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### Soroptimist of Billings Annual Retreat - June 19th 2010

Attendees: Gloria Janskovitch, Sue Anders, Nita Snow, Jennifer Frank, Linda Roers, Joyce Wuertz, Joey Voto, Karen Brako, Judy Nissen, Peggy Dare, Mary Stickney, and Katherine Dresser.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Gloria read the "Abiline Paradox" which is a story about managing agreement. If you're interested in reading this or having a copy, you can google it and it has several links.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Peggy explained how the general service budget was generated (it basically comes off of the balance sheet from Wine and Roses (W&R)). This is a proposed service budget for 2011 events and charities. This budget was emailed out to all SIB members for review last month. It lists all of the line items for club service projects that we have planned for our year.

Several line items were discussed in detail:

We proposed to leave the line item for the NW Hematology and Oncology Center of \$250 knowing that we'd like to dedicate this amount to another organization this year in honor of our Soroptimist of the Year. It will be listed under Projects Not Designated for now.

Currently we have dollars set aside in one lump sum for the Young Artist Awards. We'd like to indicate the dollar amount for each so that we don't forget from year to year. Line items will include \$500 for Best in Show and then another line item for \$850 which breaks down the cash awards as follows: 1st = \$500, 2nd = \$250 and 3rd = \$100

Making a difference for Women line item description is changed to the Ruby Award and the money on this line item is to cover the cost of the meal at the awards banquet and the plaque.

The \$14,480 service budget is currently \$600 less than the W&R projected budget. A motion was made by Peggy to increase the general admission ticket sales goal by \$600 (12 tickets) to cover the Club Service spending budget and achieve a zero balance between the Service Budget and the income goal of W&R. The motion was 2nd by Katherine and the motion carried.

Peggy made a motion that we accept the budget with the above considerations. Katherine 2nd and the motion carried.

Club Dues" As of Saturday, Peg had only received 14 club dues from current members with four members connecting with her to tell her they would not be joining this year. Deadline to turn in \$\$ is June 30th. Peg's deadline was the 21st in order to get it submitted by the 30th.

#### Area Meeting:

Gloria is attending the SI Area Meeting in Great Falls next weekend (26th and 27th of June).

2011 Representative: This position within our club is designated to travel to district and regional meetings. With no nominations being heard, Gloria volunteered to continue to attend these meetings as our Representative.

#### Committee Reports:

Awards 2010 - 2011:

Chair: Belinda Holloway

Co-Chair: Katherine Dresser

Growth & Development 2010 - 2011:

Chair: Peggy Dare

Co-Chair: Judy Nissen

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Young Artists 2010 - 2011:

Co-Chair's: Joey Voto & Karen Brako  
Committee Member: Mary Stickney

Wine and Roses 2010 - 2011:

Chair: Dawn Schultz  
Co-Chair: Linda Roers

Program Speaker Search 2010 -2011:

Chair: Charlene Landon

Club Identifying Project 2010 -2011:

Discussion about Bright Eyes and whether we should continue to support this program through this next year. Jennifer Frank gave a review about how this project was initiated and how much our support has meant to the program. She cited some staggering statistics regarding the hungry children in our schools. There being no other projects brought to the discussion, Linda made a motion to adopt the Bright Eyes program as our Club Identifying Project for 2010 - 2011. Peggy Dare 2nd. Motion Carried.

Publicity/Membership:

We walked through the report that Linda R. put together after attending the Regional Conference.

1. Thursday program meetings need to be submitted to the Gazette
2. Awards Banquet needs more press (Q2/KULR8, press release prior to the event and after the event).
3. Awards Banquet - get a prominent community personality to be the Master of Ceremony.
4. It was unfortunate that we didn't get any press from the recent Passages Culinary School graduates that we sponsored. Non issue now that we don't have any scholarship students that we funded in the program. We could track the four students doing their 6 month placements in the community and get something put in the paper about them when they officially graduate from the entire program and are released.
5. Young Artists Award - press release that Linda R. submitted with time and date did make the community calendar that day. Yellowstone Art Museum placed an advertisement about it. Linda R. submitted a press release on 6-21 about the winners along with mission and photos. Coordinate next year with YAM on publicizing this event prior to.
6. New Members for 2010 - 2011 need to be listed in the Achievers Section of the Gazette. Linda R. to accomplish. Suggested to release this to the Magic City News insert as well as. Need to provide Linda R. with a list of new members.
7. New Board members for 2010 - 2011 need to make the Achievers section fo the Gazette. Linda R. submitted to Gazette on 6-21.
8. Ideas generated to get involved with Women's events in the state.
  - A. Race for the Cure next May in Helena
  - B. Wear Red day next February to promote heart health - Peggy to find more information out on these ideas.
  - C. Salute to Women next April
  - D. YWCA fundraiser in November. Motion made to donate a basket with four wine glasses, four tickets to W&R, one bottle of wine and a rose.
9. Xanta Fundraiser - need to get involved if that makes sense.
10. Club Mission statement - can we print this out to hand a one sheet to prospective members or to give to folks we are asking for silent auction items? - Another idea came from this discussion. To have 5 \* 7 flyer developed with a Thank You to those that contribute items for our W&R and have our mission and endeavors we support listed on it. Businesses or person's who contribute could display this proudly!
11. Bright Eyes - any funds we contribute to it need to be in the news!
12. New Members - Could we entertain meeting at night once a quarter for folks that can't meet at lunch? Solution was to have a quarterly SIB buddies event.
13. Have a SIB informational booth at the W&R event to recruit new members and educate the attendees.

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14. Have an informational booth at some Fall women's expo's (one in Sept. and one in October are currently being planned). Group thought this would be a great idea. Peggy investigating cost of a four color 5\*7 post card similar to the ones available though club sib on the international site. We could have those, the bookmarkers that they sell and buttons made to say, "ask me about Soroptimist", Blue sash's saying Soroptimist to wear at events. Peggy checking prices on these items.

Meeting was adjourned by President Gloria Janskovitch at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Roers  
Secretary