



Ventura County Professional Women's Network

MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Carol Powell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLACE: 170 Dahlia Way, Ventura, CA

PRESIDING: The President

ATTENDANCE: Quorum

PRESENT: Carol Powell, Laura Parson, Sheila Lowe, Rita Frayer, Tea Silvestre, Jim Nicoll, Laureen Lazzaro, Barbara Marquis, Lisa Ross, Alison Balter

GUESTS ATTENDING: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: approved as submitted.

President's Report: Discussion was held regarding the business portion of our monthly meetings. It was decided to continue as we have been for the time being. D&O insurance quote seems high. Rita will check to see what we have paid in the past.

Hospitality: No Report

Focal Points Editor: Focal Points is no longer in publication. We now have a VCPWN "E-Newsletter" Tea asked for input on who would be taking over her position. She will call Tom Swann to see if he can take over.

Director of Networking: The Spirit of Networking award will be awarded at the next general meeting. All nominations so far have been for the same person. Alison requested more nominations.

Director of Public Relations : Barbara is turning over her publicity job to Phyllis Brown and will train her in the near future. The scrapbook album from the prior year is finished. Breana Maggio will sell materials for the new scrapbook to us at her cost. Phyllis will be in charge of the album. Barbara bid everyone farewell as this was her last board meeting. Cake was enjoyed by all.

Director of Membership: Renewal notices will now be handled by Jim. The goal for June is 15 new members. A discussion was held regarding recapturing prior members.

Director of Finance: Rita distributed new financial statements and reported that the bank balance is improving. Most income came from renewals and Silent Auctions. She is asking DW Alliance to stop sending renewal notices. She will look into the

possibility of buying a lapel type microphone for the speakers.

Member at Large: Laureen was sorry that she had to miss the last General meeting and volunteered to man the front desk at the coming meetings.

Past President: Lisa reported that Shirley Lorraine will be heading a small group to revise the by-laws. Their recommendations will be brought before the board for a vote. New committee chairs will attend the next board meeting. New job descriptions will be done at retreat.

Special Events: Laura brought all the remaining Silent Auction items and paperwork to be divided among board members for storage. It was suggested that a larger storage locker be obtained so that one person wouldn't have the burden of storing everything.

President-Elect: Sheila announced that the board retreat will be held in May. The directory on the website is up and running. There have been no nominations for President-Elect.

Tabled Items: Hot Sheet. D & O Insurance decision.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday May 14 2009

6:00 PM

Sheila Lowe's Home, 170 Dahlia Way, Ventura

Minutes submitted by Laura Parson

To promote the personal and professional growth
of Ventura County women through
education, mutual support and sharing of resources.