

Des Moines Women's Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes -- *Revised*
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club Board of Directors was held in the gallery of Hoyt Sherman Place on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The meeting convened at 9:03 a.m. with President Pat Henson presiding.

Members in Attendance: Pat Henson, Chris Foss, Joyce Perkins, Wendy Prigge, Jo Berry, Joann M. Young, Michelle Clark, Jean Shires, Marti Puff, Sheila Bingaman, Karen Sievers.

Members Not in Attendance: Kathy Crall (excused), Toni Van Cleve (excused), Pam Deeds (excused), Sheila Sapienza (excused); Margie Taylor and Mary Ellen Imlau.

Staff: Beth Oberender

Approval of Minutes: Karen Sievers moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020, meeting. Jean Shires seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Reports:

President: Pat Henson reported that the Women's Club office is moving to the Doll Room. A letter will be sent to Club members from Robert Warren and Pat regarding the need for more funds to finish restoration of the second floor of the mansion. Pat also referred to a summary report of Club committee activities.

Treasurer: Michelle Clark reported that \$4,000 was transferred to general scholarship fund, correcting an August error. C.D's were renewed through 2027. Another CD due in November will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Michelle also transferred funds from Studebaker to cover Opening Day expenses. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Communications VP: In her report Joyce Perkins affirmed that regular email blasts continue. A newsletter is planned for mailing next week, and scholarship information is on the Facebook page. The possibility of using podcasts had been suggested but further study of this needs to be done. President Henson suggested this topic be discussed at the November Board meeting. She also asked for feedback on possible alternative Board meeting times to avoid conflicts with Club program schedules.

Beth was asked to list drive-by lunch dates in the email blasts.

Fundraising VP Wendy Prigge is concentrating on grant writing. She said parameters aren't always provided from potential grant sources. She emphasized the need for scholarship money in her grant requests.

A basket auction is planned which will be conducted differently this year – likely virtually and with set prices instead of bids. The goal is to raise \$1200 for this event. A mailing is planned for a plant sale in cooperation with Goode Greenhouse.

Membership VP: In the absence of Kathy Crall, it was stated there are 134 active members at this time. A few past members have returned.

Corresponding Secretary: Joann M. Young asked that she be notified of anyone who needs a card from the Club. She is updating her homebound list.

Get well cards were sent to Ginny Livingstone, Kathy Crall and Dave Barzen. Thinking of you cards sent to Helen Young and Maureen Fialkov. Sympathy card to Kay Hale.

President-Elect: Chris Foss confirmed that the Strategic Planning Committee is meeting on this date with the main goal of simplifying and clarifying the language of the Mission Statement. She also pointed out that the Hoyt Sherman Place Foundation is responsible for the House, not the Women's Club.

Jean Shires mentioned the possible change to meeting dates, i.e. none for January & February and extending into the summer as many leave in the winter months. This could bring challenges for the Art Exhibition planning.

A Christmas party is planned for December 16, 2020, in the theater which will include musicians, bingo and lunch.

Jean Shires moved to adjourn with Michelle Clark seconding. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jo Berry
10/2020