

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lea County Women's Network was held on Friday, January 15, at the Black Gold Steak House at Zia Race Track.

Meeting was called to order by President, Cortney Whitley at 12:15 pm. Those present were asked to turn off their cell phones.

---

Prayer was led by Corinne DiBlasi and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Dee Dutton. Everyone was asked to sign the Sign-In sheet.

The minutes of the previous two months' meeting were reviewed, dated November 11, 2009, and December 18, 2009. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Lynda Lakin and seconded by Suzanne Holler. Motion carried.

Guests were welcomed and asked to sign the Visitors Sheet so their visit could be recorded. Everyone stood and introduced themselves.

Guests included:

Erin Anderson  
Melinda Allen  
Lisa Hardison

Officer Updates:

- President: Cortney Whitley thanked Sharon for her help during the transition of power, and she thanked the members for the opportunity to lead this year. She asked for constructive feedback from anyone having some.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Membership/Banquet): Dee Dutton announced there are 26 paid members thus far for the year. She also announced the banquet at the Country Club on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Tickets are for sale at \$30 each, and more need to be sold. About 35 tickets have been sold thus far. Husbands and other males are welcome to attend; it is open to the entire community. Speakers at the banquet are Virginia Teague, Belinda Battaglini, and Sarah Yue. Door prizes are needed for the banquet.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Public Relations): Sheryl Reid announced she has put the strategic planning committee on hold for the time being.
- Website Coordinator: Lynda Lakin thanked Julie Hayles and Charlotte Smith on getting the website up and going. She asked for members to send her information that she could make into a story or announcement for the newsletter. She requested submission of articles for the newsletter by the Wednesday before the membership luncheon meeting each month. Please send to [ljlakin@windstream.net](mailto:ljlakin@windstream.net). Members were asked to send Lynda their New Year resolutions. The January newsletter will be out by noon January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Student Mentor Director: Louise Hudson gave information about the recent mentoring meeting and the speakers, both of whom were born outside of the United States. There

will be three girls going to Santa Fe to be paiges and learn about state government. LCWN is assisting with the cost of their attendance. Next month's mentoring program will involve speakers about law enforcement. Louise asked members to remember to use your card when you shop at Albertson's to help fund the mentor activities.

- Scholarship Director: Corinne DiBlasi announced 5 scholarships were renewed this semester at NMJC (2) and at USW (3). Recipients this semester are: Andrea Day, Elisa Rodriquez, Kristi Hinojos, Lissele Terrazas, and Cassy Hire. Corinne announced requirements for scholarship recipients, which will also be posted on the LCWN website. The next application deadline for the fall session is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship applications are posted on the website.

---

Committee Chair Updates: There were none.

Old or New Business and Announcements:

- The next member luncheon meeting will be the third Friday in February – February 19<sup>st</sup>.
- Brenda Henning announced that USW will host the state speech and debate tournament. Speech and Debate Judges are needed, with no experience needed, from anyone who can volunteer for four or more hours. The debate is scheduled at USW for March 4-6, 2010.
- Mary Lyle announced the need for Docents at the Western Heritage Museum and Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame.
- Cortney announced the need for volunteer(s) to take pictures at the upcoming banquet. Those interested should contact Cortney.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker, Lisa Hardison with the Economic Development Corporation, was introduced by Mary Jane Ward. Lisa described several important projects the EDC has been working on. These include a solar project coming to our community via Excel Energy, helping International Isotope in obtaining their NRC license. An Air Service Study was conducted to determine if there was sufficient need for an air carrier transporting east to Dallas or Houston and there seems to be sufficient need to move the project forward. EDC is trying to grow the community and increase its diversity. The EDC is also exploring some of the things Texas has in place, making Texas much more competitive, to try to get some of those things established here.

Door Prize Drawing: The door prize was won by Suzanne Holler. The prize was from Cortney's business -- Arbonne products.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Signature on file