

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HAMILTON BUSINESS MEETING May 3, 2018

President Sue Mac opened the meeting at 12:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. 24 members were in attendance; no guests.

CIRCULATING SIGNUPS: Hiway Cleanup, May 12 (changed from May 5); SAFE Boot, Scoot, & Boogie, May 11; Community Bowling Day, May 19; and Homeless Conversation interest (ongoing)

CORRESPONDENCE: Dues received from new member, Sybil Solomon, and Call to International Conference in July in Japan

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of 5/2/18: Total Cash Accounts, \$28,872.30, less Set Asides for Colonoscopy Fund, Dues into Scholarship Fund and Scholarship Fund = \$14,817.66 for Spendable cash of \$14,054.64

This month we celebrate CASA with a donation of \$1500 which is specified to be used for training new CASA volunteers. Cost per volunteer training is \$300.

President Sue passed out budget sheets to members for their input into where our fundraising monies currently are dispersed. Should these continue to be funded by this club? Should there be changes made (and how)? Comments and input was requested for a couple of potential new items as well.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS: Most board members have volunteered to stay on. Patti Martin has volunteered to be recording secretary in the new club year. Sue Mac attended Northwest Region Conference and found that our BOD is larger than any other club. Should we reduce the size of the BOD? Further discussion is needed to determine size and positions on the BOD. We usually have trouble recruiting for the Second VP position because it is a 3 year commitment. There will be more discussion at the Board meeting this month and elections will be in the future.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE INFO: Sue gleaned lots of information from clubs by circulating and asking questions. It was a very busy weekend and somewhat overwhelming. Terry Koontz of SI Helena is the new District Director for our district.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: There will be one business meeting, the first Thursday of the month, during the summer and one Social Evening on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Edge.

DUES INCREASE: Because of rising fees to SIA and Region as well as higher insurance premiums, we discussed raising our dues amount. Dues at present are \$125 for the year. It was proposed by Elaine that we raise dues to \$140 to cover increasing fees. Chris Taggart made a motion to increase to \$140; Barbara June seconded and the club members passed the motion with one nay vote. Dues invoicing will be forthcoming this month with a due date of June 15, 2018.

NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED TO BE ON A COMMITTEE? Some discussion ensued about how to get new members more involved in the club right from the start. Discussion about including a committee list on applications for new members and having them choose at least one committee to participate in.

A beautiful Barbara June original was auctioned as the travel gift, Ballot Box stories were shared and, no further business coming before the club, President Sue adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Vikki Bell, co-secretary