

October 11, 2023
Des Moines Women's Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Called to Order at 10:06

Roll Call:

Sherry Wilkenson, Mary Ellen Imlau, Janice Cord, Liz Teufel, Lubertha McClairen, Martha Stephenson, Alicia Amberg, Rose Marie Webb, Toni VanCleve (Parliamentarian), Eileen Boggess (Club Coordinator)
Absent: Karen Sievers (excused)

Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2023.

Amended to state that Martha Stephenson was excused. Minutes were approved as amended.

President's Report:

Sherry Wilkenson reported on several upcoming events.

Friday, October 13, some Club members will attend lunch and a presentation at the Wallace House.

The Club will get free rent at the Hall of Laureates for lunch and a tour on November 8 at 12:00. The fee will be waived because the site cancelled our earlier tour at the last minute due to double booking. The Board meeting will be moved to 9:30.

A Christmas Light bus tour ending with dessert at Village Inn has been set up for December 14.

The first Women Who Make a Difference Award will be presented to Roberta Yoder at the lunch on October 25. She requests that the \$100 go to students from Ukraine who are stranded at the University of Northern Iowa.

The DMWC Raccoon River Players will present the Raccoon River Anthology to the Des Moines Area School Personnel group on October 26.

She thanked members and staff of Hoyt Sherman Place who helped with the Evening at the Club House. The event was lovely, but needed more Club members to help with cleanup.

President-elect's Report:

Mary Ellen Imlau is busy attending committee meetings.

Past President's Report:

Janice Cord is sending notes about board meetings to the past presidents to keep them informed.

Secretary's Report:

Cards were sent by Laura Payne to Ann Driscoll, Nellie Bobenhouse, Chris Foss, Kathy Broshears, Susan Hook, and Carol Crandall.

Laura wants to keep in touch with Club members who can't attend meetings and is planning to do something special in December.

Treasurer's Report:

Lubertha McClairen passed out the Treasurer's Report for the month ending 9/30/2023, a list of Des Moines Women's Club Maturing CDs, and a statement from Edward Jones. In order to balance investments at the required 40/60 % of liquidity, she sold the American Balanced Fund worth \$29, 263, cashed in the maturing CD worth \$20,000, and withdrew \$15, 155.91 from the Money Market Fund. These monies were used to purchase a bond on the advice of our financial planner Tammie Schroeder. This \$50,000, 6-year bond is in the Club Endowed Memorial Fund.

She warned us that the Club Scholarship account will run out soon. The Scholarship Committee is considering how to prevent this.

Decorating/History Director's Report:

Martha Stephenson reported that the Archives Committee put up a historical display for the Evening at the Club House.

Holiday decorating date is not yet firm, but will be on December 20, 21, or 22. Themes for each area have been determined.

Governance Director's Report:

No report

Membership Director's Report:

Rose Marie Webb stated that the Club currently has 140 members, twelve of them who joined recently. The Membership Committee has a goal of recruiting thirty more.

Follow-up will be done to determine why thirty members did not return this year.

Club Companions will be assigned to new members to help with retention.

It is recommended that we not give Club membership to the Governor's spouse.

The Evening at the Club House was well attended. Non-members who were there will be contacted with information about joining the Club.

Sherry would like to see more connection between the Club and the Hoyt Sherman Place Foundation Board members.

There was a discussion about instituting automatic renewal of membership online.

Program Director's Report:

Karen Riley Sieves writes that all thirty slots for programs were filled in time for the *Yearbook* printing.

At present, we have only one cancellation which will be filled by the Art Department TBA. Department chairs are being asked by the Archives Committee to take and send photos of their presenters to Eileen. She reminded people to contact the office for guest luncheon reservations and any tech support needed two weeks in advance.

Club Coordinator's Report:

Eileen Boggess attended the Archives Committee meeting. It was decided that in the future the Club Coordinator will do a photo scrap book of each year which will replace the traditional scrapbooks done by past presidents. She will also do books for past presidents Wendy Roberts, Pat Hensen, Chris Foss, and Janice Cord.

Eileen will look into getting a frameable print of the photo of Club members taken in honor of the 100th Year of the Theatre and into getting prints that could be purchased by members.

Eileen will write a history of each Club year.

Historian Beth Oberender will be responsible for taking photos.

Committees, such as the Opening Day Committee, need to work closely with the Club Coordinator.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

none

Adjourned at 11:20.

Next Meeting:
November 8 at 9:30.

Liz Teufel, Secretary