



Soroptimist International of Vacaville
Business Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023
Meeting held in meeting room of Holiday Inn Express
Seventeen members present for quorum

President Dawn called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes Approved from August 8, 2023
 - Motion to Approve Minutes made by Linda Johnson, seconded by Beth Rowe, passed unanimously.
- Correspondence Sec. Cyndy absent but has been forwarding email, no mail from PO Box
- Treasurer: Yolanda, highlights from August:
 - We collected \$4,800 in sponsorships for the Rocktoberfest fundraiser.
 - The 3rd and final payment for Soroptimist Scholarship for Alexandria Poe in the amount of \$3,000 was paid
 - New member Debi Schrader's membership fees were paid.
 - Vacaville Chamber of Commerce annual dues of \$350 were paid.
 - The new Square Stand for the Fundraiser was purchased for \$133.15.
 - Storage fees to U-Haul and new website fees were paid

Beth Rowe moved to accept financial reports as distributed; passed unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer Diane Irby: Don't forget to pay weekly \$10 when attending club meetings.
(Welcome back Diane – yay!)

- Directors' Reports: Bridgit absent, Diane B explained duties, urged members to reach out to them.
- Programs: President-Elect Clara stated our speaker at the Sep. 19 meeting will be Gail Thomson (homeless activist and wife of Supervisor Skip Thomson). Fourth Tuesday will be celebrating birthdays, butterfly awards, Dutch auction and more.
- Committee Reports (if not listed, nothing to report, no committee members present, or on "fall break"):
 - Caroling- Mary reported for Carole Warren, dates and locations being looked into, budget verified
 - Dream It, Be It to be conducted by Dawn and Jackie on Saturday January 27, 2024, at the Town Center Library. The committee has an agenda, will need some table mentors. Valley Strong Credit Union will be handling the financial component, and also contributing five \$500 scholarships for seniors attending. The target population is Foster Care Youth ages 14-18. Dawn has reached out to CASA for flyer distribution to appropriate agencies.
 - Dream Makers- plans unknow at meeting but later confirmed a Dream Maker this month.
 - Fundraising- Committee meeting to be at 4:30 today (9/12) at Yolanda's office. Mary will be sending email asking for details on donations to auctions and raffle. A sheet was also distributed at the meeting. The info is needed as soon as possible for programs, and advance work assembling baskets. There was some related discussion about Donna's offer of her home the

night before the museum holiday home tour, and Debi's offer to write up a murder mystery for the live auction.

- Human trafficking – Linda reported on her investigations on the movie “Sound of Freedom.”
- Live Your Dream – Sandy has reached out to ESOP office but hasn't heard back.
- Mary Harris reading program – Donna brought October signup sheets. Let Donna know if you are interested. There's a volunteer form to complete for first-timers. There was discussion on being able to pick up the books at both libraries, not just Town Center.
- Membership- Linda is working with a potential speaker but no name or date given yet.
- PALS- Diane B. reminded members that there's a committee meeting next Tuesday at 11:30. First Press Release for Rocktoberfest has been released. Robin handling social media. Rosemary took her Soroptimist bag traveling and sent photos – Diane would like everyone to do the same.
- “S” Clubs- Yvonne said all schools recruiting now.
- You Make a Difference- Mary said Bridgit is holding a committee meeting on Thursday.

Don't forget to hold (if you're a chair) and attend (if you're a member) committee meetings!

Old Business:

- Rocktoberfest: Last week at the meeting we had a fundraising “exercise” and Dawn emailed out a summary of the ideas. Members should focus on ticket sales! There's a wine stroll in Vacaville on Saturday Sep. 16, and Yolanda has a “pour” station at her office, where Mary will be providing Rocktoberfest info. And maybe pretzels. Join her if you like! Event is 5-8 pm.
- District Meeting: In Richmond Oct. 14. Debbie H. is assembling raffle basket. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10 – pay Yolanda (Venmo). Deadline to signup for meeting and lunch (\$40) is 10/5.

New Business

- Financial Review: Yolanda said an outside auditor would cost \$5-10K. Instead, the Soroptimist budget committee will do a 6-month review independent of the treasurers. Vicki will lead the in-house audit and review. The bylaws state this should happen within 90 days of year end.

Soroptimist Sharing:

- Clara spoke of news from an SI email, about a new logo, and a change to President's Appeal, which will now be replaced with donations to the Soroptimist Foundation, focused on education.
- Linda reminded members that she has 4 “Soroptimist Bling” iron-ons, to be used on black shirts for all members to wear at the upcoming fundraiser. They are \$10 – contact Linda.
- There were questions about the head garlands worn at the fundraiser last year. Being looked into.

- Important dates:
Oct. 14 District meeting, Richmond
Oct. 21 Rocktober Fundraiser
Dec. 12 Holiday lunch at Anderson's

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Marcacci
Recording Secretary (Substitute)
Soroptimist International of Vacaville

- Closing pledge 1:30 dismissal