

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2013

Welcome Back!

A reception was held prior to the General Meeting to honor the new scholarship recipients. Refreshments were provided by the hostesses Marilyn Wiltgen, Peg Isakson and the Scholarship Committee.

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

President Heather Morrison was not able to attend the meeting so Sheila Pottorff acted as President.

Reception honoring scholarship recipients:

- Sheila Pottorff read our mission statement to begin the recognition of the scholarship recipients.
- Jan Frame spoke about attending the graduation of a past recipient who completed her BA and is now going on for Masters.
- Scholarship Committee Chair, Diane Bakel, welcomed the guests including staff from Project Self Sufficiency who often help us with scholarship candidates. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee and all who contributed to the scholarship process. Each scholarship recipient was introduced by a committee member and congratulated for their success. A little information about each recipient was also shared.
 - Diane Bakel introduced Kimberly Trammell and Alexis Trujillo (not present)
 - MaryAnn Lane introduced Rachel Lewis and Laurie Smith
 - Florence Doksansky introduced Brent Dodds and Mariah Durlin (not present)
 - Lynn Stokes introduced Sarah Campbell and Abby Campbell (not present)
 - Bonnie Hanson introduced Traci Miller and Jessica Peterson (not present)
 - Natalie Parker introduced Taylor White and Tammy White (not present)
 - Vicki Thompson introduced Diana Duncan and Sydnee King (not present)
 - Ruth Sprain introduced Barb Hoffman and Debbie Parsons
 - Susan Linden introduced Michelle Miller, Nolan Ridgway (not present), and Madeline Kinsey (not present)
- Peg Isakson introduced her granddaughter Hollie Isakson
Congratulations!!!

Stand in President Sheila Pottorff called the meeting to order after a brief recess. There were 56 members present, 43 active and 13 honorary members.

Officer Reports:

Vice President, Judy Grommon: Judy will meet with new members next week to help with the upcoming new member skit.

Recording Secretary, Deb Fillion: Deb had nothing to report but is working on understanding her new role and fill the responsibility with the diligence of her predecessor Linda Stangel.

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Pellizzari: Reported that the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Sharon Petersburg. Thank you notes from scholarship recipients have been received and are available to read at the Board table. Pam is in charge of the badges. Let Pam know of any badges that need repair or are missing.

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari: Peggy reported a General Fund balance of \$15,194.22 and a Golf Fund balance of \$21,840.09. She reminded members to pay their dues: \$35 for actives and \$15 for honoraries.

Historian, Sheila Pottorff: Sheila was responsible for the yearbook this time and asked members to check off their names as they take a copy of the new yearbook. Sheila then reviewed the book contents. New pictures if you like can be put on web. Send your picture to Trudy Eckhardt or Shelia. Any changes to

the yearbook information should go to Trudy. Trudy will then update the web page and report the change in the next monthly newsletter. Trudy shared some changes that have already been made since printing. This is a living document and will only be accurate if members report any changes. Shelia will be receiving the scrapbooks from past years and may have stories to share with us in the future.

2013-2014 Budget proposal:

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari presented the proposed budget for 2013/2014. She explained the two ways that Philo receives income; dues and fundraisers. Based on past years Peggy explained some of the changes she has made.

- Reduce expected dues by 10% for unforeseen loss due to resignations etc. when budgeting for new year
- Honoraries have historically given more than expected dues.
- Result is Board recommended to not take "day of golf sales" for this year.

A motion was made by Florence Doksansky and seconded by Mary Voggesser to accept the proposed budget. The motion was put to a voice vote and carried unanimously.

Shelia reminded us that this is Peg's last year as treasurer so we will be looking for a new person to fill this board vacancy.

Committee Reports:

Golf Committee: Cindy Kurtz recognized Greta Fereday and the entire golf committee for their hard work. Special thanks for everyone who helped by donating baskets, hole sitting, help at sign up and other tasks at the course and those who played in the tournament. The tournament takes a lot of people in many different roles to make it a success. This year the tournament raised \$18,000.00.

Shopping Extravaganza: Judy Grommon reported on the upcoming Shopping Extravaganza at the Outlets of Loveland on October 19th. This is our 4th year of participation. Tickets are \$20.00 each. For each ticket sold Philo will get \$10.00 back. Anyone who does not wish to purchase a ticket is welcome to donate \$20 or buy the ticket to help our share of the raffle pot the day of the event. The more tickets Philo sells the better our share of the raffle pot will be. This is one of two fund raisers for our committee expenses. It is not mandatory to purchase a ticket but is strongly encouraged. Next year's budget depends on our success this year. Pam Clifford will be collecting the money. Please have your money to purchase tickets at the next meeting.

Blood Drive: Florence Doksansky reported there were only 14 donors at the August drive. We need to step up promoting the Philo Blood Drive to others to get more donors. Next drive is Nov 19th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Christmas Food Baskets: Shellie Gutierrez prepared a flyer to outline the timeline and procedure for donating a basket or money. This committee facilitates contacting previous and new donors who will be putting together a basket of food and matching them to recipients. Please make sure to sign up on the clipboards for providing /delivering a basket or make a donation. If you know anyone who would like to help by either making a basket or a donation should contact Shellie or Dona Menzies.

Early Childhood: Stevie Benkendorf showed us the bags with supplies that will be given to the children in Head Start. Teachers will present the boxes at their home visits and show the parents and children how to use the supplies. The committee put together 140 bags full of supplies in Dr. Seuss bags.

Sunshine: Mary Voggesser read thank you cards from Denise Olson and Florence Doksansky. Please check your newsletter for the list of cards that have been sent recently. Since the newsletter three Philo members have had a family member pass. Miki Roth's husband, Marvin Roth and Pam and Peggy Pellizzari's father, Pete Pellizzari. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Philo Sisters during this difficult time. Sunshine Teams are preparing dishes for the receptions following the funerals. Birthdays were recognized for members who have birthdays in June, July, August and September.

Duck Race: Eileen Huddle reported that the Duck Race ticket sales this year was \$1,990.00. Of that Philo gets 1,194.00 for our committee expenses. It also means that approximately 80 dictionaries will be donated to Thompson 3rd grade students from our Philo ticket sales. Thank you to Lynn Stokes who dressed up our duck for the big Duck Race. Thank you to the committee members for their work. Stephani Bradley will be the chair for the 2013-2014 fundraiser.

Alternatives to Violence: Cathy Carroll reported that we have supported an apartment in the past for victims of domestic violence. A new director for Alternatives to Violence is currently being hired so we will have a new contact to determine what role we can play in the future. We donated a bed last year through a member of Philo and we give Christmas gifts to any current resident. Cathy also updated us on the proposed home to be built in Loveland for use by the Alternatives to Violence agency. A committee is now looking at next steps, new building or purchase existing building. Cathy will have committee member to come talk to us at one of our meetings. Fund raising for Alternatives to Violence agency is "Pastels on 5th". We are sponsoring an artist for this event on Saturday September 14, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Cathy asked for volunteers to assist with the event. Contact her if you are interested.

Publicity: Diane Lauer reported on the outcome of the Corn Roast Parade. It was a lot of fun and a Big Thanks for the ladies who came.

Canned Food Drive: Kathi Wright would like the committee to meet at 6:30pm before the next general meeting on 10/08/13.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Fillion, Recording Secretary