



SOROPTIMIST

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Soroptimist International of Benicia

Minutes of the Business Meeting

September 13, 2018

VFW Hall, 1150 1st Street, Benicia, CA

The meeting was called to order at 07:00 pm by President Bonnie.

A new Butterfly Award has been created by the board to honor a member who has empowered change. This boo-you-tiful butterfly tiara will be awarded at each business meeting. Tonight it was awarded to Karen for her work in changing the meeting place and menus.

The Pinkie Award was given by Kim to Maria Teresa in recognition for her work with the Ice Cream Cart.

The Fellowship Award was given to Joyce for her work on different committees for the past several years.

The agenda was reviewed. Patty G. moved to accept the agenda, Penny seconded, and the group approved.

Two new members, Susan Knight and Ginny Fontaine were inducted into the club.

The minutes of the June Business Meeting were reviewed. Donna moved to adopt the minutes, Karen seconded, and the group voted yes to adopt, with no opposing votes.

New Business:

1. The District Meeting for Districts 3 and 4 will be on October 16, 2018 in Petaluma. President Bonnie encouraged new members to attend, and the club pays the registration. Signups are due by September 26. Raffle tickets are available from Donna or Heather at the City Attorney's office.
2. Hard copies of the budget for 2018-2019 were distributed.
3. Debbie described the Live Your Dream award, and the committee is looking for qualified applicants. The board will review a suggestion to split the award if two qualified applicants are in a tie.
4. The Benicia Library film festival committee would like to include LunaFest films which are by/about/for women. This would be in September 2019 if SI-B can participate. Patty G. will work with Helaine to see what kind of efforts would be required.
5. A Benicia Career Day will be held in the spring of 2019, with more information to follow.

6. The “S” Club had their first meeting of the year, and the club has agreed to help with the fashion show and the Bewitching Tea. New members are being recruited.
7. Once again SI-B will have a table at the Farmer’s Markets on Thursdays to sell raffle tickets for our Holiday Cash prize. Patty G. needs volunteers to work the table in October.
8. The Domestic Violence gathering will be on Thursday, October 11, before the SI-B Business Meeting. If you want to order a purple shirt for \$20, please contact President Bonnie.
9. The raffle tickets for the Holiday Cash prize will be handed out beginning at the meeting on September 27. Please see Appendix B for a description of how the sales will be handled.
10. If you need a name badge, please notify one of the board members.
11. The club received a thank you note from Benicia Main Street for our work at the Waterfront Festival. Sissy sent a thank you note to Maria Teresa for her efforts with Relay for Life.

Unfinished Business:

1. SI-B and Soroptimists in Accra, Ghana are now Friendship Clubs.
2. President Bonnie distributed a list of committees. The board is asking each member to sign up for at least one committee. If a member doesn’t sign up, the board will assign that member to a committee.

Treasurer’s Report:

1. Kim reviewed the current bank balances and expenditures. We have \$22,168.26 in our checking account, \$27,434.89 in our Shelter savings account, and \$6,500.00 in the checking account for committed monies. The Report will be filed for audit.
2. The budget for the year 2018-2019 was reviewed. Donna moved to accept the budget, Karen seconded, and the group approved.

Officer Reports:

1. The Finance Report was reviewed as part of the Treasurer’s Report.
2. Ways and Means – Patty G. and Donna reviewed our fundraising efforts. Please see Appendix B for the complete report.
3. Programs – Penny discussed the Sip with Soroptimist event. Please sign up with Penny for a committee.
4. Recruitment – Pat recognized our new members. A Recruitment Tea and Orientation will be scheduled.
5. Retention – The Mentor List is being developed.

Announcements:

1. Joseph announced that Edward Jones is sponsoring a team to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on October 20, 2018 in Walnut Creek. If you would like to participate contact Joseph at Joseph.Wilder@edwardjones.com, or 707- 745-3122.

2. Donna announced that September 15 will be the Coastal Clean Up event. The Tannery Building Girls' Night Out is September 26, 6-9 pm, tickets are \$30, and you can contact TanneryRowMerchants@gmail.com if you would like to attend.
3. The SCOOP report is attached as Appendix A. Penny has business cards that can be handed out to anyone who might needs the items from the closet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by
Joyce Reinhart, for Sheila Garvey, Secretary

Appendix A
Report of the Soroptimist Closet of Opportunity (SCOOP)
Usage as of August 31, 2018
From Kendall Lara

Hi. Hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Here are the August numbers for SCOOP.

1 new family

12 returning families

(Total of 14 adults and 30 children)

A total of 203 items have been taken from the closet.

Numbers are slightly lower than last month, as I have been away from the office.

The backpack drive was a overwhelming success. With the help of the Soroptimist and other community organizations, we were able to distribute almost 70 backpacks, which is well over our goal!

We will soon be prepping for the winter holidays.

Thank you for all you do.

Appendix B

Ways and Means Report

September 6, 2018

Fashion Runway raffle tickets:

Nancy had 1000 raffle tickets printed. Donna and Patty distributed 770 to the membership. The remaining tickets are for the sales at Farmer's Market and for Fashion Show night. Also, if members have not sold their tickets by the September 27th program meeting, they should turn in unsold tickets. These will be needed for sales at the Fashion Show. Nancy and Penny will secure raffle donations.

Farmer's Market:

Sign-ups are going well. We need one more shift filled for September. (September 20th, 5:30-7:00 shift) October shifts still in need of workers: two openings for October 18th, 5:30- 7:00 and one opening on October 25th 5:30-7:00.

Show night:

Pat Butler has agreed to "walk the line" selling raffle tickets the night of the show, with Helaine, Bobbi, and Nancy working check in. They will do check in for the Friday night event as well. It has been suggested that Sissy Coffeen might be interested in mentoring the S Club girls that night, as Karen will not be attending.

SIP:

Penny will give a detailed report of the meeting on September 5th with Penny, Nancy, Deb, Donna and Patty in attendance. Committee Chairs: Wine- Penny, Raffle Donations- Penny, Decorations- Penny and Deb, Food- Bobbi, Check-in: Karen, Kim and Suzanne. Kim Duchene is the treasurer and Donna/Patty are the ticket chairs.

Holiday Cash:

Raffle tickets will be distributed at the second meeting, on September 27th. Joyce has agreed to do all bookkeeping for the ticket sales. The holiday cash raffle ticket stubs and cash should be turned into the Benicia Main Street Office, OR, you may give your stubs/cash to Joyce Reinhart at a club meeting. Joyce will pick up the stubs/cash that were taken to Benicia Main Street. After recording all the sold ticket numbers and cash amounts received, she will contact Kim Duchene to deposit the funds received. An explanation of how members can earn/win prizes will accompany the tickets. There will be an award for the team that sells the most tickets, as well as for the member that sells the most.