

**Des Moines Women's Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2019**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club Board was held in the President's Dining Room in Hoyt Sherman Place on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting convened at 9:30 am, President Jean Shires presiding and Chris Shelton, Recording Secretary.

**Members in Attendance:** Jean Shires, Pat Henson, Joyce Perkins, Marlene Anderson, Janice Cord, Chris Shelton, Joann McCracken-Young, Wendy Roberts, Sheila Bingaman, Ellen Elliott, Mary Ellen Immlau, Bonnie Rogers, Karen Sievers, Dee Willemsen

**Members not in attendance** Michelle Clark, Chris Foss, Malka Naggar, – **not excused**

**Approval of minutes:** Joanne McCracken-Young moved to approve the minutes. Sheila Bingaman seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Officer's reports:**

**President:** Jean reported that Finance Committee had approved a \$100 donation to the Des Moines Historical Society for the Street Car Memorial. Pat Henson moved to give \$100 to the Historical Society for the Street Car Memorial. Janice Cord seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

The yearbook will be ready today after numerous delays.

The west parking lot of Hoyt Sherman Place hasn't been striped yet but it should happen soon since we are in for mild weather.

A strategic committee is being formed on where the Club will be in five years. Chris Foss is chairing this committee and will work with Pat Henson.

There will be a Holiday Party on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Only bingo will be played. Attendees are encouraged to bring a holiday-themed prize. Rosemary Hillman is in charge. Tickets will be sold today and December 4<sup>th</sup>. They are \$15.

Christmas decorating will happen later this month.

There are still slots available on the gift wrap sign-up for Black Friday and December 21<sup>st</sup>.

The President's Brunch will be on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out soon.

**Treasurer:** No report. A brief overview included the donation of Des Moines Historical Society, 4% of the Studebaker fund will be transferred to the General Fund for Opening Day and May Day and there is still one more scholarship will be paid.

Michelle has suggested DMWC participate in the Iowa State Fair parade. More information will be forthcoming on this subject.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Joann McCracken-Young reported that she sent Thinking of You cards to Judy Engeltjes, Deb Stonehocker, Edy Fudge, Jane Bowlin, Chris Foss, Sheila Denning, Diana Coon and Linda McFarlane. Jackie Spellman received a Thinking of You card and Get Well wishes were sent to Erin Hefner, Patsy Markaman and Mary Bingaman. 13 handmade Halloween cards were sent to homebound members and members who have moved away.

**Communications Vice President:** Work is still being done on the Ovations ad.

**Fund Raising Vice President:** Marlene Anderson reported that the arrangements for the silent auction are almost complete. The starting bid for the gift certificates will be about 80% of the face value. Members are encouraged to go beyond the face value as a donation to the Club. Items not sold will become part of a raffle. You will not need to be present to win. Joanne McCracken-Young suggested we thank Marlene for all the work she has done for this auction. All members agreed.

The nut orders are in and can be picked up today. The profit was about \$400

**Membership Vice President:** Five of the seven new members were introduced and said a little bit about themselves. One of the newer members from last year will play the flute as part of this program. Current members will be encouraged to visit with these new members.

**President-elect:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** We are still waiting for a firm proposal to so that we can decide if we want to move to a new credit card service. Currently we are using SquareUp and the fees are going to increase.

Wendy Roberts offered to help members set up church directory on their phones. She will do it on an as needed basis.

**New Business:** No new business

**Other:** Jean is planning on developing a one page overview of Robert's Rules for our use.

**Adjournment:** Sheila Sapienza moved to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Perkins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM