

Des Moines Women's Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 12, 2020 Amended

Members Attending by Zoom Connection: Pat Henson, Chris Foss, Joyce Perkins, Jo Berry Jean Shires, Pam Deeds, Marti Puff, Sheila Bingaman, Mary Ellen Imlau, Karen Sievers

Members Not in Attendance: Wendy Prigge (excused), Kathy Crall (excused), Joann M. Young (excused), Michelle Clark (excused), Toni Van Cleve (excused), and Sheila Sapienza

Staff: Beth Oberender

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

Approval of Minutes: Karen Sievers moved to approve minutes of October 14 and October 30, 2020, revised minutes. Sheila Bingaman seconded. Motion carried

Officers' Reports

President: Pat Henson thanked those who returned to this continued meeting via Zoom from the prior day (November 11, 2020) which was canceled due to audio problems. She has contacted department chairs regarding the revised calendar and other items of note. There will be no book store gift wrapping, the house galleries are closed, Beth is moving to her new office in December. Robert Warren will give a tour in the future of the renovations to Hoyt Sherman which are scheduled to be finished in February of 2021. Contact Beth to schedule Zoom meetings. The Board has decided not to hold a Christmas party this year due to Covid. A discussion followed regarding in-person events, but it was agreed it was not yet safe to do so.

President-Elect: Chris Foss has been working with Strategic Planning Committee on a five-year vision and the Club's Mission Statement which needs to be shortened. The former Mission Statement in the Bylaws would need to be suspended in order to be replaced by a new one. Karen Sievers moved to engage Parliamentarian Toni Van Cleve to determine proper protocol for a new Mission Statement. Pam Deeds seconded motion. Motion carried. Chris will contact Toni.

Treasurer: Michelle Clark had sent financials to the Board via email prior to the meeting. One CD is due. The Finance Committee will be meeting the following week for discussion. There being no further significant items for review, the report will be filed for audit.

Communications VP: Joyce Perkins reported the scholarships are posted on the website. Brief discussion of communicating more during pandemic by possibly more eblasts. Joyce and Beth to work together on this topic.

Fundraising VP: In the absence of Chair Wendy Prigge, there was no Fundraising report.

Membership VP: In Kathy Crall's absence Beth reported there are currently 129 paying members, four free memberships, for a total of 133 active members

Corresponding Secretary: Joann M. Young's report was read by Sheila Bingaman. Thinking of You cards sent to Patsy Marckmann and Pam Deeds. Eight Halloween cards were sent to those homebound and those who have moved away. A sympathy card went to Glenda O'Brien.

Old Business: Tammie Schroeder had planned to give a presentation at the canceled meeting on Tuesday, November 11. Tammie had presented a handout to the board about scholarships and asking about the Smith Scholarships - should a 4th one be created? Suggestion was made to discuss these scholarships with Marilyn Kramme since she was instrumental in getting the donation. Karen Sievers advised that she would be talking with Marilyn that afternoon and would brief her on this subject and have Marilyn call Pat Henson.

Request will be made in Eblasts for more items and baskets for the Basket Sale.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Berry, Recording Secretary
11/2020