



PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2013

President Heather Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

WELCOME

Welcome and acknowledgment of this meetings hostesses Linda Stangel, Lynn McDonough and Juanita Cisneros.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Guest Speaker: Glenda Shayles, Alternatives to Violence Director, was the guest speaker. She gave an update on the Safe House project. ATV originally wanted new construction, but it was determined that ATV would look for existing space to house victims of domestic violence. Building has been located and ATV is hoping to open the facility in August, 2014. The Safe House will have 8 rooms and 22 beds. Life skills and financial planning will be part of the programs available to residents. Clients will be allowed to stay 6-8 weeks. (women and children) ATV will also help with building safety plans, counseling and other programs to prepare clients to move forward. ATV currently depends on hotel rooms to house clients on a very temporary basis. The Safe House will offer a better long term solution. If members are interested in donating items, the ATV website has a list of those items needed for the agency clientele.

Officer Reports:

President, Heather Morrison: No one stepped up for hosting the Philo Holiday Celebration. Time is short for preparation plans and not sure if we can have a party at this point. Possible choice could be at the church. (**update:** at the end of the meeting Stella Taylor offered her home for the Philo Holiday Celebration on Dec. 10th – invitations have been sent (via e-vite and mail)

Vice President, Judy Grommon: One new member prospect from the Cherry Pie Festival. A committee has been formed to contact new people and invite them to a meeting. (date TBD).

Recording Secretary, Deb Fillion: (Pam Pellizzari filling in for Deb due to Knee replacement surgery). Pam asked for approval of the October 8th minutes. A motion, made by Stephanie Bradley and seconded by Miki Roth, was approved. Get well soon Deb!

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Pellizzari : One resignation, Marilyn Wiltgen. Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Trish Stanczyk thanked the Philo Early Childhood Committee for their continued support for their ever growing need. (Reporter Herald 11/5/13). Pam read a "letter to the editor", in the Reporter Herald submitted by Pam Clifford regarding the importance of getting Mammograms.

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari : General Fund balance of \$18,873.50 and a Golf/Scholarship Fund balance of \$21,437.97 One participant scholarship has not been rewarded (\$500.00). She reminded members to pay their dues: About 12 or 13 members and several honoraries have not paid their dues. \$35 for actives and \$15 for honoraries – PAY YOUR DUES!

Historian, Sheila Pottorff: Absent – no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shopping Extravaganza:

Shopping Extravaganza netted \$1712.00 from the Outlet Mall. (\$845.00 of the \$1712.00 was from the raffle). An additional \$345.00 was from direct donations from Philo members. Ticket sales were down this year. We have approximately 66 members and 27 did not participate. Georgeann Smith won the coach purse. More organizations joined this year. Raffle money was split between 6 organizations. Suggestion for next year would be to inform the membership about the Extravaganza before the September meeting. Members could then be thinking about attending. A "save the date" card was suggested.

Sunshine: Mary Voggesser read the November birthdays and acknowledged those that were at the meeting. Please check your newsletter for the list of cards that have been sent recently.

Social Committee: Shannon Voggesser reported that no social activities were planned to date. Asked if we want to participate in the Sing-A-Long at the Rialto, Dec 8th? Let Shannon know if you have interest.

Blood Drive: Florence Doksansky reported today's Blood Drive had 28 participants. They were aiming for 50. She expressed thanks to all that donated food.

Canned Food Drive: Phyllis Polucha reported that they need a lot of help picking up food from the schools. She stated that helpers would not have to carry the boxes as the kids would be carrying them.

Christmas Food Baskets: Donna Menzies reported that all calling is finished for baskets. Donations are needed ASAP. If you forget, you can send it in later and it would be used for next year. Family names will be distributed by Thanksgiving. Participants need to call their recipients as soon as possible. The letter will explain everything. Be sure to set up a delivery date. If you have a bad experience, please let Donna know.

Early Childhood: Stevie Benkendorf announced that there were bags available at the back table for book donations. Stevie also reminded members planning to attend the Holiday Celebration to bring new books appropriate for children 3-5 years of age. If members would like to give an English/Spanish book, the bilingual families would benefit greatly. Members not attending the Holiday Celebration can still donate by contacting either Stevie Benkendorf or Susan Kuhn.

Alternatives to Violence: Cathy Carroll reported that Philo sponsored a square for the Pastels on 5th and the artist was a 15 year old. Cathy will post pictures on Facebook.

Publicity: Diane Lauer reported that the Halloween Fun Fest was well attended and that a number of people signed up to receive additional information about Philo.

Other Information: Mary Voggesser is working on the by-laws that have not been reviewed since 2007, cleaning up language. Goal is to have them done by January 2014 to go into effect next Fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Pellizzari (for Deb Fillion, Recording Secretary)