

March 13, 2024

Des Moines Women's Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 9:54

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Janice Cord, Toni Van Cleve (Parliamentarian)

Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2024. Approved as written.

President-elect's Report:

Mary Ellen Imlau moved that the board suspend Article 4, Section 1 of the Bylaws to allow lunch meetings for Club year 2024-2025 to begin in August instead of October. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

President's Report:

Sherry Wilkenson reported that she had attended the Hoyt Sherman Place Foundation Board meeting. Club members went on a tour of the Commission for the Blind. The Club Art Exhibition was wonderful and well attended. The Social Committee is meeting and planning new events. There was a discussion of plans for the Annual Meeting in two weeks.

Past-president's Report:

No report

Secretary's Report:

Liz Teufel reported that Laura Payne sent cards to Kathy Broshears who is moving, Janice Cord who had surgery, Marlene Anderson who has broken ribs, and Dee Ann Wilson who was in the hospital.

Treasurer's Report:

Lubertha McClairen reported on investments.

\$42,000 CD matured 2/20/24 in General Unrestricted Fund, \$24,000 placed in cash account for operations, \$18,000 reinvested at 5.25% which will mature 5/2/24

\$50,000 CD matured 2/20/24, in the Endowed Memorial Fund, \$23,000 reinvested at 5.15% for 5 months

\$14,000 matured 2/15/24 in Open Memorial Fund, reinvested at 4.2% which will mature 11/15/29

Decorating/History Director's Report:

Martha Stephenson expressed appreciation for Linda Thomas and her committee for the beautiful weekly lunch centerpieces.

Governance Director's Report:

Alicia Amberg presented notes from the Audit Committee meeting of 2/28/24. There was discussion of the committee's recommendations. This report needs to go to the Finance Committee. Alicia and Liz will work on updating the section of the *Handbook* dealing with leadership appointments.

Membership Director's Report:

Rose Marie Webb reported that the Membership Committee will meet in the afternoon today. Retention of members is on the agenda. New Club members will be introduced on April 24 by members of the committee. They are planning the May 1 Memorial service. There was discussion of attracting younger members and evening meetings.

Program Director's Report:

Karen Sievers is meeting with next year's Program Director. All the departments are covered for next year.

Club Coordinator's Report:

The Art Exhibition generated \$979.50 in art sales for the Club. There were 156 complete applications for Scholarships.

New Business:

Discussion of the need for marketing of the Club and for possibly having a Marketing Committee again. Karen has old guidelines for this. News of Club activities can go out with the HSP press releases. We should let *Cityview* know about our events. When we know the schedule for the year we should let news outlets know what we are doing well in advance so they can put us on their schedule.

Adjourned at 12:00.

Next board meeting April 10, 2024 at 10:00 in the Center for Arts and Education, second floor

Annual meeting April 3, 2024 at 11:00 in the Byers Room

