

**January 17, 2024**  
**Des Moines Women's Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Called to Order** at 9:17.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Sherry Wilkinson, Mary Ellen Imlau, Janice Cord,  
Liz Teufel, Lubertha McClairen, Martha Stephenson, Alicia Amberg, Karen Riley  
Sievers, Eileen Boggess (Club Coordinator)

Absent: Rose Marie Webb, Toni Van Cleve (Parliamentarian) excused

**Approval of Minutes** of November 8, 2023. Approved as written.

**President's Report:**

Sherry Wilkinson reported that the boiler at Hoyt Sherman Place is repaired.

The Social Committee has many new activities planned: a tour of the Gold Star Museum, a girls basketball game at Drake, and attending the Bucksbaum Lecture by Liz Cheney at Drake.

Sherry encouraged members to send birthday cards to Beggie Heffner.

The Community Youth Concepts Teen Outreach group that meets at Urbandale Middle School has contacted DMWC to request the donation of menstrual products for the school bathrooms. Discussion was positive about supporting this project. Eileen will get more details and report back to the board.

**President-elect's Report:**

Mary Ellen Imlau is working on the calendar for next Club year. There was a discussion of possible changes, some of which would require a change in the Bylaws.

**Past President's Report:**

Janice Cord said she will be having a hip replacement in March, so will miss a board meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

Liz Teufel reported that Laura Payne sent holiday cards to shut-ins and get well cards to Robert Warren and Ginny Livingstone.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lubertha McClairen reported that in December \$8,000 was moved from the General Unrestricted Fund to the Iowa State Bank checking account to cover January and February operating expenses. A General Scholarship CD matures at the end of the

month and will be reinvested for a couple of years. Three Open Memorial Scholarship CDs will also be maturing soon and most of the money will be reinvested at 4 percent in a CD that will mature in 2028.

**Decorating/History Director's Report:**

Martha Stephenson praised the Hoyt Sherman Place staff for their help with holiday decorations.

The Archives Committee is doing fine.

**Governance Director's Report:**

The Nominating Committee's meeting was postponed until tomorrow due to the snowstorm last week.

The Internal Audit Committee needs to meet soon.

**Membership Director's Report:**

No report

**Program Director's Report:**

Karen Sievers commented on the flexibility needed to rearrange programs when there is a problem like canceling a meeting due to bad weather.

She observed that it is essential to have good communication between the Program Director, the Club Coordinator, the President, and the Social Committee.

There was discussion of the Social Committee and whether it should become a standing Committee.

**Club Coordinator's Report:**

Eileen Boggess gave updates on the number of applications for each scholarship.

There are 109 total applications so far, more will come in just before the January 26 deadline.

Club membership is now 149.

So far there are twenty-eight entries for the Art Exhibition which will open on March 3.

**New Business:**

There is a lack of clarity in the Bylaws and Handbook about who appoints committee chairs. Alicia and Liz will meet to discuss this.

The Iowa Wolves basketball team is sponsoring non-profit nights and has invited DMWC to set up a table on March 29. We will receive \$10 of the cost of tickets sold to our organization.

**Adjourned** at 10:33.