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Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
February 7, 2023

Call to Order:

The February Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Carla Danielson at 7:47 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at Jethro's BBQ in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Cheryl Carlile, Kate Mulder, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Lisa Palmersheim, Karen Jacobson, Carla Danielson, Jan Duffy, Kayla Sander, Jenny Sturgill and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2022 membership meeting as printed in the bulletin. Kate seconded the motion that was approved.

Treasurer's Report and Budget:

Cheryl emailed revised financial reports and budget to the membership the day before the meeting. The balance in the general fund was \$5,095.92. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$2,143.65. Of this balance, \$2,100 is restricted for the Kathy Strum scholarship and the remaining balance of \$43.65 is available for the Beverly Wandling Memorial Scholarship. We noted that we have spent the unrestricted balance in the scholarship fund as we had multiple scholarships awarded this year. Cheryl noted that she has created a general ledger for the bank accounts. We spent a total of \$641.17 on the lunch and learn in November and the deposits related to the networking event that was canceled in September. Karen will follow up to see if any of our deposit for Reiman Gardens is refundable. (Per an email after the meeting from Karen, because the event was canceled within 30 days, no portion of the Reiman Garden deposit was refunded.) The financial statements will be placed on file for review.

Old Business:

None.

Committee Reports

Membership/Publicity – Kate gave a report on the lunch and learn that was held in November. We had 18 people who attended (including 5 members), The leftover food was donated to The Bridge Home in Ames. The committee will meet and look on how to build on the success of the lunch and learn including inviting attendees to future meetings. Cindy will get the email addresses related to those who attended. We also discussed that National has started a membership drive. If you recruit 3 new members, you will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card.

Programs – The programs for the rest of the year (except May) are posted on the website. The March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7 at Old Chicago. Cynthia Jeffrey will be speaking on

Corporate Social Responsibility. Jenny and Kayla noted that it is difficult to find a good location for meetings. The Iowa Stater is still not open on Tuesdays. We discussed the option of doing some virtual meetings but also discussed that networking is more difficult when meetings are virtual. Ann noted that she will not be here of the March meeting so Jenny will help with the CPE documentation.

Scholarship - Two of the scholarship winners were presented their certificates before the meeting tonight. The other recipients are planning to attend the March meeting. We discussed the need to replenish the scholarship funds and discussed doing another silent auction. We will not be doing that at this time. Jan will check into fundraising opportunities at Hilton Coliseum.

Newsletter - No report

Webmaster - No report

New Business:

Nominating Committee: As past president, Cheryl will lead the nominating committee. She asked for additional volunteers. Karen agreed to help with the nominating committee. Lisa will be president next year. Jenny and Kayla said they would do programs again next year. Cheryl will continue as treasurer. Jan and Cindy along with Cheryl will do scholarship.

Networking Lunch: Cindy noted that she will be gone for the February networking lunch with is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 at Applebee's. Kate volunteered to receive the RSVPs for the February networking lunch.

Announcements:

Virtual Escape Room: National is hosting a Virtual Escape Room on February 9.

Women Who Count Conference: The National conference will be October 25-27, 2023 in Reno NV.

CPE: See the National website for free CPE opportunities.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sippel
Acting Secretary