



***Many Hands...One Mission...Making a Difference
in the Lives of Others***

- Business Meeting:** Thursday, November 6, 2014
- Minutes recorded by:** Idelle Claypool
- Meeting Call to Order:** Phyllis Hayashi called meeting to order as President at 6:12 p.m.
- Flag Salute** Lead by Julie Horpedahl
- Thought for the Day:** Quotes regarding volunteering were presented by Corrine Joe. President Phyllis requested that they be included in the December Newsletter
- SOS-Soroptimist Offers Scholarships:**
- Phyllis Hayashi, Nancy Wolford-Landers and Idelle Claypool bragged.
- S.O.L.T**
- Mary Locke discussed the Fund Development Committee, a Service Committee of SIS. Our goal as a club is to improve the lives of women and youth. We accomplish this with our three main fundraisers so we are all essentially members of this committee. Participation in the fundraisers allows members to get the most out of their membership by working together with and getting to know fellow members working toward a common goal.
- Introduction of Guests:** No guests in attendance
- Review of the Minutes:** Minutes were distributed at this meeting by Idelle Claypool. Move for acceptance of minutes by Debi Noonan. Motion seconded by Susann Hadler. Minutes approved without objection.

Correspondence: President Phyllis said that a card had been sent to Stefanie Stafford of Diverse Women in Pharmacy, who is taking time off to be with her cousin that was diagnosed with cancer.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Coulam distributed the financial statements as of September 30, 2014, prepared by Treasurer Dawn Cornelius. Noting that dues income was down, she began the discussion regarding the need to increase membership by contacting previous members.

Unfinished Business: President Phyllis reminded members to vote online by the November 15th deadline on the recommended amendments to SIA bylaws and resolutions. Maggie Bender-Johnson has set up the ballot on Survey Monkey. Those that have voted thought that Survey Monkey was easy to use. Member votes will be tallied so that SIS can submit their final ballot by the end of the month.

New Business & Board Recommendations:

The Board has decided to participate in Sacramento's Big Day of Giving on May 5, 2015. Last year Sacramento Area residents donated \$3 million to local charities during this event. The goal for 2015 is \$5 million. President Phyllis has attended the required orientation so our club can participate. It is a one day event that has no staffing requirement. We will need to promote SIS on social media to solicit donations.

Soroptimists have been invited by My Sister's House to attend a 2 hour trafficking training to make a difference with local nail and beauty salons. It will take place on November 20, 2014 from 6 – 8 pm at the former Sacramento Works Career Center, 915 Broadway.

Committee Chair Reports received from the following committees:

Violet Richardson Award (VRA) & Live Your Dream Award (LYDA):

Committee Chair, Debi Noonan, said that, so far, she had received two applications for each award. She has also been receiving calls/inquiries from high school counselors regarding VRA and emails regarding LYDA. Members asked what the VRA questions were about. School

counselors asked whether the applicant needed to be a citizen, if applicants can apply to more than one club and whether an 18 year old high school student could apply.

Kelley Kent has sent out six press releases. Members suggested outreach to churches and organizations serving young women such as Tubman House and Saint Johns Program for Real Change

Fund Development:

Committee Chair, Susann Hadler, talked about the next two fundraisers:

Nancy Wolford-Landers and Julie Horpedahl are heading up the Sees Candy fundraiser. They circulated a sign-up sheet for store set-up and shifts for working in the store. The more hours our club works, the greater our share of the profits. Nancy reminded members that they should use the pre-order forms for higher club profit as well. President Phyllis will see if we can leave flyers regarding the Sees Candy sale at the new William Glen store that is nearby.

Mary Locke spoke about the Crab Fiesta. She reminded members that we need silent and live auction donations. You should have received solicitation letters and donation forms. Mary collected names of members that were willing to contribute toward the purchase of Groupons for getaways that could be part of the live auction. We need to identify live auction items as early as possible so we can begin selling Golden tickets.

Membership:

Committee Chair, Mary Locke, reported on the Membership Committee's recruitment ideas including soliciting past members and each member recruiting one new member (each one reach one). The committee members divided up a list of potential members for follow up. Some members will be working on a power point presentation that can be used for outreach to women's organizations. Mary Erickson suggested that we develop a catchy market piece, smaller than our brochure, that members could distribute. This idea will be passed on to Public Relations Chair, Kelley Kent.

Attendance has been down at the evening business meetings so there was discussion regarding whether or not to continue having the evening meetings. More feedback would be solicited from members and Hospitality Committee would see if Casa Fridays might be available if we changed back to daytime business meetings. Some like the format and the discussion around the table. Most liked the food. A few felt that it was easier to attend the evening meetings than it was to get away from work during the day.

Project Selection:

Sally Michael, Project Selection Co-Chair, said that members had signed up for all 20 Gifts From the Heart recipients. However, if members haven't signed up and still want to participate, they can share the recipient with the member that has signed up.

Other business:

It is time to start thinking about nominees for the Ruby Award, for women helping women. President Phyllis will check on award criteria and find out if nominee can be a club member.

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Meeting Adjourned

7:30 p.m.