



Women's Fund Board Meeting Agenda

October 19, 2022@1:00pm

Susan Hoehn called the meeting to order at 1:05PM. The first item of business was approval of the Sept. 14, 2022, Board Meeting notes that were sent to all board members.

Approval of prior Committee Meeting Minutes – VOTE REQUIRED

Motion: Beth Terrana

Second: Kathy Sage

Approved: All

Board Chair Report– Susan Hoehn

Susan then moved to the board chair updates reporting that we had a great kick-off meeting last month with 63+ guests and standing room only. We did not have any articles in the local newspaper. But there was a lot of wonderful coverage on the WF Instagram.

We have had to switch things around a bit for the November meeting. I originally invited Donnie Dee from the SD Rescue mission. Unfortunately, their organization has an LOI in for 2023. Sue and I decided to ask Sandra Coufal to speak about her experiences in biotech. Donnie Dee suggested we have the regional task force director for homeless agency. The board agreed that they would like to hear from this man.

Susan came up with the idea of stuffing stockings for homeless women, we have a list of top ten items needed at the SD Rescue Mission. Susan asked if we want to ask attendees and even those who don't attend to bring and donate? It was suggested that we make a Sign-up Genius. Everyone agreed that we should open this up to collection at M & M and November meeting. Susan asked Korri to create a signup if it is needed. Some board members suggested that we may want to make all the purchases ourselves so that everything is uniform.

Susan said she is now hosting and underwriting the October Meet and Mingle. Nikki Ream reported that her task force met and discussed that they all agreed that charging for a M & M is reasonable. Nikki, Mara Buchholz, Cathy Burch, and Sabrina Applegate are reaching out to local clubs to see if we can set up a reasonable cost for a menu (2 glasses of wine and an appetizer). Sabrina said that holding these at a local venue would more likely cost \$45, versus \$25. We also think that starting a team approach is a great idea to offset costs and work. Sara Bennett suggested, again, that we budget for these in advance and have those funds set aside for the hosts to use. Diane said that we can build in costs to the budget, because more members mean more funds. Kathy Sage suggested that we have a couple of events maybe Bubbles & Blanca are complimentary. The majority of the board members agreed that we should charge for all of the events. We need to have more funds budgeted to pay for the costs of the events in homes, like Bubbles & Blanca. Our current budget does not include enough to pay for an event. Is a home or a venue less expensive?

We do not have a location for B & B! Susan suggested that Judy Oliphant or Maureen McMahon would be great hosts. Sara Bennett has a potential new member that may be willing to host. Beth would like to budget for the actual cost of holding an event.

Board members received a list of everyone that has not contributed. Would everyone be willing to call or email. Korri to break down the list and send to each board member.

Membership Chairs –Sara Bennett

Sara reported that we have ten new members from the kick-off event, and we have a lot of guests coming to the M & M in October. We are lacking mentors, five so far, we really need to get that word out and recruit experienced members to function as mentors.

Grants Committee –Kathy Sage

Kathy Sage reported that from the 85 LOI's we now have 27 organizations to move to the RFP phase, 12 military and 15 from the women's category. We will be giving the organizations 5 weeks to prepare their proposals this year, which is one more than usual. We have great participation from members in our work groups.

Technology – Mara Buchholz

Mara gave a website update – We are getting really close to launching our new website, she gave a visual tour of the new home page and beyond. We added “Our Impact” to the home page title line. There is a lot of current information at the fingertips of anyone who gets on the website, including: latest news about the WF, current grantees, impact report, etc. Some reformatting of the password protected area, which is using Wild Apricot, will be updated visually to match the rests of the website. She described the board portal is password protected- Korri will post agendas, minutes and Zoom links. Using the board portal will make it easier to access information. Susan would like the board portal to be moved to the top of the page, so that it is more visible.

At this point Susan noted that we did not have time to discuss any of the following items. She turned the time over to Cheryl Salmen and children from the Rowe School to do their Robotics presentation.

Not discussed but on the agenda:

- Financial Advisors – Beth Terrana & Diane Solomon
- Programs Chairs – Marian Benassi & Sue Major
- Korri discussion of the Share Drive and how many members need/want access to the documents.
- Volunteer Activity – Ellie Cunningham
- Social Chair – Muffy Walker
- Social Media – Cheryl Salmen

Susan turned the meeting over to Cheryl Salmen at 2:08 PM for the children's presentation.