once a Philo member. Kathy Loken had successful surgery today. We wish her a speedy recovery. We have used every team so far this year to provide meals and may need to use a team again. Big thank you to everyone for helping our members in a time of need. Phyllis McCormack's story on seeking a kidney donor is on 9 news tonight. Be sure to watch if you can.

Blood Drive: Florence Doksansky reported that Feb. 18th is the next blood drive. Please sign up to give blood. We get a lot of help with snacks but really need blood donors.

Canned Food Drive: Kathi Wright expressed a huge thank you to the committee, fire fighters and volunteers who helped with the drive this year. She addressed some of the concerns that were brought up. Some of the traditional foods were just not available this year so it was harder to put together a traditional Christmas dinner basket. Perhaps the flood in Sept. took some of the resources we have seen in the past. However 268 families were served. Firefighters would like to co-sponsor next year so that they can help in a larger capacity.

Christmas Food Baskets: Shellie Gutierrez reported that 268 families, 3 churches, 5 organizations and 29 non Philo people helped deliver baskets or contributed this year. Also 109 Philo women participated in delivery or donation. In addition the food basket committee delivered 44 baskets. We were only short 50 donors. A total of \$2,365.00 was collected and \$990.00 will carry over for next year. Special thank you to committee for their hard work

Alternatives to Violence: Cathy Carroll reported that at Christmas the committee members donated items to take to the current house occupant. She was very grateful and said they were her Christmas angels. Christmas would not have been very good without them. Thank you to the committee!!

Golf Tournament: Sheila Pottorff reported for Gerta Fereday as Greta is with her ailing father-in-law.. The committee met in Dec. and already have \$1,800.00 of donations. Working on new donors this year that have not been contacted in the past. The tournament will be June 20th, Friday, 8:00 am at Mariana Butte.

Spring Appreciation: Will be held at the Best Western again this year.

Other Information: Anne Anderson told us about a community breakfast coming up on March 11th for Project Self Sufficiency. The event is called "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty". It will be held at the Hilton in Ft. Collins, 425 W Prospect Road, Tuesday March 11th, 7:30-9 am. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by going to www.ps-s.org or calling 970-635-5912.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Fillion, Recording Secretary