

**PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Juanita Cisneros at 7:02 pm with 46 active and 11 honorary members present.

Juanita thanked hostesses: Betty Brammer, Rita Harden, Kay Robinson, Lin Stokes, and Maryann Stroub. She welcomed new members: Florence Doksansky, Gerta Fereday, Shellie Gutierrez, and AJ Gantt.

**President Juanita Cisneros** reported that Philo is budgeting money that we don't have. We will address this issue in the coming year to narrow our focus and reevaluate our priorities. We may begin by creating a mission statement. The Board is also reconsidering our participation in United Way 2-1-1 and how we allocate our Guidelines for Giving fund.

Lola Johnson has advised Juanita that we need to vacate the storage unit that she has allowed us to use. Many of the items are Christmas decorations used in the Holiday Bazaar. One solution is to hold a garage sale. Trudy Eckhardt mentioned that we should look for the silver tea service. Juanita has already "rescued" the Philo Barbies.

**Vice-President Sheila Pottorff** met with new members before this meeting to prepare for the New Member Skit. We now have 64 active members, and we need to make an effort to recruit more. Packets are available to give to prospective new members. Sheila will follow up with them and their sponsor.

**Recording Secretary Linda Stangel** reminded members to read the minutes of each meeting on the Members Only page. A motion, made by Mary Voggeser and seconded by Mary Ann Lane, was approved to accept the April 2011 minutes as published.

Linda reminded those present to check off their name on the attendance list. Anyone who needs to be excused from the attendance requirement (5 meetings) should contact the Board for approval. Requests for all leaves must be in writing (letter or email) and renewed each year.

**Corresponding Secretary Connie Ephland** announced the resignations of Michaele Gillette, Katy Little, and Jane Bock. She read invitations for the Fall Into Jewels fundraiser for the House of Neighborly Service and a Love & Logic seminar.

**Treasurer Peggy Pellizarri** reported a balance of \$14,405.09 in the general fund and \$19,682.40 in the golf/scholarship fund. All Philo accounts are now at Home State Bank with online access. A letter was sent to Key Bank with appreciation for their service over the years. Dues and reimbursement forms should be placed in Peggy's basket. Dues must be paid no later than November.

Peggy distributed copies of the proposed budget and explained each line. A conservative estimate of incoming dues will be supplemented by \$1495 from Capital Reserve to equal the amount budgeted for Club Operations. The Golf Tournament/Scholarship fund and the Food Basket Delivery are self-sustained and do not add to the total income or expense. After major cuts in Committee Expenses, we have a shortfall of \$1175 unless we do better on the Shopping Extravaganza and Duck Race Tickets and/or add a new fundraiser.

Discussion followed: The major cut in the Early Childhood budget will significantly reduce the scope of its activities. We need to better communicate each member's obligation to sell Rotary Duck Race tickets. Is there a way to use part of the golf tournament income to fund other club activities? With only 64 active members, we are generating less money in dues. Budgets and committees set up in better times are no longer viable. A committee should study ways to revise the budget for next year.

Deb Fillion made and Denise Olson seconded a motion to accept the budget as proposed. The budget was approved.

**Kara Cavanagh, Marketing and Special Events for the Outlets at Loveland**, spoke about the October 22nd Shopping Extravaganza. She explained that we receive \$10 from each ticket we sell and a percentage of the take on raffle tickets. We are among 11 charities participating and may have a booth to promote our projects and recruit new members. More than 500 women are expected to attend.

**Dona Menzies, Chair of Food Basket Matching**, announced that Denise Olson will be her co-chair. This year signups will be made on clipboards. Each active and honorary member is asked to indicate her participation and preference and sign her name. Even those who cannot contribute should sign to reduce the number of phone calls the committee needs to make.

Money donations should be given to Peggy Pellizarri by November 20. This money is used by Food Basket Delivery to complete baskets that are not matched with a donor. Recipients are screened by Catholic Charities and the school district's Early Childhood Centers. Last year there were 50 more recipients than donors.

**Pam Pellizarri, Chair of Alternatives to Violence**, reported that there is no client at the apartment at this time. Casino Night has been cancelled and will be replaced by something different next year.

The **Food Basket Delivery** committee chair resigned due to prior commitments. Dona Menzies volunteered to chair this committee since she is familiar with the process. Jennifer Wilson will co-chair, and Denise Olson will lend her support.

**Stephani Bradley, Chair of Blood Drives**, announced that November 8 is the first blood drive under Garth Englund. We now need greeters to sign in the donors and volunteers for the extended hours (9am-5pm). The count was down at the last Bonfils blood drive, but contact information was collected. Garth Englund will provide advertisement for the blood drives.

**Diane Dynes, Chair of the Golf Tournament**, reported a success—even with changes in the location, date, and restaurant. The highest number of sponsors donated the highest amount (\$12,300) so far. We made about \$3,000 from the drawings and bonus packs. Eighty-three donors provided 61 prize baskets and 5 high-end items for the drawing. Diane thanked her committee of 15 and the 10 additional "day-of" volunteers. Items are for sale: visors, hat clips, reusable bags, umbrellas. The next tournament is Friday, July 13, 2012.

**Integrated Early Childhood** committee member, Stevie Benkendorf, expressed concern about the reduced budget for that committee. They will need to solicit donations from the community to continue doing more than the supply boxes.

**Peg Isakson, Chair of Publicity**, announced that expanded/revised Publicity Packets are available on the Website. With changes in newspaper coverage, they have expanded to radio and electronic media. Please forward pictures and news for inclusion on Facebook. We will be working to enhance our Corn Roast Parade entry for next summer. Orders will be taken for new polo shirts. With a new provider, more colors will be available. And a reminder: smile when you talk about Philo—you are the best publicity.

**AJ Gantt, Co-Chair of Social Activities**, introduced herself and will have activities to report later on.

**Diane Lauer, Chair of Social Media**, reported a successful Facebook Party. Look for a Twitter Party in the future. Dee Valdez has moved to Denver and is still unsure about her future membership in Philo.

**Karen Pielin, Chair of the Spring Appreciation Social**, has met with her committee to begin researching locations and deciding on a theme. Any suggestions are welcome. The dinner will be May 8, 2012.

**Carol Albers, Chair of Sunshine**, sends cards of congratulation and consolation. Sunshine Teams provide meals as requested. Carol will meet with team leaders before the October general meeting. Kathi Wright has the wreath that is taken to funeral services honoring Philo members.

**Judy Grommon, Chair of Shopping Extravaganza**, described the contents of the envelope given to members about the Shopping Extravaganza. Each member should purchase at least one ticket to use, sell, or give away.

**Trudy Eckhardt, Web Administrator**, asked everyone to notify her of changes in contact information. Changes that she makes will be immediate and change throughout the site. Please do not select "REPLY" to messages sent by mass mailing as these are not forwarded automatically to the original sender. Instead select "FORWARD" and put e-mail address for the intended recipient.

Peg Isakson requested that we donate coats, etc. for her to take to the Wind River Reservation after the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Stangel  
Recording Secretary