

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Marthann Dahlen. There were 7 honorary members and 31 active members present

President Marthann wished everyone a happy new year and reminded attending members to sign in on the attendance roster.

Amy Hummel introduced the representative for Early Childhood Learning Center Literacy Program, Trish Stanczyk . Trish reported on the literacy program and thanked Philo for the children's books the program received. She informed the group that the program serves 500 preschool children from Berthoud to Fort Collins at 9 learning centers. Much of the programs funded by Head Start and serves 75 to 80 Spanish speaking families. Funding has become limited so it is increasingly important to do fund raising. The Literacy Fair will be held at Conrad Ball School on April 14th and support is needed for the event.

A big thank you to Shannon Vogesser and her team for continuing to create social activities. 42 people attended an early January Eagles game as a group. At the general meeting a few minutes was taken to have some fun playing "A Minute to Win It. .

Dona Menses reminded everyone that a Bunco group has formed and plays once a month. To join, please contact Donna

OFFICER REPORTS

Linda Stangel, Corresponding Secretary read recently received correspondence, which was a thank you for the baskets given to the Early Childhood Learning teachers and the thank you from the Boys and Girls club for the \$500 contribution given to them to help host the annual Christmas party for the members of the Boys and Girls Club. Several members Philo received local recognition for their community involvement outside Philo. Miki Roth was elected secretary of the chamber of Commerce, Doreen McDonald was noted for her involvement in the Community Kitchen. Nancy Patterson and her husband for their community volunteerism. There was a thank you to the community posted by Deb Fillion thanking those who participated in the latest blood drive.

Juanita Cisneros, Vice President – announced that the information packets were now complete and available to hand out to individuals who are prospective new members.

Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer reported a balance Home State Bank of \$40,038.50, and a balance at Key Bank checking of \$18,080.94 which includes the proceeds from the recently matured certificate of deposit. It was discussed that it was not necessary to reinstate the certificate of deposit because the rate of return was minimal.

Peggy reported there remain 17 active members who have not paid 2010-2011 dues as well as 31 honorary members who have not paid their annual dues.

Marthann reminded all members to turn in receipts for expensed they may have incurred doing Philo work. It is the organizations intention to make certain that expenses are reimbursed out of appropriate committee funds.

Cindy Kurtz, Historian had no report

Karen Sanders, recording secretary reminded everyone to review and update the attendance roster. Each member is required by the By Laws to attend 5 meetings each year, two of which can be the Spring dinner and the Christmas party. The required 5 meetings attendance and payment of dues are the requirements to be a member of Philo in good standing. If any member has a situation that prevents attendance, (i.e. - work, school or personal) let a board member know. Everyone is eligible to request a temporary leave of absence in such circumstances. Also, if the due of \$35.00 is a hardship for any member there are Philo funds available to help with that expense on request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Committee – Eunice Holthusen read the January Birthdays and reported that a card of condolence was sent to Mary Voggesser.

Food Basket Matching – Dona Menzies reported that it was a very smooth year. Dona thanked the membership for the delivery of 267 baskets. The names came to the committee fro Early Child Hood Learning, House of Neighborly Services and Catholic Charities.

Dona put out plea for a co-chairman. She would like to hand off this committee to the next Chairman and would be happy to stay on board in an assisting capacity.

Golf Scramble – Diane Dynes has begun work on the July 15th Golf Scramble. Jerry Henderson is chairing sponsorship; Johna Cabrera is chairing prize donations. The location has been changed to Marianna Butte and the date is now July 15th with tea time beginning at 7:30am. Registration is \$125.00

Blood Drive – Deb Fillion announced the date of the next blood drive February 15th. and asked membership to sign up to participate in the committee work on a date that is convenient to them. Deb asked if anyone in the group knew of locations where blood drive announcement flyers could be posted.

Rotary Duck Race – Michaele Gillette announced that tickets for the duck race would be available at the February meeting. The proceeds from this fund raiser go to purchase dictionaries for local schools.

Scholarship Committee – Diane Dynes announced that the application for scholarship funds has been redesigned. The application packets will go out to 26 agencies in Berthoud, Fort Collins and Loveland. March 25th is the deadline for receipt of the application. Application screening will be complete by April 9th and Interviews will begin on April 26th.

Trudy asked that an updated application to be added on line.

NEW BUSINESS

Marthaann Dahlen announced that it is time to submit names for board members for 2011-2012

The February member general meeting will be February 8th, 2011

Respectfully submitted
Karen Sanders
Recording Secretary
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