

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 8, 2024

Location: Osage Beach Library

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER- 1st Vice President Jackie Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024. The meeting was held at Osage Beach Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- was led by Jackie Zimmerman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joanne Engel-Absent

There was a change to the January Minutes mailed to the Board as follows: “After some discussion Joanne Engel made a motion to make Happy Hour a Standing Committee Position. Motion was seconded by Janet Bub and unanimously approved.” Motion was made by Janet Bub to approve the corrected January Minutes. It was seconded by Mary Stewart and the motion was approved.

TREASURER: Pat Kreger-Absent

Due to absence of Treasurer, there was no January report. January and February Treasurer Reports will be reviewed and voted on at the March 14th meeting.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Jackie Zimmerman-present

The January Luncheon was held at Vista Grande. There were 57 N/L members in attendance.

The Vista Grande did an amazing job! Everyone was able to order off the menu. The service from the minute we walked in and until we left, was wonderful! We will definitely go back!

The charity of the month was Osage Beach Senior Center. A check was given to Theresa Fuentes, from the Senior Center. She gave a short overview about what the Center does to serve our community. The money that was given, will help the Center provide services for the Center to continue to help our community.

After our delicious meal, all of our members enjoyed a presentation from *You Factors Medical Spa*-Arisa Heller and her staff. They informed us of all the wonderful services they provide to help us take care of ourselves inside and outside.

Venues and Presentations chosen for N/L Luncheons

- **February 15** – Lake Valley Country Club- TBA
- **March 21** – Tavern at Trails End-TBA
- **April 18** – Lake Valley Country Club- Fashion Show
- **May 16** – Camden on the Lake-TBA

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Mary Sue Bennett-present

Canasta had 26 members 2 of which were new. Bridge had 9 members. Eighty dollars was given to the Senior center. Euchre was canceled. Everybody Bunco is going strong with about 40 people. There was no report on Ladies Bunco.

Mary Sue reported she received a suggestion and interest for a future Special Activity at The Escape Room. Special Activities Chair Karen Leary will follow-up on this suggestion/interest for the future.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Patti Cook - present

Cards sent in January:

Get well: Tracey Atzeni

Sympathy: Rosie Losito
Terry Hall

COMMUNITY AWARENESS: Barb Reiter-absent

- **February 15**-Lamb House Thrift Store
- **March 21**-Dogwood Animal Shelter
- **April 18**-Lake Area Industries
- **May 16**-TBA

Lamb House is the February Charity of the Month. Lamb House is a Thrift Store and Food Pantry, also providing food, clothing, housewares, utilities, and other assistance for those in need in our coverage area.

DINING OUT: Janet Bub-present/ Mary Kay Kawelaske-present

January dining out event at Tavern at Trails End was canceled due to school closures and weather. The treasurer returned all monies to members that had planned on attending. February dining out at JB Hooks has dwindling numbers and there are currently 10 planning to attend including co-chairs and their spouses. It's taking place one day before Valentine's Day and the cost is very pricey.

FUND RAISING:

A committee will be tasked to organize each N/L event.

HOSPITALITY: Shirley Baker-absent

There will be a New Member lunch at Baxters on February 9.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Constantini-present

We currently have 319 members (including Past Presidents) with five new members in January. As of today we have 321 because I have two new members in February.

The New Member name tags are ready to use at this month's Happy Hour. They are only for New Members - not their husbands. Chairs, I'll be getting you a supply as soon as I can. Please let me know if you will not be needing them.

March 1 begins Membership Renewal for 2024-2025 so watch for a Membership team member at your function who will be collecting dues. As of March 1, with the start of the 2024-25 Membership Year, a 2023-24 "New Member" designation on a nametag will change to "Member" and the asterisk * by the 2023-24 new member on the roster will disappear.

NEWSLETTER: Mary Stewart-present

No Report This Month.

PUBLICITY: Nancie Boland-absent

Continues to post updates on all activities on both the Newcomers/Longtimers website at newcomerslongtimers.com and on the Newcomers/Longtimers Facebook page. Be sure to check the Facebook Page for the latest update on events and cancellations due to weather.

If anyone has any information, photos, etc. they would like to share please send them my way. There is no question that the FB page is continually reaching new people, many of whom inquire about membership so posting on a regular basis is proving to be beneficial.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Karen Leary-present

Book Club Report

January 2024

Between The Covers

Did not meet due to inclement weather.

Book Babes

Did not meet due to weather & absentees.

Boozy Bookworms

Met January 23rd, 7 ladies were able to attend. They read The Five Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand.

They had a wonderful discussion and rated the book ★★★★★

Happy Hour Hunnies

Met January 4th at Shell's Pasta with 5 attending.

They read The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles ★★★★★

Lake Literary Lushes

Did not meet due to the weather.

Lit(Erary) Chicks

Met January 23rd at John Farrell Real Estate Co with 9 attending.

They read Moloka'i by Alan Brennert.

Ozark Bookies

Met January 8th at Dierberg's with 4 attending.

They discussed The Light of Luna Park by Addison Armstrong ★★★★★

Read Between The Wines

Met January 25th at Dierberg's with 11 ladies attending.

They discussed The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict ★★★★★

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

January 2024

Crafternooners

Did not meet.

DDD/Drunching & Brunching

Met January 21st at Bear Creek Valley Golf Course Restaurant.

They had another fabulous turnout of 47 people. The manager & staff as well as the the food were terrific & will highly recommend going to this venue again.

\$100+ was collected for the Scholarship Fund

Happy Hour

Rang in the New Year on January 2nd at Lil Rizzo's (Osage Beach)

Approximately 55 attended & raised \$100 for the monthly charity.

Pickleball

MESSY MONDAYS

January 8 sleet & snow kept everyone away except 1

Cancelled the 15th, & 22nd due to freezing temps & icy roads

January 29th we had 10 ladies back on the court 😊

Working Women

Met January 10th at Applebee's.

It was a smaller but lively group of 9.

They did not hold a raffle this month due to the smaller group & depleted prizes

Additional item

The Churchill Museum Tour and Canterbury Winery Bus Trip is scheduled for April 12. Evite will go out soon. There will be a guided tour of the museum.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Jackie Zimmerman-present

No Report This Month

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA: Nancie Boland-absent

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Karen Robinson reported she has received the bill for next year's Newcomers/Longtimers Flickr account. As discussed at January's meeting the Board asked Karen to check with Nancie Boland if continued use of Flickr Account is necessary to receive pictures for posting to the website. Perhaps Flickr is no longer needed.

- Discussion continued on having DDD report to the Happy Hour Chair and Single Ladies Dining Out and Working Women Wednesdays report to the Dining Out Chair to better align N/L Activities. After some discussion the Board decided to approve these revisions to the SOP. Debbie Nickless who chaired the previous SOP/Bylaws Revision Committee volunteered to make the SOP changes for Board review at the March Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominating Committee members for the 2024-25 N/L Officers are Jackie Zimmerman, Karen Leary, Patti Cook, Karen Robinson and Debby Nickless
- There was much discussion on Dining Out and Happy Hour challenges these past few months with attendance. Final conclusions after discussion:
 - i) Remove February Dining Out from calendar. Activity conflicts with Valentines Day each year.
 - ii) Dining Out will try model of ordering off the menu and paying restaurant direct. Dining out Chairs will work with upcoming venues on this idea.
 - iii) Happy Hour might try different venues more conducive to mingling among members. Larger open areas, i.e. wineries, open air patios. However, N/L is limited to venues available during the winter months.
 - iv) It was agreed that Happy Hour is a tradition and those that attend are satisfied with the current locations and setup. Happy Hour is always well attended.
 - v) The Membership Team will take a more proactive approach to introducing and welcoming New Members at these events.
- Karen Leary presented a suggestion for a Trivia Night as a Scholarship Fundraiser. After some discussion the Board felt this would conflict with upcoming Derby Day Fundraiser. The Board supported the idea and suggested it be held in October. Having two significant fundraisers (Fall and Spring) to benefit the Scholarship Fund will be presented at next Board meeting.
- There was a suggestion to have a “Write a Check” campaign and appeal to the membership for the Scholarship Fund. This led to a request for a future agenda item to address this issue. The agenda item should include raffles, fundraising events, charity of the month, etc. Do we need to revisit these activities.

ADJOURN:

Patti Cook moved to adjourn the February board meeting. It was seconded by Mary Kay Kawelaske and approved.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be March 14, 2024-Osage Beach Library meeting room@10:00am

ATTENDEES	ABSENT
Mary Sue Bennett Janet Bub Paula Constantini Patti Cook Mary Kay Kawelaske Karen Leary Debby Nickless Karen Robinson Mary Stewart Jackie Zimmerman	Shirley Baker Nancie Boland Joanne Engel Pat Kreger Julie Lane-Van Meter Barb Reiter