



Business Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Zoom Information:

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Meeting ID: 876 4308 8369

Passcode: 505867

- I. President Julie Ruiz called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Quorum present. Altrusa Grace and Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

*For this food before us spread,
For our steps in safety led,
For thy favor on our way,
Lord, accept our thanks today.*

- II. Joanna Slone introduced guests.
- III. Accent presented by Traci Squarcette – Member Spotlight (Diana Zarembo).
- IV. Kennedi Fettig reviewed December minutes. Approved and filed.
- V. Tommi Fettig reviewed December Correspondence Report. Approved and filed.
- VI. Debra Hicks reviewed Treasurer's Report – Admin: \$11,696.99; Project: Ending Balance - \$23,668.75 / Unallocated Project Funds - \$7,292.80; Scholarship: \$596.57.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Nominations from the floor were accepted by members for Nominating Committee – Brenda Hill, Linda Moore, Michelle DiGaetano, Beverly Luedke, and Hope LaGrone were nominated.
 - *Kathy Folley motioned to cease nominations.
 - *Tara Stafford second.Brenda Hill (Chair), Linda Moore, and Beverly Luedke were the three members elected to serve on the Nominating Committee.
 - *Kathy Folley motioned to destroy the ballots.
 - *Traci Squarcette second.
 - b. President Julie Ruiz requested that members review the current Bylaws and Policies for any revisions or additions needed.
 - c. Hope LaGrone and Michelle DiGaetano presented the final numbers from the Taste of the Holidays.
 - d. Kelli Alsup presented the following proposed projects:

- i. Camp Dreamcatcher
\$3,000 requested and 1,200 man-hours. Project passed.

- e. A project was brought from the floor by Debbie Mabry – Salado ASTRA Baby Blankets for Hope Pregnancy Center.
*Debbie Mabry motioned to discuss project. Regina Phinney second.
\$0 requested and unknown man-hours.
Project passed.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Kelli Alsup announced that Kids Against Hunger has been cancelled this year. Informed members that the board approved moving the funds designated for the project back into the Unallocated Project funds.
- b. Scholarship applications are now open. Deadline is March 31st.
*International scholarship deadline is March 15th.
- c. Debbie Mabry provided an update as to what each of the ASTRA clubs are working on.
- d. Living Well in Bell Kickoff Event – District Visitor, Frances Dalby will be attending. More volunteers are needed to bring food/snacks.
- e. District Nine Conference – May 2nd – 4th in Richardson, TX. Registration is now open.
- f. Love Group Social – January 23rd from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Bring family and friends.
- g. New Member Orientation – January 30th at Farris Hall, UMHB.
- h. 840 *Dragoo Goes Pop!* Books labelled prior to today's business meeting.
- i. ClubRunner 102 – February 17th (tentative) at TISD Building.
- j. *Dragoo Goes Pop!* Workday – February 13th.
- k. Caring Ball Workdays – February 6th – 9th.

I. Benediction

*May we go forth with high ideals,
To greet our fellow man.
Be true to all Altrusa aims,
Until we meet again.*

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Minutes recorded by 2024-2025 Recording Secretary, Kennedi Fettig.