



PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 9, 2014

President Judy Grommon called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

WELCOME

Welcome and acknowledgment of the meeting hostesses Rita Hardin, Joyce Krantz, Mary Voggesser and Jeanne Findley.

Diane Bakel welcomed special guest Mary Carraher from Project Self-Sufficiency.

Reception honoring scholarship recipients:

Scholarship committee chairwoman Diane Bakel welcomed several guests and scholarship recipients for 2014. Several attended to thank the Philo members for their awards. Diane also recognized the members of the scholarship committee: MaryAnn Lane, Lin Stokes, Ruth Sprain, Bonnie Hansen, Florence Doksansky and Natalie Parker.

Scholarship recipients are:

- Max Moree, \$2,000
- Sarah Campbell, \$2,000
- Brandee Keslar, \$2,000
- Tammy White, \$1,500
- Hollie Isakson, \$1,500
- Garrett Schmidt, \$1,500
- Andrea Lewis, \$1,500
- Monica Zarling, \$1,500
- Diana Duncan, \$1,125
- Ciara Matthews, \$1,500
- Jessica Brownrigg, \$1,500
- Edward Herrera, \$1,125
- Ashley Dale, \$1,000

BUSINESS MEETING:

Ann Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014, meeting. Mary Voggesser seconded. The minutes were approved.

Officer Reports:

President, Judy Grommon: Judy reminded everyone that the newsletter deadline for October is Sept. 27. She has invited Loveland Rotarian Tom Carrigan to attend the October meeting to present general information on the Rotary KidsPack program.

Vice President, Nita Starr: No report.

Recording Secretary, Sara Quale: No report.

Corresponding Secretary, Sue Lussenhop: We have received resignations from Georgeanne Smith and Judy Potter, both of whom have moved. We accepted their resignations with regrets.

Sue also asked if anyone has extra letterhead to let her know.

Treasurer, Shellie Gutierrez: Shellie reported that the General Fund balance was \$14,663.72 and the Golf and Scholarship Fund was \$17,948.28. The Dine Out with Heart fund was \$2,515.10.

2014-2015 Budget proposal:

Treasurer Shellie Gutierrez presented the proposed budget for 2014-2015. The proposed income was \$2,800 and proposed expenses were \$2,805. She highlighted the areas where committee expenses needed to be reduced for the coming year to meet the reduced income. Mary Voggesser moved and Deb Fillion seconded the motion to approve the proposed budget. The budget passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alternatives to Violence: Sue Lussenhop, the ATV liaison, reported that Philo purchased a 4x4 square for \$125 for Pastels on Fifth. The event takes place Sept. 13 in downtown Loveland and she asked for volunteers to help out in the artist supply booth and the voting booth. She also reported that we were asked to donate baskets for the winners at next year's event.

Blood Drive: Jan Dougherty said she has recruited someone from University of Colorado Health Systems (PVH) to help with the blood drive and they are doing an amazing job. She said six more people attended at the most recent drive and she hopes to continue to spread the word and grow. The next blood drive is Nov. 18.

Canned Food Drive: Denise Rhoades reported for Gerta Fereday. They will serve as co-chairwomen. Denise said the week of Oct. 27 she will receive boxes from House of Neighborly Service and will contact committee members for help to fold boxes and get them distributed to the schools. The weekend of Dec. 4-6 the boxes will be collected from the schools and taken to the First United Methodist Church to sort for assembling food baskets. She said she will send around volunteer sign-up sheets.

Christmas Food Basket: Denise Olson mentioned that the Food Basket Matching and Delivery committees have been combined. Clipboards went around for people to volunteer. She asked that members mark the sign-up sheet even if they didn't want to volunteer because she will call all members who haven't marked the sheet. She said the club has about 97% participation rate for this project. The process has been streamlined and Denise is still seeking a co-chair.

Dine Out with Heart: Donna Menzies, Kathy Loken, and Mary Starck reported on the progress of the project. The event takes place Oct. 1-14. During this time, people can patronize one of the participating restaurants, enjoy the featured meal and donate money to Philo to help fight hunger in the community. Member restaurants paid \$50 to help offset advertising costs and participate.

Philo was the featured Loveland Chamber of Commerce investor member which provided much publicity for the group and Dine Out with Heart. Kathy encouraged everyone to participate, spread the word about this new fundraising project and identify yourself as a Philo member when you eat at these restaurants. They also encouraged everyone to visit the project's website, www.dineoutwithheart.com.

Duck Race: Stephanie Bradley said Philo earned a little under \$800 from the event. The club sponsored a duck with a disco theme "Shake your tail feathers" and "Philo Night Fever."

Golf Tournament: Sheila Pottorff said the tournament is June 19, 2015, at Mariana Butte. She is looking for more golf tournament committee members as well as the hole signs. The 2014 tournament raised \$15,000 and \$2,200 day of sales.

Integrated Early Childhood: Susan Kuhn started with 148 writing literacy bags with a Dr. Seuss theme. These were given to children in the Head Start program. The bags go to teachers who then take them to the homes of children. Bags include markers, pencils, erasers, water colors, flash cards, and dry-erase boards. The cost was about \$900. Juanita Cisneros asked about how the bags contribute to children's education and whether we have any feedback on this project's outcomes. She recommended getting feedback from the teachers.

Newsletter: Nita Starr said she needs a backup for the newsletter for December and January. Diane McInturff and Deb Fillion volunteered to help cover. Juanita Cisneros encouraged members to adhere to the newsletter deadline.

Publicity: Peg Isakson reported for Diane Lauer. The group was meeting Sept. 17 to discuss ideas. Peg also said she has a large collection of paper supplies and decorations if anyone needs that for communications.

Peg asked for a volunteer to work at the Philo booth for the Halloween Family Fun Festival at the museum downtown. It is the last Saturday in October.

Fall Fundraising Committee: This was renamed from the Shopping Extravaganza to broaden the scope. Pam Clifford said the shopping event is the third Saturday of October and tickets are \$20. Philo earns \$10 for every ticket we sell. Pam also polled members to see who would be interested in participating in a "scrip" program to earn money back from grocery card sales. People who want to participate should contact Pam.

Philo Spring Dinner: Juanita Cisneros reported that the committee is seeking a new venue. The event will be May 8, 2015.

Sunshine: Mary Voggeser reported that all of the Sunshine Teams were active last year and she encouraged members to let her know when the teams' services are needed to help fellow members. She recognized birthdays for June, July, August, and September.

Web: Trudy Eckhardt said there was a correction needed on the website to combine the food basket matching and delivery committees. She also asked for any other corrections to be sent to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Loken reported that Peg Pellizzari has designed Philo name tags that are available for \$4 each. They have members' names and would eliminate the lanyard. The budget can't absorb the cost this year, but members can request to purchase one on their own. Kathy recommended creating a plan to get nametags for new members as they join. Donna also mentioned that she created Philo business cards to have on hand when soliciting businesses for her committee.

Kathy reported that she and Jeanne Findley would be participating in a golf tournament to honor a former Philo member, Vicky Maly, who passed away in January from ALS.

In recognition of Project Self Sufficiency's support of the Philo scholarship program, Lin Stokes reminded members to think about people they know who would qualify and benefit from PSS and connect them to the resources.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Quale, recording secretary