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Calendar of Events



- 11/3 Board Meeting (5th Ave Grille)
- 11/10 Business Meeting (Holiday Inn)
- 11/18-19 **Christmas House**
- 12/1 Board Meeting (Le St. Germain)
- 12/8 Business Meeting
- 12/8 **Holiday Social (Home of Debra Kellerman)**
No Program Meeting in November or December



Opportunities to be of service

Club Historian Wanted

The Zonta Club of St. Cloud is looking for someone to act as our Club Historian.

Please get in touch with Mary Nimmerfroeh or Susan Kadlec if interested in this project.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE November 18 & 19

We are still in need of hostesses for the Christmas House, especially on Saturday and for clean-up.

Please contact Deb Schroeder at 251.7203 or DebraS@annamaries.org.

This event is your time to help support ZONTA and its mission.

Federation for the Blind Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

January 20, 2012
Contact Jean Madsen or Betty Schnettler to sign up to help with the dinner



For each new morning with its *Light,*
For rest & shelter of the night,
For **health & food,** for **love & friends,**
For *Everything* Thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Start seeing the Z
How often do you wear your Zonta pin?
Make it a habit to wear your pin so people will start seeing the Z!

Let your Zonta Zisters know about your personal and professional achievements. Send your info to Deb S. for inclusion in the ZoNews!

Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2011

Present: Susan Kadlec, Debra Schroeder, Pat Molitor, Mary Nimmerfroth, Deb Kellerman, Vicki Erickson, Kay Sebastian, Susan Voeltz

Absent: Gayle Borchert, Susan Dropp
Guests: Mary Howard

The meeting was called to order by Sue Kadlec at 12:10pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order. Pin Penalty was invoked.

Consent Agenda

Agenda for October 6, 2011, Board minutes of September 3, 2011 and Treasurer's report of September 2011.

Motion to approve was made by Kay Sebastian and seconded by Pat Molitor. *Motion was approved.*

Correspondence & Requests:

The Zonta Club of Brainerd is having their first Christmas House on 11/11-12. A flyer with information was passed around. Announcements from other organizations concerning their fundraisers were reviewed.

Business:

Review Finance Report – There was a question concerning the dollar amount reported for the Golf Outing. Members were reminded that this report contains money in the bank as of 9/30/11. The report from the committee included money that was turned in in October.

District 7 Follow up – Mary Nimmerfroth provided a summary of the District 7 conference just completed. The evaluations completed by 51% of the registrants were overwhelming positive. Glowing compliments to the Hospitality Committee and the food at the hotel. Speakers were given rave reviews and our credentials chair, Linda Linn, was singled out for compliments also. Once the final bills and expenditures are taken care of, Mary and Pat will finalize the account and close it out. Mary thanked her committee chairs and all the Zontians who helped do this Conference. Deb Kellerman did a wonderful job on Hospitality. One item from the Conference was the call for Club Historians. Zonta turns 100 years old very soon and clubs are encouraged to dig into history and plan events. There was discussion regarding what to do with all the pictures we have both in Zontian hands and at the Stearns County Museum. Deb Schroeder will put an advertisement in the ZoNews for a Club Historian.

Meeting Place for October Program Meeting

-- The Holiday Inn is not available on 10/27 – Anton's charges an 18% service charge. Guadalajara doesn't charge for their room and has a buffet. Our program

speaker is last year's Jane Klausman winner who is a student at St Bens and has a tight schedule that day. The Board decided to go to Guadalajara's.

Lunch locations in general were also discussed. The last meeting at the Holiday Inn did not go well. There was discussion of having a "lunch monitor" and/or pre-paying for lunch. We are contracted at the Holiday Inn until February, but we can be looking now. It was mentioned that the Applebee's Restaurant is opening an addition that will hold 40 people in a separate room. Sue K will talk to the Holiday Inn to see what can be done to improve the service.

Allocation of Funds -- Deb Kellerman presented the results of the subcommittee meeting on the allocation of funds, created at the September business meeting. Distribution amounts from the past 5 complete years were averaged for each of the distribution areas and the following caps were recommended: Anna Marie = \$6,875, Journey Home = \$3,435, International = \$2,575, Scholarships = \$1,725, Convention = \$1,550, Miscellaneous Service = \$860, Operating Expenses = \$170. As each fund raiser is completed, money would be distributed to each funded area, in a set sequence, until the cap is reached. One check a year, typically in February, would be issued to Journey Home and Anna Maries. Once the caps were met, the left over funds would be distributed to International, Scholarship, or others. It was further recommended that this be followed for two years and then revisited. A spreadsheet was created by Mary Nimmerfroth showing how this would function, using the following sequence: Operating, Miscellaneous Service, Scholarships, Anna Marie's, Journey Home, International, Convention, then holding (left over). Using 2009's income, the "left over" amount would be \$100. Using 2010's income, the "left over" would be \$1,735.

A preference for percentages rather than caps was expressed because dollar amounts go up and down. There was a discussion about looking at scholarships highlighting that the Scholarship committee needs to tell us what they need – then the cap would be set. Discussion also included possible actions to take if caps not met. **ACTION:** *Deb K will send out this information (separately from the ZoNews), and it will be on the agenda for the Business Meeting next week (10/13/11).*

Deb K further presented an idea about writing checks instead of shopping at Christmas and Valentines for the wish lists put out by Anna Marie's and Journey Home. The concept behind this is that the organizations have a larger buying power than we have as

individuals and we could generate a better record of donations. A dissenting opinion was expressed stating people might prefer to give items rather than cash. No action taken.

Allocation of pin proceeds – At the District 7 Conference, *Awesome woman* pins were sold. Our Club receives \$7.50 for each pin sold. A discussion was held concerning where these proceeds should be placed. The pins were created by JF Kruse Jewelers based upon our community activity and causes. The following motion was made by Deb Schroeder and seconded by Deb Kellerman: *All proceeds from the Awesome Woman pin shall be placed in our scholarship fund.* **Motion approved.**

Committee Updates:

Golf Outing – No report

Christmas House – No report

Membership – Deb Kellerman discussed reaching out to those members not attending meetings and presented a couple suggestions. A buddy system pairing "older" members with new members was discussed and considered an excellent idea. Deb K and her committee will do a follow-up on this. Another activity is to have a social just to get to know each other. Two dates were suggested – and the first week in November was decided upon. Deb K. will send information out. will bring up ½ dues from other meeting??? A campaign to "See the Z" was proposed. Encourage members to wear their pins on days there are NOT meetings and placing the granite paperweight on their desks were two suggestions. Deb also requested approval of the Board to go to the membership regarding eliminating local dues for members joining after December. When approved last year, it was only for one year. Deb would like to do that again this year. The Board approved approaching membership for approval.

Public Relations/Communications As soon as pictures from the Conference are available, Deb S will write up a release for the Citizen times.

Adjournment – Pat Molitor made a motion to adjourn. Vicki Erickson seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nimmerfroth

Mary Nimmerfroth, Secretary

Business Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2011

Present: Susan Kadlec, President; Gayle Borcherdt, Vice President; Jan Bensen, Amy Claude, Sue Dropp, Vicki Erickson, Nancy Fischer, Mary Garding, Karen Gruber, Erica Jodsaas, Melissa Kelley, Debra Kellerman, Linda Linn, Jean Madsen, LeAnne Miller, Pat Molitor, Mary Nimmerfroh, Jane Oleen, Lori Rebischke, Debra Schroeder, Kay Sebastian, Tina Sikorski, Susan Voeltz, Paula Weber.

Absent: Elizabeth Anvary, Carol Barrymore, Carol Belling, Julianne Buttweiler, Deb Dingmann, Deborah Grant, Georgian Gross, Lucille Guinta Bates, Sister Colleen Haggerty, Mary T. Howard, Stephanie Jussila, Betsey Lund, Mary Ann Nunes, Rev Janine Oleen, Betty Schnettler, Lori Steinhofer

Guests: Kirsten Freeman

Call to Order: President Sue Kadlec called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order. Pin Penalty was invoked. Jane Oleen moved that the agenda for this meeting be approved. *Agenda was approved.*

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of Business meeting on 9/8/11
Treasurer's reports for September 2011
Jean Madsen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published in the ZoNews. Jan Bensen seconded the motion. Discussion: None. *Motion carried.*

CORRESPONDENCE & REQUEST:

Thank you notes from Maria Lardy (YWPA) and Denise Reyes (GED), scholarship recipients were passed around. Diane Ohman from District 742 sent a letter regarding the Pen Pal program. There is still time to sign up. The program was described – several of our members participate. We have already sent \$88 for the purchase of stamps for the students to use for their letters.

BUSINESS:

Allocation of Funds: Deb Kellerman presented a proposal for a revision of our method of allocating profits from our fundraisers. This concept was presented to the membership at the September meeting and referred to a committee (Deb Kellerman, Susan Voeltz, Mary Nimmerfroh, Sue Kadlec and Pat Molitor) to work out the details then bring it back to membership. There were three documents sent to members via e-mail prior to this meeting (copies attached to minutes); Distribution of profits from 2006 thru 2010 also showing a calculated 5-year average for each distribution, a 6 point narrative explaining how this change would work, and a spreadsheet taking 2 prior year's incomes and

showing how the allocations would have worked following the proposed method. Deb Kellerman then led a spirited and interactive discussion on the proposal. *Points discussed included:* What do we do if we can't meet the caps? One proposal was to go back to membership and then decide. Another was to decide prior to allocating the money. Capping commits us to funds we don't yet have. We need to have the scholarship committee tell us how much they need, then set a budget for scholarship and operating and then do percentages. Zonta International wants every club to send in 33% of all funds raised. Highlighting International use of funds could bring us more publicity – everyone is more interested in International events now. Perhaps we should go back to deciding each year where we want our funds to go – like we do for our International fund distribution (ballot vote).

Does the membership still want to support Anna Marie's and Journey Home? Support of Anna Marie's strikes a supportive chord with the public. Support of the Domestic Violence Court program was brought up – it's not in the schedule right now, but the new allocation system might make that possible. There was a suggestion that we give money instead of purchasing items when a call goes out from Anna Marie's and Journey Home for back to school and supplies, etc. By writing a check to Zonta then giving one check to the program, we could have a better record of how much was donated by Zontians to the individual projects. Sue Kadlec described the online donation options for Zonta International. A suggestion was made by Susan Voeltz to change the wording on our brochures and marketing material to read "Proceeds benefit Zonta International initiatives, Zonta St Cloud scholarship programs and other local charities that focus on improving the status of women."

There was a contingency backup plan (in case of caps not being met) recommended by Nancy Fischer and seconded by Jan Bensen that called for a redistribution of Allocation percentages to: Anna Marie's (40%), Journey Home (20%), Scholarships (10%), International (20%), Convention (9%), Operating Expenses (1%), and Miscellaneous Service (reduced to 0%).

Motion made by Deb Kellerman:
For the next two years, effective with the Golf outing of 2011, our 7 areas of allocation will be capped at the following amounts:

Anna Maries	\$6,875
Journey Home	\$3,435
International	\$2,575
Scholarships	\$1,725
Convention	\$1,550
Misc Service	\$860
Oper. Exp	\$170
TOTAL	\$17,190

One check a year (typically in February) will be distributed to Anna Marie's and Journey Home.

Allocations will be made in the following sequence: Operating Expenses, Miscellaneous Service, Scholarships, Anna Maries, Journey Home, International, then Convention. Any remaining funds will be placed in a "holding" account, distribution of which will be determined by the full membership with recommendations from the Board.

If our net income falls below levels to meet the caps established in this motion, funds will be pulled back and reallocated using the following percentages:

Anna Maries	40%
Journey Home	20%
Scholarships	10%
International	20%
Convention	9%
Operating	1%

Motion seconded by Linda Linn. Motion approved on voice vote, one vote in opposition. Deb Schroeder (employed by Anna Marie's) abstaining.

D7 Conference Report: Sue Kadlec spoke about attending the District 7 Conference for the first time. She stated it was a lot of fun and a lot of work. Meeting and speaking with Zontians from other areas and clubs was a great experience and she highly recommended it. St Cloud won both a Gold and a Silver Award at conference. Mary Nimmerfroh summarized the conference in stating that we received rave reviews. The committee chairs and members did an outstanding job. We had 74 people register and another 30 people paid for and attended various meals throughout the conference. We came in under-budget! Sue Kadlec complimented Mary Nimmerfroh on a job well done.

Call for Zonta Historian: We are looking for someone to collect photos and award information to set up displays that can be used at various events and meetings. Anyone interested is to contact a Board Member.

Zonta Facebook Page: Erica Jodsaas has established a Facebook page for our club – "Zonta St Cloud". Information on the website was used to help establish it. Erica will be adding Christmas House information to it as it becomes available. There was resounding applause for Erica for accomplishing this!

"See the Z" campaign

Zonta Club of St Cloud Finance Committee Report

Ending October 31, 2011

I. The following breakout of the club's finances has been prepared in accordance with the Treasurer's report for the period ending October, 2011.

Operating Fund

Designated Funds:

General Convention Fund	\$7,692.50
Supplies/Postage/Post Office	200.00
Website/ZoNews (copies/supplies/postage)	200.00
Membership Committee	612.00
District & International Dues	0
District 7 Conference	92.50
JF Kruse (Awesome Woman Pins)	330.00
<i>Total</i>	\$9,127.00

Undesignated Funds	\$576.53
<i>Total</i>	\$9,703.53

Service Funds

Christmas House	\$2,093.40
Flower Sale	1,800.00
Golf Outing	5,863.16
International Fund	615.68
Memorial Fund	125.00
Miscellaneous	283.32
Scholarships	827.45
<i>Total</i>	\$11,608.00

Comments: ---Distribution of Flower Sale Proceeds, under the previous method, is pending. Distribution of Gold Outing proceeds, under the new method, is pending approval of the minutes of the business meeting to ensure the wording of the decision is correct in the minutes. A Change for Change collection was not taken at the October Business meeting – we were too engrossed in the topics being discussed that we simply forgot!! The District 7 Conference fund is almost complete.

Mary Nimmerfrohi



Zonta Club of St Cloud Treasurer Report

October 31, 2011

Balance 9/30/2011	\$20,319.49
Receipts	
Interest for October	.61
Pin Penalty	2.00
Golf Fundraiser	245.00
Gold Rush	500.21
Zonta Pin	12.00
Awesome Women Pins Sold	225.00
Women Pins Sold	60.00
ZIF-Rebischke Donation	25.00
Herbergers Books Sold	285.00
Christmas House Sponsors	2,586.00
Total Receipts	\$3,940.82
Disbursements	
M Nimmerfrohi-Dist 7 Expenses	119.62
M Nimmerfrohi-Dist 7 Expenses	105.70
SCALS-DV Court Project-Dist 7	100.00
Barb Jirges-Dist 7 Expenses	179.89
ZIF Rose Fund-Dist 7	692.21
Zonta Dist 7-Conference Excess Cash	783.97
Dist 742-Pen Pal Project	88.00
Dist 742-GED Fee	80.00
Jane Oleen-Misc Expenses	306.79
Sun Ray Printing-Xmas House Exp	292.60
Central MN Women-Xmas House Ad	200.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,948.78
Balance 10/31/2011	\$21,311.53

Business Meeting Continued

Herbergers Community Days: LeAnne Miller explained this fundraiser. Each coupon book sells for \$5 and contains over \$200 worth of coupons. We get to keep the \$5.00! LeAnne is asking each member to commit to either buying or selling \$20 in books (4 books). Pre-sales of books will earn us enough to obtain a spot at the store on the sale days to sell more books. The sale runs two days this year, November 11th and 12th. Anyone willing to work at the store is to contact LeAnne.

Committee Updates:

Golf Outing: Gayle Borchert gave an update on the Diamonds in the Rough Event. We had golfers from the Mankato and Brainerd Clubs and other Zontians attended the lunch, including our Governor, Barb Jirges and our International Representative, Beryl McMillan. There were roughly 62 golfers and 22 lunches with a profit of (so far) \$5834. The silent auction didn't do as well this year. Gayle thanked her committee and everyone who helped out.

Christmas House: Nancy Fischer announced that we already have \$1,000 in sponsorship money for Christmas House! Tina and Amy are working on putting up posters – contact them for posters to put up in your work area and/or shops near you. Erica is making sure posters are up in St Augusta. We are doing a Silent Auction this year. It will be set up in the Garage. People can come back and check on

their bid and/or call a number they will be given to see what the bid is and re-bid. The minimum bid is what it cost the decorator to make the item and that amount goes back to them. Anything bid over that amount will go to us. The Lodge building will be open for the event and will have refreshments. Gypsy Lea will be decorating that area and there will be chair massages for a donation to Zonta. The next Christmas House meeting is Tuesday, October 25th at the Green Mill at noon.

Membership: Anyone needing a new membership pin, they are \$6. New name tags are \$13.50. Deb Kellerman distributed pledge cards to bring in new members. There will be a prize for those who bring in a new member! Deb is hoping to bring in at least 2-5 more members this year. Deb reminded members that last year the membership decided to waive local dues for any members brought in after December – they would only need to pay ½ year dues for International long with the new member dues for International, the liability insurance for US members and the full District 7 dues, for a total of \$79. Deb moved that: *Members installed in February will not pay local dues.* Susan Voeltz seconded the motion. *Motion approved.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Brainerd Zonta Club is hosting their first Christmas House on November 11-12. The house is a former church turned photography studio turned family home. Copies of the flyer were distributed.

The Minneapolis Zonta Club is hosting their holiday fundraiser on Sunday, November 6th. This is a silent auction, luncheon, music, and a designer fashion show.

The program meeting on October 27th will be at Guadalajara's Restaurant. Our Jane Klausman winner will be our featured speaker.

There will be a social gathering on 11/11 starting at 5PM at Deb Kellerman's. This is an opportunity for us to socialize and get to know each other more. Prospective members are welcome.

The Christmas Party will be at Deb Kellerman's again this year (she loves to throw parties!).

Adjournment: Deb Schroeder moved to adjourn, Seconded by Lori Rebeschke. Meeting adjourned at 1:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nimmerfroh
Mary Nimmerfroh

HOLIDAY WISH LISTS

Our Holiday Social is planned for December 8th. Once again we will be accepting donated items for Journey Home and Anna Marie's Shelter. Please consider bringing an item or two from the lists below. Your generosity is always appreciated.



General Needs

- Grocery Store Certificates
- Journals
- Target / Walmart Certificates
- Children's Sleepwear
- Hair Products
- Towels / Bath Mats
- Deodorant
- Body Wash / Lotion
- Combs / Brushes
- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Cleaning Supplies
- Baby Products
- Paper Products
- Women's Socks
- Hats / Mittens / Gloves
- Children's Socks
- Twin Sheets & Blankets

Toy Wish List

- Barbie's
- Educational Games
- Barbie Clothes
- 24 Piece Puzzles
- Baby Dolls
- Activity Books
- Ethnic Dolls
- Children's Movies
- Craft Kits

Teen Wish List

- Hand Held Game
- Arts & Crafts
- Hand Held CD Players
- Jewelry-Watches
- Radio Alarm Clocks
- Hair Accessories
- Bath & Body Products Socks

Journey Home

Carol Abbot

We made a decision not to provide toys for our children so they could participate in Toys for Tots. They would not include us if our children would get any other gifts. So we are only providing gifts for moms to give children on Christmas if they didn't get on a program. Gifts for ages 0 to 14 are welcomed. We always have needs for diapers, infant clothing and supplies..

