



**SIS 2024-25: Keeping Dreams Alive - Embracing Diversity & Women's Empowerment**

**VISION:** Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

**MISSION:** Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

**CORE VALUES:**

**Gender Equality** - Women and girls live free from discrimination.

**Empowerment** - Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.

**Education** - Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.

**Diversity & Fellowship** - Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

**Minutes:**

**WELCOME and CHECK-IN**

Members enjoyed lunch beginning at noon.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Karen Smith

**Introduction of Guests** No guests present.

**Thought for the Day** – Idelle Claypool

**SOS – Soroptimist Offering Service** - Members shared

**Icebreaker** – Mary Kobane

**New Business**

- Strategic plan/goals for year – Regena

Our club goals and strategic planning outcomes from the Summer Retreat were shared. The members arrived at these goals by keeping in mind the SIA shared goals (Inclusion; Working as a team and keeping mission in mind; Focus on the SIA Big Goal):

Increase our membership by 10%

At least two new fundraisers

Continue to support in the Human Trafficking events

Partner with other organizations or other Soroptimist clubs

Book Club to continue

Mentor/Mentee to expand

Project Selection

Our club president pointed out the importance and focus of engagement, Inclusivity and keeping all members engaged for the next 2024-2025 year.

- Google for Nonprofits – Karen

We will be using Google to conduct all SIS business.

- SIS pledge (alternative) – Regena

At the SIA level, the practice of reciting the oath has been discontinued for many years. Instead, some clubs are stating the vision and/or mission at their meetings.

The board has proposed to put out an electronic vote to members for input.

Discussion followed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Live Your Dream

There has been a change of co-chairs, Sona Page is no longer co-chair; chairs are Maryanne Salvage and Pat McConahay

- Money Matters

Will be presenting to Shine Together the next two months.

- Dream It Be It

Will be presenting the program to Shine Together.

- Scholarships

- Blanche Edgar/Shirley Godfrey

Will meet in early October.

- Project Selection/RAK

- Roster

Karen Smith will email the roster to all members. We will not have a booklet.

- Newsletter / Website / Publicity & Outreach

Let Karen Smith know if you did not get the newsletter.

- Hospitality

The committee met and they have all their assignments set for the next four months. Fun events are in the works (Holiday Party for members; Paint & Sip Social; potential Bunco event)

- Recruitment and Selection

The committee will meet to put in writing their roles and responsibilities.

- SOLT

The committee will meet next week and they have many ideas in the works.

- Fundraising

Will be meeting next Monday. They are looking into See's Candy Store and Wine Tasting event as possible fundraisers. They are open to other suggestions.

- Treasurer

Working on the statement.

- Laws & Regulations

Will be meeting this week. They will tackle committee descriptions.

## **Soroptimist Pledge**

### **Adjournment at 1:02 PM**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

SIS Speaker Meeting – September 20

District 3 Fall Meeting – October 5

## **The Soroptimist Pledge**

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist  
And to the ideals for which it stands...

The sincerity of friendship  
The joy of achievement  
The dignity of service  
The integrity of profession  
The love of country

I will put forth my greatest effort  
To promote, uphold and defend these ideals  
For a larger fellowship in home, in society, in business  
For country and for God.