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Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
November 16, 2016

Call to Order:

The November Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Jaimie Williamson at 7:17 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at Battlecry Iowa Smokehouse in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members: Ann Kurtenbach, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, Lisa Palmersheim, Theresa Samson, Jaimie Williamson, Cindy Sippel, Karen Jacobson, Cheryl Carlile, and Elizabeth Almond

A quorum was present.

Minutes:

Cindy Sippel moved that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as published in the November bulletin. The motion was seconded by Karen Jacobson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Catherine Mulder provided materials for Margaret Munson to present the Treasurer's Report. The September and October reports were handed out. The balance in the General Account as of September 30, 2016, is \$7,274.29. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of September 30, 2016, is \$2,398.12 with an unrestricted balance of \$2,398.12.

The balance in the General Account as of October 31, 2016, is \$7,274.59. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of October 31, 2016, is \$2,098.22 with an unrestricted balance of \$2,098.22.

The reports will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

A. Membership:

1. Margaret Munson cleaned up the E-vite mailing list again. Please try to avoid copying an old invitation prior to the November meeting invitation so the new mailing list is used. When selecting the mailing list to use in the E-vite website, you will need to use the "usual" member list for the chapter's monthly meetings.
2. Karen Jacobson and Margaret Munson will get a schedule of networking lunches put together for the remainder of the planning year.

B. Program:

1. The upcoming program duties/plans are as follows:
December – Holiday Party hosted by Cindy Sippel at her home
January – No meeting
February – Cheryl Carlile will plan
March – Cindy Sippel will plan
April – Karen Jacobson will plan – Self Defense w/ Ames Police

May – Libby Almond will plan – Retirement Planning

June – Lisa Palmersheim will plan

2. There has been prior discussion regarding moving our chapter meeting dates so the group felt clarification was needed to avoid any confusion. Margaret Munson moved that the February meeting be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Libby Almond. Motion carried. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year will be discussed at the February meeting.

C. Bulletin:

1. No report

D. Scholarship:

1. The committee, consisting of Theresa Samson, Cheryl Carlile, and Catherine Mulder, plans to meet in the near future. They will discuss both the chapter scholarship and the Kathleen M. Strum scholarship.

Old Business:

A. Treasurer's Workshop Committee

1. Ideas were discussed, but nothing was decided. The chapter will revisit the idea of another workshop in the spring. Topic ideas are welcome!

B. Social Media Committee

1. Margaret Munson has agreed to join the committee and will address the use of the chapter website within committee discussion.
2. Lisa Palmersheim will determine a date and time for the committee to get together in the near future.

New Business:

A. Holiday Party

1. The holiday party will be hosted by Cindy Sippel at her home in Ankeny on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00 PM. The party will be potluck so bring your favorite dish or drink! Members are welcome to participate in a white elephant gift exchange as usual. Please remember to bring your checkbook for a scholarship donation!

B. AFWA Annual National Meeting

1. Karen Jacobson reported that many good ideas on strengthening attendance were discussed at the meeting. She will be sending out a survey to the Ames chapter members who did not attend to gather feedback and ideas on this issue as well.
2. The National Foundation raised over \$20,000 for the scholarship fund. In addition, a Connecticut chapter who has recently gone inactive generously donated their entire scholarship fund of over \$10,000. This totals an addition of over \$30,000 for the National scholarship fund!

Announcements:

- A. Social Event – Karen Jacobson will organize a social event for the chapter. It is tentatively decided that the chapter will be invited to participate in attending the show, "The Importance of

Being Earnest: An Trivial Comedy for Serious People” on Saturday, March 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at Fisher Theater on the ISU Campus.

- B. Libby Almond and her husband, CJ, closed on their home in Ankeny! Congrats!
- C. Lisa Palmersheim is back to work after spending some time at home with her new, beautiful baby girl, Kayla Renee. Hang in there, Lisa!

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Sander, Secretary