



DETAILS:

CALL TO ORDER: President Shirley Lorraine called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

PLACE: Cypress Place, Ventura, CA

PRESIDING: The President

ATTENDANCE: Quorum

PRESENT: SHIRLEY LORRAINE, ,, SHEILA LOWE,, LAUREEN LAZZARO, LISA ROSS ,ANNA KITTLESON, CAROL POWELL, DENISE LAWRENCE, MARY GABRIEL, MARY SULLIVAN,

GUESTS ATTENDING: CHARLOTTE GESLING & BARBARA MARQUIS

Minutes Of The Previous Meeting: approved

Summary of Action Items Discussed at This Meeting:

- 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner to be held May 10 at the Wedgewood Inn..
- Barbara Marquis has joined the Board as Publicity Chair,
- Breakfast with Ann Marie Stuart, Charter VCPWN Charter President will be May 11.
- “Girls Just Want to Have Fun II” is scheduled for May 12.

President’s Report . Shirley reminded the board that there are three events going on: 25th Anniversary Celebration, Girls Wanna Have Fun 2, and Breakfast with Ann Marie Stuart. Charter President, on May 11.. Sheila had 300 invitations made which were addressed during the meeting. Shirley has been creating display boards with newspaper articles which will be posted around the room. Denise displayed the glass box which will be given as a memento of the evening. Ventura signs is assisting with the additional cost of \$130+ as sponsorship. They will be at each dinner setting. It was suggested that any excess boxes be used at speaker gifts. Judge Toy White will be our spotlight speaker and will talk about women’s legal issues. After a request was made to take charge of decorations, Mary Gabriel graciously offered to handle it. Anna will assist her. Regarding the DVD Mary made a

prototype which was previewed after dinner. She will make the changes as needed. Shirley is still in need of recipient name for Wind Beneath My Wings Award 2001.

Special Projects Report . no report

Executive Secretary’s Report: Denise reported that anniversary flyer is on the website. She has been receiving requests for information on our group. Denise will be taking reservations until May 1. There will be no walk-ins the night of the event. Sponsorships have been received totaling \$700 to date. Re toast: Lisa reported the Wedgewood has a cost of \$1.50 P/P for cider and \$2.25 for champagne. It was decided by general consent to have cider only as the bar will be available. She asked for board members to be there at 4:30 if they can assist with set up. No drawings or door prizes will take place. Charlotte made suggestions about the putting a printed program together. She will ask Gwen to work on it. Shirley has completed most of the layout..

Director of Membership Report: Lisa informed us that she had asked Jim Nicoll to assist Ingrid with membership and since he has been past chairmen of the Ventura Chamber membership she would like him to do a presentation on membership and retention.

Focal Points Sheila will be on book tour so needs all newsletter information by June 10 for publication in early July..

Director of Networking Carol reports that “networking” amongst the members is going well.. She received feedback from a past member that she dropped out because she never felt connected at which time it was discussed how to deal with this issue. Denise brought up the fact that members used to draw a business card and then make contact with that person before next meeting. Pam mentioned that she has a “community” group on her website as a way to connect people. She suggested we have topics of interest placed on the website so people can be connected. Also mentioned was that social groups had been tried before but didn’t fare well as it was hard to get someone to be in charge.

Director of Mentoring: Pam is planning to re-do the brochure. The interview with Lisa Collier that appeared in Focal Points received very positive comments.

Director of Public Relations: Barbara hit the position running at full speed. She submitted an article for the Star’s yourhub.com. Besides our anniversary information being on the website they also published our article in the

newspaper's weekly insert.. Information has also been forwarded to the Reporter. She has also talked with Serena at the chamber office who told her she would place an article in the "on the town" membership section of their monthly newspaper. Shirley is awaiting a release from Judge White so additional information can be sent out for press releases.

Director of Membership at Large: Laureen offered her assistance. A membership table will be set up for the May meeting.

Director of Hospitality — Election ballots were available for the last meeting but were not needed. Table hostesses will not be needed for the May meeting, Greeters will be the Navigators. A Board Member & Navigator will be placed at each table. Mary G. will make Navigator placards for each table.

President-Elect: . Lisa will be holding the new board meeting the first Saturday of June and asked that ideas and suggestion be brought to that meeting. Lisa distributed an updated meeting schedule. A sponsor is needed for July. It was restated that member speakers must follow guidelines of guest speakers. Marlene will stay on as special projects chairmen and Veronica Daube will oversee the silent auctions.

Past President: no report

Director of Finance; Mary S. distributed the Treasurer's Report but noted that it did not show April receipts. Any board members requiring reimbursement for expenses are to submit their bills to Mary by the end of May.

Tabled items: none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

<i>NEXT BOARD MEETING:</i>

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 PM

Cypress Place Senior Living

Minutes submitted by Anna Kittleson, Recording Secretary