

Des Moines Women's Club

Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Call to order: A special meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club Board of Directors was held in the dining room of Hoyt Sherman Place on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. with President Pat Henson presiding amid Board members wearing masks and chairs set up theater style with adequate social distancing due to Covid19 pandemic. Pat thanked members for attending this special Board meeting.

Members in Attendance: Pat Henson, Jo Berry, Joyce Perkins, Wendy Prigge, JoAnne M. Young, Michelle Clark, Pam Deeds, Marti Puff, Sheila Bingaman, Mary Ellen Imlau, and Karen Sievers.

Members not in Attendance (all were excused); Chris Foss, Kathy Crall, Jean Shires, Toni Van Cleve, Margie Taylor, and Sheila Sapienza.

Special Guests: Allison Fegley, Molly Pins, Hoyt Sherman Place staff, and Malka Naggar, Finance Committee Chair.

Staff: Beth Oberender

President Hanson stated that the purpose of this meeting was to address how to handle this Club year due to the pandemic. Allison Fegley conveyed that the Foundation is operating month to month and looking at possibly reopening in January, 2021.

After discussion and members recognizing activities are obviously canceled through August, 2020, Sheila Bingaman moved to suspend all Club social activities (luncheons, events and programs) inside the house until January, 2021. Michelle Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The scholarships and art exhibit still need to be supported and intention is that these activities will occur in 2021.

It was agreed that it is important that communication continue including Friday email blasts.

Pat reiterated that small groups could still use the house which would include committee meetings.

She expressed her concern that membership may drop as the social activities must be suspended for now. Discussion followed regarding possibility of considering the \$150 annual dues as a tax-deductible donation. Also discussed was extending deadline beyond August 1 for paying dues.

The annual yearbook is still planned and members who have not paid dues will be included in the yearbook as a retention move. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet and bring their recommendations to the Board on these matters as well as continuing curb lunches.

Beth has fundraising ideas including "I Care" and "Brag" baskets, a mask extravaganza, newsletter photos and articles of interest. She was encouraged to refer her ideas to the various committees involved.

JoAnne M. Young had investigated costs for facemasks with Club logo from Broken Arrow and Eight Seven Central. Depending on number of colors used, prices ranged from \$6.28/each to \$9/each. This too is to be referred to the Finance Committee to recommend the likelihood of selling masks to members at possibly \$15/each.

Michelle Clark presented a handout outlining Club funding sources. This is a tool to be used by the Finance Committee as it addresses income concerns and projections. Michelle was thanked for her work on this important topic. Malka, Sheila and Michelle of Finance Committee are meeting with Pat following today's board meeting.

The Board agreed that department/committee chairs will look at the Oct/Dec. calendar following results of the survey as the calendar may need revision. Zoom is available for use at Hoyt Sherman Place. Allison said that using the theater allows 320 people to maintain social distancing.

After discussion of the survey created by Sheila Bingaman which addresses Covid19 concerns as it affects Club activities, an Ad Hoc Survey Committee of Pam Deeds, Jo Berry, Mary Ellen Imlau, Malka Nagggar, Beth Oberender with Sheila as chair was created to discuss the survey questions and make any changes to it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jo Berry, Recording Secretary