

MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING
OF
LEA COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK
October 12, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors for the Lea County Women's Network was held on Monday, October 12, at 12:00 noon.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Clark (with proxy for Julie and Jennifer), Dee Dutton, Suzanne Holler, Mikal Fonseca, Marianne Westbrook (with proxy for Charlotte), Kyle Shepard, Louise Hudson, Cortney Whitley, Corinne DiBlasi

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlotte Smith, Julie Hayles, Jennifer Jordon

CHAIRS PRESENT: Mikal Fonseca, Louise Hudson.

CHAIRS ABSENT: Jennifer Jordon, Carol Crossland, Lynda Lakin, Virginia Teague

GUEST PRESENT: Sheryl Reid

Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Clark at 11:57 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda: There was no agenda to approve on this date.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous month's meeting of September 14, 2009, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes with changes by Suzanne and seconded by Dee Dutton. Motion carried. Changes to minutes included: Line 2 should read September 14; under board members present and add that Louise had proxy for Jennifer.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Shepard offered a report and shared financial statements ending 9/30/09. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Louise and seconded by Corinne. Motion carried.

President Elect: Cortney Whitley has no report.

Membership/Banquet: Dee Dutton reported she has nothing started on the banquet and asked about having a sit-down dinner. Those present stated cost was the main reason the format was changed and reviewed what has been done in the past. Dee agreed to look into the Country Club policy regarding free use for members of a room. Another suggestion related to a current trend for women's organizations to hold functions at a home and donate what would have been spent to charity. The Annual Banquet Committee with volunteers consist of Chair Cortney Whitley, Dee Dutton, Suzanne Holler, Mikal Fonseca, and Lynda Lakin.

Programs/Speakers: Suzanne Holler reported the Health and Wellness Program for this Friday's luncheon meeting will be on Breast Cancer Awareness, coordinated by Louise Hudson. Next month the Drug Coalition (Bernadette Granger) will be the speaker.

Public Relations: Mikal Fonseca announced she has a new contact person at the News Sun. She has asked him to put an article in the paper about the scholarship recipients. A clearer picture is needed in order for the article to be inserted.

Secretary: Marianne Westbrook had no report.

Electronic Communications: Charlotte Smith was absent.

Website Coordinator: Julie Hayles was absent.

Mentoring Director: Louise Hudson discussed the Albertson's cards and reminded everyone the card must be shown each time a purchase is made. Amanda Gomez did not attend the competition in Dallas, for which she was given a donation. A total of 18 applications were received for the mentor program. The first mentor meeting is tonight, 7 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Senator Gay Kernan will be the speaker. From October through March, it will be the second Monday night of each month.

Scholarship Director: Corinne DiBlasi requested that the criteria for selecting scholarship recipients be posted in the bulletin. The deadline for scholarships is November 15th. She explained those students most likely to complete their term of education with the scholarship, and there was some discussion about the criteria. It was determined that the required credits be 24 credits, unless a prior scholarship has been received from LCWN. Julie will be asked to put this information on the website.

Committee Reports:

- By-Laws: Jennifer Jordon was absent.
- Finance: Carol Crossland was absent.
- Guest Relations: Virginia Teague was absent.
- Fundraising: Mikal Fonseca had no report.
- Health/Wellness: Louise Hudson reminded the board this month is the Health and Wellness Program.
- Professional Development: Lynda Lakin was absent. The Banquet committee will get with Lynda.

Old Business:

- The strategic planning committee is being chaired by Sheryl. She distributed a summary of their first meeting. She pointed out that the board had just changed policy without polling our membership about their opinions and preferences. One strategic plan suggested was letting the public know more about the organization; determining the number of members desired was another one.

New Business:

- Kyle announced she received several fliers: NM Commission on the Status of Women, The Chamber of Commerce, and Breast Health Expo. Volunteers were requested for someone to help Louise staff a booth at the Breast Health Expo Monday, October 19, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sharon agreed to make an announcement at Friday's luncheon meeting.

Other Business:

- The next board meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009
- The next membership luncheon will be Friday, October 16th.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm .

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009

President

Secretary