

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF LEA COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK  
February 19, 2010

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lea County Women's Network was held on Friday, February 19, at the Black Gold steak House at Zia Race Track.

The Luncheon was called to order by President, Cortney Whitley, at 12:15 pm. All 28 present were welcomed and requested to silence their cell phones.

~~Prayer was led by Evelyn Rising and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mikal Fonseca. Everyone was requested to register their attendance on the sign-in sheet.~~

Guests welcomed were Jennifer Townsend, Belinda Battaglini, Denise Slater, Sharon Forrest, Windy Kremers, Christel Jonker and Elizabeth Tinsley. One scholarship recipient, Lissett Terrazas from USW, also attended.

The minutes for January 15, 2010 were reviewed. Sharon Clark moved they be accepted as read and seconded by Louise Hudson. It was unanimously carried.

The Financial Statement through December 31, 2009 was given to all for their annual records.

President, Cortney Whitley, reported for Dee Dutton about the Annual Banquet. There were 44 that attended and more gave their reservations than paid. That concern will need to be addressed next year. Otherwise, it was a great success.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Mary Jane Ward reported on the importance of responding through the website for activities and events. This streamlined process is a more efficient and allows other members to view who has registered.

Cortney Whitley explained that the News Sun will begin having more articles regarding LCWN. She relayed Lynda Lakin' request for birthdays, garage sales, and membership requests to be uploaded to the website, stressing that the website needs to work for the membership.

Student Mentor Director, Louise Hudson, reported on the February Mentoring Program. Program speakers were Dixie Vigils, Principal of Jefferson School, who has taught bilingual education for 37 years and Lorna Jackson, a Hobbs Police officer.

Mentees Valerie Estrello (Kingsgate Academy, Hobbs), Serena Orrantia (Tatum High School, and Laura Hernandez Rios (Hobbs High School), traveled to Santa Fe to page for Senator Kernan and experience the legal process on the floor level. Senator Kernan complimented them on their excellent behavior and professional dress. The mentees expressed thanks to LCWN. Pictures of the event were displayed.

The last Mentoring Program, which will be a pizza party, is Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Louise reminded all to use their Albertson's Cards, which fund the Mentoring Program.

Mikal Fonseca reported that the Annual Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser will be April 29, 2010. A committee is being established and now invites suggestions. There is a great desire to have the event be an even bigger success than the last two years.

Cortney Whitley announced that Hobbs Schools is opening a new Fine Arts Facility located on the corner of Sanger and Seminole Highway (the old Shriner's building) and that they have offered to host our April Luncheon and provide lunch. RSVP would be necessary. No problems were stated; therefore we will meet in April at the new Fine Arts Facility.

Cortney Whitley stated she was working with Charlotte on an eBay page located on the L.C.W.N. website. Members can list items they want to buy, sell, or trade. This could possible be a fundraiser later on. The luncheon membership consensus was to explore the idea further as a good extension of our networking.

Mary Jane Ward introduced the guest speaker, Glynese Floyd, who has worked in theater in Jr. High, High School, and CSW before retiring in 2007. She has been President of the Lea County Community Council for the Arts for past two years, has won the Governor's award for Excellence in the Arts in 1997, and has performed with a theater group in Spain.

Glynese passed out pictures showing the Lea County Community for the Arts after school art classes, 2009 summer arts camp, and performers. She explained that the LCCA is really an umbrella for all the Arts in Lea County. Glynese explained how they have just raised \$40,000.00 to accompany a gracious donation of \$500,000.00 from the Maddox Foundation for renovations of the Art Center facility. She also explained that there will be a Wall of Contributors to thank all that have donated to the cause, regardless of amount. She ended by using the quote, "ARTS IS YOUR SOUL SPEAKING TO YOU."

Old and New Business and Announcements:

The next Luncheon Meeting will be March 19, 2010

The Membership Spotlight Door Prize Drawing was held and Suzanne Holler presented Dr. Kathy Summers with a gift of Mary Kay Beauty products.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

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