

Des Moines Women's Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Members attending by Zoom: Pat Henson, Chris Foss, Joyce Perkins, Wendy Prigge, Kathy Crall, Jo Berry, Joann M. Young, Michelle Clark, Jean Shires, Toni Van Cleve, Pam Deeds, Marti Puff, Sheila Bingaman, Mary Ellen Imlau, Karen Sievers, Sheila Sapienza.
Special Guest: Malka Nagar, Chair of Finance
Staff: Beth Oberender

Call to Order: President Pat Henson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: With change to total of 133 active members and the word "meeting" in Old Business, Pam Deeds moved to approve the November 12, 2020, minutes. Sheila Bingaman seconded Motion carried,

Officers' Reports

President: Pat Henson expressed her gratitude to Tammie Schroeder and Sherry Wilkinson for their scholarship presentation on Iowa Live December 4. Pat plans to pursue getting this information on "Hello Iowa" as well.

Hoyt Sherman will be honored on December 19 at Woodland Cemetery with a wreath provided by DMWC.

Currently the Club's programs cannot be transmitted by Zoom from HSP. Malka, Sheila, Beth and Mary Sheldahl are looking into the purchase of a new computer. No programs are yet scheduled for January and February.

President-Elect: Chris Foss reported that the Strategic Planning Committee plans to recommend a change in the DMWC Mission Statement at the Annual Meeting. This change would modernize the current Mission Statement and requires 2/3rd vote by the membership. After lengthy discussion Joann M. Young moved to table this topic until the next Board meeting. Sheila Bingaman seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Michelle Clark said CD's are to be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Funds are expected for DMWC from Jayne Sullivan and Ruth Brown estates. The regular monthly Treasurer's Reports were not available due to problems with Michelle's personal computer. They will be completed as soon as Michelle's equipment is repaired.

After Malka's recommendation to the Board, Jean Shires moved to make a \$1,000 donation to the Food Bank of Iowa. Karen Sievers seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee recommended a \$10,000 donation from DMWC for the restoration of HSP mansion. Jo Berry moved to make this donation. Sheila Sapienza seconded. Motion carried.

Club members will be encouraged to donate to this restoration fund. Amount of approximately \$600,000 is needed to complete this project of which approx.. \$300,000 has been raised to date.

Communications VP: Joyce Perkins said that scholarship information is on the Facebook page as well as Tweets sent to schools.

Fundraising VP: Wendy Prigge noted that a disappointing \$20 was received from Goode's Greenhouse to date for the holiday promotion with DMWC. Plans are to partner with Goode's again in the spring. Local businesses are being asked to contribute to the basket auction. Bean soup sales = \$408; nut sales = \$414 to date.

Membership VP: Kathy Crall said membership remains same and the committee will meet after first of the year.

Corresponding Secretary: Joann M. Young's report as of this date consisted of the following cards sent:

Thanking of You: Margaret Zacharius, Dorothy Perry, Carolyn Brazen, Liz Teufel, Jo Berry

Get Well: Evelyn Fisher

Sympathy: Dorothy Perry, Willona Goers, Toni Van Cleve

Eight holiday cards were sent to homebound and moved away members via Pat Henson.

Per recommendation from the Scholarship Adherence Committee, Sheila Bingaman moved to increase the three Smith Scholarships effective January 2022 for awarding in 2022 as follows:

Art from \$2,000 to \$2,500

Music from \$2,000 to \$2,500

Masters from \$2,500 to \$3,000

Michelle Clark seconded. Motion carried.

A presentation form is required for people making presentations for DMWC. Nomination work begins in January with Rosemary Hillman as Nomination Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Berry, Recording Secretary
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