

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HAMILTON  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 4, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at noon at BJ's Restaurant by President Sue Macmeeken. Minutes from the previous meeting can be found on the website. Members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Dixie Dies read the correspondence which included thank yous from WIC, Casting for Recovery and the Youth Homes. She also read a note from our Friendship Link in Himeji, Japan thanking us for our donation to their club.

Treasurer Elaine Serwacki reported that the total of all bank accounts is \$36,753.64. \$9,446.91 of that is dedicated to specific projects leaving a working balance of \$27,306.73.

President Sue announced that she will have segments for inspire, celebrate and educate at each meeting. Today's inspiration was to say final goodbyes to women who have passed away during the past year. The celebrate portion was to mention Bitterroot Literacy which is 30 years old. And, for educate, she reminded the club that January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. A discussion followed about what our club could do for both human trafficking and domestic abuse.

President Sue also passed around a list of all committees and asked members to indicate which committees were important to the club and to them personally. She also asked committee chairs to give brief descriptions of the committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SEE'S** – The trailer will open for Valentine's on January 31. Net profit for this Christmas season was \$6521.00. That was up \$1200.00 from last Christmas.

**ANNUAL RAFFLE** – Tickets were available.

**EVENING WRAPPED IN CHOCOLATE** – Sponsorships are coming in. The committee also reminded members that they could donate money instead of wine. The committee will then purchase the wine. Vikki Bell announced that the bunko group that she and Patti Martin belong to has donated \$200.00 to scholarships.

A travel gift was auctioned and trophy tales were shared.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Teri Polumsky, Co-Secretary