



**PURDUE WOMEN'S CLUB
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
West Lafayette Public Library**

Present: Marchell Baker, Emily Blue, Barbara Bowman, Rene Ferguson, Sara Harlan, MaryGayle Hartzell, Lisa Hoverman, Dorothy Hughes, Esther Madren, Jeannie McCoy, Ann McCracken, Sue Peters, Mary Anne Robinson, Carol Rosborg, Cigdem Sheffield, Debby Sherman, Sarah Wassgren

Absent: Danielle Cohen, Connie Davis, Cherry Delaney, Linda Dolby, Kimba Dunsmore, Patty Jischke, Jeanna Jones, Sandy Komaskinski, Kathy Matter, Kathy McGraw, Karen Mullen, Jacky Ralph, Ronda Walsh-Schwab

Quorum Present: Yes

President

Emily Blue called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes of the November meeting

There were no changes to the January 2018 minutes. Sarah Wassgren moved that the minutes be approved, Carol Rosborg seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Rosborg presented the treasurer reports for One Month and Seven Months Ended January 31, 2018. Carol reported that it had been a light month for financial activity, but that Educational Excursion deposits were beginning to come in. Sarah Wassgren moved that the treasurer report be accepted as presented. Marchell Baker seconded the motion, and the report was accepted.

Board and Committee Reports

Sarah Wassgren updated her report to announce that we are now at a membership total of 600. The Board and Committee Reports were accepted with no further discussion.

New Business

- A. Transportation Options for Spring and Fall Luncheons – Jeannie McCoy

At the January 2018 meeting, Jeannie McCoy was asked to contact Lafayette Limo to investigate options and costs for transporting members from an easily accessible free parking lot directly to

the Fall and Spring luncheons. Jeannie reported that she used a planning number of 20 people. For accommodating this number, Lafayette Limo would charge the PWC \$217, with \$117 due by April 5. This would include one round trip from the Walmart parking lot to the Memorial Union, and back. This topic generated much discussion:

- It was suggested that the club also consider Express Air Coach in addition to Lafayette Limo, although it was stated that Lafayette Limo was quoting the PWC a discounted price.
- An option would be to work with Susan Black, head of transportation at Purdue, to reserve 3 spaces in back of the Memorial Union with access (although not close access) to an elevator. The six spaces could be reserved for \$5 each, with three designated for disabled placards and three for any vehicles. This could accommodate members driving themselves, but who cannot climb stairs, and also members who may be transporting others with mobility issues.
- Is there a real problem, and if so, are we trying to solve the right problem? There have reportedly been more issues with the garage than with mobility, and this could be helped by asking members to carpool.
- There was an unofficial consensus at the meeting that the cost of the luncheon not be increased, and that any solution be absorbed by the PWC.
- Having said that, it was also noted that the daily parking rate in the Grant Street parking garage has been increased to \$5. This may necessitate charging members more than \$2 each for parking coupons.

Emily Blue took the action to compose an all-club email, with a mailed letter to those members with no email, asking about mobility needs for future luncheons. This will help PWC to determine if there is a need to be met, and to enable PWC to tailor the response to those with the needs.

B. Interest Group emails to all PWC members (Emily Blue)

The establishment of the new PWC Volunteers interest group triggered the need to send interest group email to the entire membership base, something not usually done. In exploring the precedent that could be set by this action, the following points were noted:

- An email could be a temporary way to let members know about a new Interest Group, if the Fall Interest Fair is too far away.
- In the case of the PWC Volunteer group, the need to work at the Haan Mansion on a specific date necessitated getting the word out very quickly.
- Any interest group or club event should first take full advantage of Facebook and the PWC Website Latest News.

C. International Friendship Program Coordinator (Emily)

Emily Blue reported that the International Friendship Program at Purdue is looking for a coordinator to help promote the club. Debby Sherman reported that she is looking for a chair

for the PWC International Friendship group as well. It was suggested that the PWC focus on the needs of our own interest group first.

D. Explore Indiana Leadership Opportunity (MaryGayle Hartzell)

MaryGayle announced that after years of leading Explore Indiana, Melinda Bain will step aside and let someone else lead the group. Although Melinda's leadership model for the group has always been to have an individual leader for each trip, no one has come forward to lead the Interest Group. This topic and the prior topic of leadership in International Friendship prompted a general discussion on leadership within the PWC. One suggestion was to host an information session to let members know what is involved in Interest Group leadership and PWC Leadership in general. This could help drive away fear and uncertainty, and lead to more volunteers coming forward or saying yes to the nominating committee. No actions were taken on this suggestion.

Old Business

There was no discussion of old business.

General Comments/Announcements

There were no general comments or announcements.

Emily Blue adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the West Lafayette Public Library (either Elm or Walnut Room on second floor), 208 W. Columbia Street, West Lafayette.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Anne Robinson, Recording Secretary