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NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. CLOUD AREA ZONTA CLUB

"Never interrupt someone, doing something, you said couldn't be done"
Amelia Earhart 1930s

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1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

09-03-09 Board Meeting
09-10-09 Business Meeting
09-24-09 Program Meeting

All meetings held Noon at the Ground Round Restaurant, Division Street, St. Cloud, MN.

2. NOTICES OF FUTURE EVENTS

10/1/09	Thursday	Noon	Board Meeting
10/8/09	Thursday	Noon	Business Meeting
10/22/09	Thursday	Noon	Program Meeting - United Nations

September Program Speaker

September 24th meeting topic is Legislative Awareness and Advocacy. Our speaker will be Anne Bomstad Miller, Executive Director of Grasstops, Inc. Here is a little more information on Anne's presentation.

Grasstops, Inc. is a multi-service advocacy organization providing lobbying, consulting, training and research services. The mission of Grasstops is "Ensuring All Voices Are Heard" and its goal is to increase the ability of nonprofit and community groups to impact public policy, allowing these vital groups to be proactive in the political process. Anne will overview political advocacy and discuss ways Zonta members can get involved in the decision making process.

3. "Cementing the Sisterhood"



Chapter Officers for 2009-2010:

President - Susan Voeltz
Vice-President - Susan Kadlec
Recording Secretary - Lori Rebischke
Communications Secretary - Tara Harl
Treasurer - Pat Molitor

Board Member (2 year term) - Vicki Erickson
Board Member (1 year term) - LeAnne Miller
Board Member (1 year term) - Stephanie Jussila
Board Member (2 year term) - Debbie Grant

Your new board is excited to see everyone after the summer break and begin the new year with our monthly meetings, service projects, and fundraisers! We will continue to meet at noon on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Ground Round. This year the Ground Round will serve a buffet style lunch that will be available at 11:45. Plan to come a few minutes before the meeting to network with your Zonta friends! We hope to see you all at the business meeting on September 10!

CRITICAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is very important our yearly financial responsibilities to ZONTA meet all deadlines each spring as we could lose voting privileges/ability to send delegates to regional and international events. Our district governor was most gracious to allow us dispensation for our late dues this year and we are still able to send a voting member to District later this month. BUT Ladies..... we just cannot let this happen again as it is most embarrassing. Therefore, the board's policy will be year 2009-2010, that all late dues will be the responsibility of each member to rectify, not the St. Cloud chapter.

4. BOARD, BUSINESS, & PROGRAM MEETINGS' MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes August 6, 2009 12:00

Present: Susan Voeltz, President Tara Harl, Pat Molitor, Lori Rebeschke, Stephanie Jussila, LeAnne Miller, Deb Grant, Sue Kadlec, and Mary Nimmerfroh

Absent: Linda Linn, Vicki Erickson

Call To Order: Susan Voeltz called the meeting to order at 12:00. Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Prayer followed the call to order. Minutes/Treasurers reports:

Tara Harl made a motion to accept the minutes. Leanne Miller seconded. No discussion.

Treasurer's Report for July: Pat Molitor noted a correction on the Golf Outing funds. Deb Grant made a motion to accept the report. Sue Kadlec seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for May –Pat presented the Treasurers report for May. Tara Harl made a motion to accept the May Treasurers report and Leanne Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Finance Update/report: Mary Nimmerfroh reviewed the finance report. This is reviewed first by the board and then by the membership.

Membership: There are 34 renewing members. A district correction will be needed due to the change. Deb Grant made a motion to increase the budget for membership to \$1000 (\$700 plus \$300 for induction). Stephanie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion on April Membership drive. There was concern that then they would join and we do not meet in the summer. Someone else suggested that they could join with the intention of starting in September. Members would call them in summer to invite them to the golf outing and remind them of our meeting times.

It was discussed that going forward we need to display who our members are at our events and in our brochures to encourage membership growth with this as a benefit.

Mary Nimmerfroh will send out business meeting reminders to boost attendance.

Announcement: Jan Benson will receive the Athena Award (our nominee and award winner). She will be honored on September 14, 2009 at the Community Foundation Award Dinner.

District Delegate selection: Leanne Miller nominated Susan Voeltz to represent us at district as our delegate. Tara Harl seconded the motion. Motion passed. A motion for an alternate delegate will be tabled until other members can be identified who is interested. Mary Nimmerfroh will send an E mail to determine interest.

Tara Harl made a motion to have the club registration and ½ of the hotel expense for the delegate be paid from the International fund. Leanne Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Flower Sale: Lori reported that we have had a very good turn- out for volunteering at the greenhouse. We were down in sales approximately \$300 in flower sale profits year over from last year. The net profit was \$ 2832 . The question came up whether this is a good fund-raiser for the time that we put in. Many volunteers volunteer because they enjoy it. We had 170 hours of volunteer time. That divided into the profit equals \$16.16 per hour, so it really seems like a benefit and we should continue. We are not required to volunteer. We do this to help the owner, so that he continues to give us \$6.00 of the ticket price.

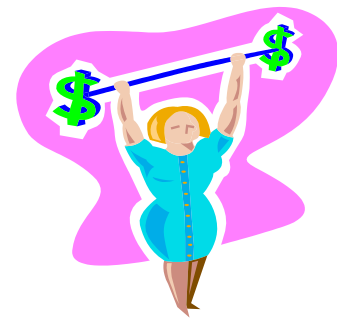
Golf Committee: Deb is busy planning the Golf Outing. She is also in need of additional donations. They have been slow at coming in.

Christmas House Committee: Tara Harl discussed the need for volunteers and shared that Jane Oleen will be the chairperson of the decorators. Lori Rebischke introduced this year's Christmas house as the home of Patrick Lynch, Sartell.

Web Site- Mary Nimmerfroh has made her updates and reports that the web-site is good to go.

Barb Zapp's memorial- a memorial is automatically sent on behalf of our Zonta membership when one of our members passes away. Mary Nimmerfroh and Nancy Fisher attended the visitation.

Leadership Surve The leadership survey will be tabled until fall. Tara will roll out in mid-September when meetings will resume.



5. TREASURER & FINANCE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Ending August 31, 2009

Balance 7/31/2009	\$10,768.23
Receipts	
Interest for August	.53
Flower Sale	375.00
Pins Not Worn	4.00
Golf Registrations	810.00
Golf Sponsors	200.00
Total Receipts	\$1,389.53
Disbursements	
Zonta International-Zapp Memorial	50.00
Total Disbursements	\$50.00
Balance 8/31/2009	\$12,107.76



Finance Report

August 31, 2009

1. The following breakout of the club's finances has been prepared in accordance with the Treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2009.

Operating Fund

Designated Funds: International

Convention Fund Supplies/Postage/Post

Office Website/ZoNews

(copies/supplies/postage) Membership

Committee District & International Dues

\$4,394.28 \$300.00 \$200.00 \$1,000.00 -0

Total \$5,894.28

Undesignated Funds

\$134.58

Total **\$6,028.86**

Service Funds

Christmas House -0Flower Sale \$2,803.43 Golf Outing \$1,460.00 International Fund -0Memorial Fund \$50.00
Miscellaneous \$54.52 Scholarships \$1,710.95

Total \$6,078.90

Comments: I went ahead and designated the operational fund according to the tentatively approved budget. If there are changes made by the membership, I will adjust these accounts. The "International Convention Fund" needs to be revisited. We have a nice funding mechanism for this now – a percentage of all fundraising along with various raffles during the year. A decision needs to be made now regarding "who" will be funded for the convention in 2010 and what funding should be provided to attendees of the District/Area meetings. We do have a delegate to the District meeting in September and we will need to send someone to the District Seminar in 2010 with the formal invitation to the other clubs to come to the District Meeting in St Cloud in 2011.

6. SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTS



2009 Christmas House

- *Decorators' Tour/Room Assignments September 16th 0930-1200*
- *The committee is still in need of a "set up/take down" sub-committee chair*

8. SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

None to report at this time.