

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF  
LEA COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK  
June 19, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lea County Women's Network was held on Friday, June 19, 2009, at the Black Gold Steak House at Zia Race Track.

Meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Clark at 12:10 pm.

Prayer was led by Belinda Morris and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Debbie McCarthy. God Bless American was sung, led by Sharon Clark.

The minutes of the previous month's meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Brenda Henning and seconded by Belinda Morris. Motion carried.

Guests included:

- There were no guests other than the speaker for today's meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Kyle announced a new benefactor members: Lori Kann. Marisol Cardenas is also a new member.
- Corinne DiBlasi provided information on the fall, 2009, Scholarship recipients. She described the new rating criteria she developed to handle the large number of applicants being reviewed at this point. Scholarship recipients from NMJC are: Andrea Day and Elisa Rodriquez. Scholarship recipients from USW are: Kristi Hinojos, Lissele Terrazas, and Cassy Hire. These five students will receive scholarships, an increased number of scholarships from the two scholarships that have typically been awarded in the past.

The guest speaker Jan Lobeck was introduced by Suzanne Holler.

- Jan spoke on the topic of how domestic violence occurred in her life, and she has authored the book, "Not in Vain." Jan's daughter was killed by a man who, when judicially tried for murder, plea bargained and received 10 months in jail. When the offender was released from jail, he nearly succeeded in obtaining custody of Jan's grandson from her. Jan had to leave Lea County for 2 ½ years because of this man's threats to kill her. It is very difficult on all relatives in such a loss; for example, 87% of marriages do not succeed after the loss of a child.
- Jan provided an excellent overview of the cycle of domestic violence, the grooming process, signs of potential violence in relationships, and ways abusers keep the other person in the relationship.
- Jan has spoken on this topic in different states. Jan's goal is to see changes made in the laws to protect victims. In her own case, she had to involve the governor's wife in order

to find out her rights. Another goal Jan hopes to address is protection for the children involved in homes where there is domestic violence.

- Jan is taking names of businesses that will let her put up posters on domestic violence to increase awareness of domestic violence. She is seeking a printer who will help with printing costs.
- She would like to see domestic violence classes in the schools. In the handouts she provided showed "Help Lines" which included a link for Moms and Dads for Education. Thus far she has not been able to gain access to speak at the Hobbs Schools, but Lovington has made arrangements for her to speak in the Lovington Schools.
- Jan has started a non-profit organization which is associated with her speaking engagements. People can make tax-deductable donations. Jan commissioned the creation of a purple bracelet to represent domestic violence: The "Remember Me" bracelet.
- Jan brought books and bracelets with her. Books are \$19.99. She can also be contacted to purchase books and bracelets at website and email addresses on her handouts.

The next meeting will be the third Friday in July, 2009 – July 17. The speaker will be Becky Waldrop and her daughter Baleigh.

Julie was thanked for her excellent work on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009

Sharon Clark  
Sharon Clark, President

Marianne Westbrook  
Marianne Westbrook, Secretary