

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF
LEA COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK
November 20, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lea County Women's Network was held on Friday, November 20, at the Black Gold Steak House at Zia Race Track.

Meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Clark at 12:14pm.

Prayer was led by Charlotte Smith and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Kyle Shepard. God Bless America was sung, led by Sharon Clark.

Guests included: Judy Long and Loretta King.

The minutes of the previous month's meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Kathy Summers and seconded by Charlotte Smith. Motion carried. Louise Hudson is taking minutes today for Marianne Westbrook.

Louise Hudson gave an update on the Student Mentoring program. They will meet again on January 11, 2010. She also reminded members to use their Albertson's Community Partners card when shopping. This funds the Mentor program.

Dee Dutton reminded everyone that the Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation will be held on January 21, 2010 at the Hobbs Country Club. Tickets are available to sell and are \$30.00. The theme will be "Journey to the Center of YOU!" It will feature three speakers Virginia Teague, Belinda Battaglini and Sarah Yue F.N.P. We have seven sponsors for the Banquet – Elite Home Health, Laser Aesthetics Center of Southeastern NM, Young's Factory Built Homes, Lea Community Federal Credit Union, The Medical Clinic (Dr. Jesus Fonseca), Great Plains Veterinary Clinic and Healthy Women/Lea Regional Hospital. If you have a donation for door prizes please notify Cortney, Dee or Lynda.

Sharon reminded everyone to please turn in their membership renewals.

The Career Achievement Awards Committee is chaired by the President Elect, Cortney Whitley and comprised of a minimum of five volunteers. Suzanne Holler, Louise Hudson, Dee Dutton, Brenda Henning, Charlotte Smith and Patty Robbins volunteered for the committee. Recipients will be chosen from the nominations that have been submitted and winners announced at the Annual Banquet.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for the 2010 Board:

President:	Cortney Whitley
President Elect:	Anita Braun
1 st Vice President:	Dee Dutton
(Membership/Banquet)	

2 nd Vice President:	Mary Jane Ward
(Programs/Speakers)	
3 rd Vice President:	Sheryl Reid
(Public Relations)	
Secretary:	Marianne Westbrook
Treasurer:	Kyle Shepard
Electronic Communication:	Charlotte Smith
Website Coordination:	Lynda Lakin
Student Mentoring Director:	Louise Hudson
Scholarship Director:	Corinne Diblasi
Past President:	Sharon Clark

Suzanne Holler moved to accept this slate of officers by acclamation. Carol Crossland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The guest speaker Bernadette Granger, was introduced by Suzanne Holler. Bernadette is the Assistant Coordinator of the Drug Coalition of Lea County. The Drug Coalition is a non-profit 501C3 group that was founded in 2005 and is funded by the city of Hobbs, Lea County and grant money. This coalition started because Lea County decided to work on solving their drug problems instead of waiting for the state or government to do it. Bernadette explained that drug use reaches people in all areas of town. 75% of the nation's current illegal drug users are employed! The Drug Coalition is targeting prevention, intervention and treatment. She asked for help and direction from everyone in the community.

Bernadette introduced Marisol Cardenas who is the Mentoring Coordinator for the Hobbs Schools. They are now partnered with the Lea Community Drug Coalition.

Anita Braun of CASA told members about the Giving Tree for foster children of Lea County. She has some information available today, for anyone wanting to participate.

The next meeting will be Friday, December 18, 2009. It will be a Mix & Mingle meeting. Everyone should bring an ornament for an exchange.

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010

Sharon Clark, President

Louise Hudson, Acting Secretary