

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Marthann Dahlen. There were 5 honorary members and 33 active members present.

President Marthann Dahlen called the meeting to order. Before conducting the business of the meeting, Shannon Voggesser asked for 4 volunteers to play a game of “Horse” using the letters in “Philo” to win. The Social Committee continues to create ways to have some Philo fun. The Committee is organizing a scavenger hunt scheduled for May 14th, the Saturday after the Spring Dinner. The event will take place from 10:00am to 12:00noon and all participants will be in teams of 4. Each team will need a digital camera or photo phone to record their findings. The purpose of the scavenger hunt is to learn more about historic Loveland. The Social Committee will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting as well as at the Spring Dinner

Trudy Eckhardt, Web/Mass Mailing Editor addressed the concern about keeping member information updated. She has worked with Craig Robinson, Web Master who has assisted her in creating a format so Trudy can update all member information in real time. Trudy is the single contact for information changes. Trudy asked each member to go to the web site and review their individual information and forward her via email any changes.

As of March 8th, all received corrections have been updated. All honorary and emeritus members are designated. All leave of absence information is in the data base, but does not show on the web site due to lack of space.

Trudy will send out a mass email with the link to the web site along with the pass word so everyone can mark it as a “favorite” site and also go in and review their individual information to assist Trudy in the important task of maintaining accurate Philo member information. Trudy gave a shout out of thanks to Craig Robinson who has volunteered considerable time to develop an effective web site.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Marthann Dahlen announced that Kathi Wright has requested a temporary leave of absence which was granted. Kathi’s departure leaves the position of Chairman of the Computer Tech committee responsible for the yearbook open.

Marthann informed the membership that the demand through 211 for financial assistance from Guidelines for Giving has exhausted the available funds. Marthann stated an increase from \$1000 to \$2000 will be submitted in the budget for year 2011-2012.

Philo is now a member of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce. The Philo Organization will be acknowledged on Tuesday March 15th at 4:30 at a ribbon cutting at the Loveland Chamber office. A photo will be taken of all Philo members who attend. The Chamber

offers many benefits to their members. All members of Philo can participate in events and classes that are offered. Please come to the Ribbon Cutting on March 15th and learn about the benefits of being a Chamber of Commerce member.

Vice-President Juanita Cisneros reminded all attending members that committee sign-up sheets are available and will be available at the April and May meetings.

Juanita has established an “Outside Philo” column in the news letter so that Philo members who are involved in community activities can post event information that may be of interest to the group. The information will need to be submitted to Nita Starr by the last Tuesday of each month. For the April news letter, the final date for submitting information is Tuesday March 26th.

Juanita requested that all members consider taking important positions within the organization. A slate of names for board members will be voted on at the April meeting. Currently, names for positions are: Linda Stangel – Recording Secretary; Connie Ephland – Corresponding Secretary; Juanita Cisneros – President. Treasurer – Peggy Pellizzari. Board position for Vice President remains unfilled.

Corresponding Secretary Linda Stangel announced Kathi Wright’s request for a leave of absence. Members in the news were Kathy Loken and her daughter who participated in the McKee golf tournament, Deb Fillion who submitted a thank you to the community for the recent blood drive; the Philo Golf Scramble Save the Date announcement; Sheila Pottorff for her new position as principal of Ferguson High School.

Treasurer Peggy Pellizzari reported \$22,128.59 in the Golf Scramble account and \$19,578.01 in the General account. Peggy proposed that \$2500 be held in reserve in the Golf Scramble account to fund the next tournament. That would leave \$17,500 to pay out in scholarship awards for spring of 2011. A motion was made and seconded to approve \$17,500 for scholarship awards.

Historian Cindy Kurtz let the membership know that at the Spring Dinner photos will be taken for the next year book for anyone who currently does not have a photo in the year book or would like to have their year book photo updated.

Also, the Loveland 365 coffee table book can be ordered. If Philo is designated by the purchaser, the organization will receive \$20.00 of the order price. It is a great way to contribute funds to Philo. Books can be ordered on Friday March 11th at Anthology. The order cut off date is currently March 31st. This book will only be printed to fill orders. Don’t miss the order cut off date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Committee, Eunice Holthusen sent a get well card to Stevie Benkendorf who is recuperating from a recent surgery. Eunice read March birthdays.

Publicity Committee, Peggy Isakson had order forms available for anyone who would like to order Philo polo shirt.

Scholarship Committee, Jan Frame announced that applications for scholarships are due March 25th. New releases announcing the availability of Philo scholarships have been submitted to newspapers in Loveland and Berthoud.

Golf Scramble Committee Diane Dynes and Jan Frame set up filmed interviews of 4 recent recipients of Philo scholarships. Jan did a stellar job of interviewing a young man who is a student at Front Range studying psychology; a single mother of 3 attending Aims, working toward a degree in social work; a single mother of two, attending Front Range working toward a Bachelors' Degree in Nursing and a young woman attending Aims to obtain an associate degree as a Medical Assistant. All of these recipients were very articulate and appreciative about the difference the Philo scholarship awards made in their lives. The dollars that Philo earns through our volunteer efforts and put back into the community make an enormous difference in the lives of the scholarship recipients and ultimately in our community.

Kathy Loken reminded everyone that each Philo member is required to participate in the work of putting on the annual Golf Tournament. The continued financial success of the tournament requires the work of many hands. Call Diane Dynes, Johna Cabrera or Gerry Henderson to see how you can be of help.

Rotary Duck Race Ticket Sales, Michaele Gillette reminded everyone that duck tickets are available.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Appreciation Social, Mary Ann Stroub announced the Spring Dinner will be held May 10th at Sylvan Dale Ranch. You guessed it, a western theme. It sounds like great fun. Save the date.

Vice President Juanita Cisneros announced the slate of prospective new members who will be voted on at the April 12th general meeting. They are Susan Kuhns – sponsor Shannon Voggesser; A.J. Gantt – Sponsor Dee Valdez; Florence Doksansky and Barbara Litter – sponsor Cindy Kurtz; and Shellie Gutierrez – sponsor Dona Menzes

The April Board Meeting will be on April 6th at 4:30pm.
The April General Meeting will be on April 12th at 7:00pm

The meeting was adjourned

Respectively Submitted
Karen Sanders
Recording Secretary
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March 15th Corrections to the minutes submitted

Officers Reports

The request for a \$1000 increase in the Guidelines for Giving Budget will be submitted for approval in the budget for 2011-2012.

Unfilled Board Positions

The position of Treasurer is a two year position and will be held by Peggy Pellizzari for the upcoming year. The only unfilled board position is that of Vice-President.

Respectively Submitted 3.15.11
Karen Sanders Recording Secretary