

Des Moines Women's Club Annual Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2017

The Annual Des Moines Women's Club Meeting was called to order at 11:00 by Chris Shelton. More than 51 members were present.

Nominations

Dee Ann Wilson read the following nominations:

- President Elect: Wendy Roberts
- Communications Vice President: Jane Bowlin
- Fundraising Vice President: Liz Teufel
- Membership Vice President: Maureen Fialkov
- Recording Secretary: Judy German
- Corresponding Secretary: Isabelle Lemke
- Treasurer: Joyce Larson

A motion was made to approve these nominations and was seconded. Motion was carried.

- New Directors (term expires 2020)
 - Chris Foss
 - Pat Henson
 - Deb Stonehocker
 - Michelle Clark
 - Janice Cord
- Continuing Board Members:
 - Fran Bobzin (expires 2018)
 - Bev Watts (expires 2019)
 - Katie Doerhoff (expires 2019)
 - Victoria Lindskoog (expires 2019)

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Scholarships

- Chris Shelton discussed the Finance Committee recommendation to increase the amount of donation for a named or endowed scholarship to \$100,000. This was discussed by the members expressing some concerns with this amount.
- Chris explained some of the older scholarships could also be considered by the Scholarship Standing Committee.
- \$25 from member dues will continue to be transferred into the scholarship fund. Currently we have 21 scholarships. Management of these scholarships is difficult with our membership levels. The number of applications was close to 200. We have about 30 members who evaluate the applications and select a winner. We should consider increasing the amounts of the scholarships rather than increasing the number of scholarships awarded. Beth's responsibility to collect, sort, and prepare the scholarship applications was one of the reasons for not wanting to increase the number of scholarships. It was explained that there is a committee that helps and the process has been working.

Change in Focus

- Chris explained that the focus of the club giving will be directed towards community outreach so that DMWC becomes more visible in the community. Discussion and differing views followed.

Future Events

- Chris listed the next three events finishing out the Club year.
- They are May Day, the Brunch honoring all women on Mother's Day, and the June card party.
- All three need tickets purchased ahead of time.
- Don't feel obliged to attend all, select the ones that sound fun.
- We try to plan events that will appeal to the members.

New Club structure

- Several members offered opinions on the new structure.
- A few small changes were made including an additional co-chair of Hospitality and the President-elect working with the Fundraising V.P. for a smooth transition of fundraisers.

Behind-the-scene work

- The Marketing Committee under the Communications V.P. developed a Marketing Plan and the Internal Audit Committee developed a charter as they begin their work.
- The Fundraising V.P. participated in and added to the existing fundraising events.
- The Membership V.P. held several events and about 15 new members were added.
- A Human Resources Committee developed an expanded review system and formally addressed several other overall employment issues.
- Beth has taken an Excel training class and received some Quick Books training from our accountant.
- Liz Teufel will be a new community representative to the Hoyt Sherman Place Foundation Board as she ends her third year representing Women's Club.
- Marilyn Kramme will be leaving this board after serving nine years on it.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane Bowlin
Recording Secretary