

**Des Moines Women's Club
Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2021
Byers Room, Hoyt Sherman Place**

Meeting called to order by President Chris Foss at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chris Foss, Janice Cord, Pam Deeds, Karen Sievers, Joyce Perkins, Chris Shelton, Michelle Clark, Pat Henson, Sheila Bingaman, Toni Van Cleve, Mary Ellen Imlau, Sharon Hawthorne, Carolyn Kuhn, Marti Puff, Cindy Lane, Jean O'Neill, Rose Marie Webb;
Excused: Carol Corrigan, **Staff Present:** Eileen Boggess

Approval of 10/13/21 minutes after corrected

Motion to approve, Rose Marie Webb; Seconded by Marti Puff

Reports

• **President's Report**

Glass Sale Final Report—Chris Foss reported that the total net amount received was \$1,252.57. Of this \$642.57 was disbursed to DM Women's Club and \$610.00 to Hoyt Sherman Foundation. After discussion it was agreed to accept the money for DMWC and for the Corresponding Secretary to send a thank you to Robert Warren, CEO HSPF.

- **President-Elect Janice Cord** reported that as chair of the Ad Hoc Sullivan Scholarship Committee, she will come back to the board for discussion of scholarships. This will be a one-time committee and not permanent.
- **Treasurer Michelle Clark** reported that two percent of the money in the Studebaker Fund was moved for opening day expenses. The two CDs will be reinvested in November to mature in 2025 and 2026.
- **Membership Karen Sievers** reported as of November 9, 2021, DMWC has 157 members (includes two Lifetime Memberships and 25 new members). Events planned by the committee include: a coffee held November 3 where six members were informed and welcomed. Five new members attended. The committee is developing new ideas to feature new members in the Email Blast. Several "Evening at Our Clubhouse" events will be held. The first was September 28 with a tour of the restored upstairs and an introduction to the Club. On December 14 there will be a holiday open house from 5:30-6:30 p.m., on March 11 a "Gallery Night" at the Art Exhibition, and in May an event featuring scholarship winners. The committee is preparing for the upcoming Memorial Hour.
- **Fundraising Pam Deeds** reported the committee sales at the last luncheon went well and they intend to repeat it. They are continuing the holiday flower sales, nuts/candy and bean soup and are considering a used book sale in June.
- **Corresponding Secretary Chris Shelton** reported cards sent, one sympathy, four thinking of you/get well, one birthday, and 18 Halloween cards created by Joann Young. (See **Corresponding Secretary Report**.)
- **President Chris Foss** updated members on "**Focusing on Our Future**" (See attachment.)

- **Review Lunch System Sharon Hawthorne** reported the process went well using one table. Discussion was held on the status of the kitchen appliances.
- **Social Events Toni Van/Cleve** reported the committee will meet and report on plans for the February 23, March 23 and April 27, 2022, events.

Unfinished Business—The Annual Fund Campaign motion submitted by President Chris Foss at the October 3, 2021, meeting was withdrawn by her. Discussion followed.

President Chris Foss moved Acceptance of Jayne Sullivan Bequest that: Pending court approval, DMWC will receive \$168,406.69 to create a scholarship for students who are enrolled in a College, University or Community College. The criteria for granting the scholarships to be determined by the Des Moines Women’s Club Board of Directors. Mary Ellen Imalu moved the motion to accept, and Janice Cord seconded it.

After discussion on an amendment submitted that the Ad Hoc Committee (Janice Cord, Chair; Lorna Truck; Liz Teufel; and Pat McGill) was created to establish the details of the scholarship and to bring them to the Board of Directors at the April 13 meeting.

Michelle Clark presented an amendment to accept the donation when received and then to deposit it in the Open Memorial Fund. The motion was seconded by Karen Sievers and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022—9:30-11:30 a.m. (no December meeting)

Save the Dates:

Leadership Thank You Brunch, December 8, 11:00 a.m. (by invitation—RSVP Required)

“Focusing on Our Future” workshop, January 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (open to all members; RSVP Required)

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Perkins, Recording Secretary