

Killingworth Women's Organization
General Meeting

Date and Place: November 11, 2009 Killingworth Library

Attendees: Sandy Allard, Sue Anziano, Gail Buller, Lynn Clark, Alice Donnelly, Michele Early, Amy Etra, Elaine Kaiser, Stacey Lafferty, Kelly Leach, Dawn Parker, Barb Rojas, Rachel Schemmerling, Andrea Schull, Heather Temple, Kristen Van Alstine, Joan Wilson, Jamie Young

Visitors: Susan Hoywack

Meeting started: 7:30PM
Mission statement read by Sandy Allard

Officers Reports:

Treasurer:

- \$1,633 in account
- Scripps fundraising still hard to figure out.
- Expenditures for GWFC insurance, website fees, annual donation to library, and Gelston House reservation fee
- Michaela Nuhn account was down to \$20 based on bank fees because of \$100 minimum. No account available with bank to fit this need.
 - Suggestion to go back and talk with branch manager to waive fees.
 - Suggestion to also review all our bank accounts (checking and savings) at this time
- Any checks to KWO please write on back "FOR DEPOSIT ONLY"

Membership:

- New member Rachel Schemmerling in attendance and guest Susan Hoywack

Ways & Means:

- Scripps order deadline in 11/17 in order to receive cards before Christmas. Average return is 4%
- Yankee Candle orders in and distributed at meeting

Secretary:

- Two errors on minutes from last month. Wrong date mentioned for lights spectacular 12/12 and spelled name of guest wrong JoAnn Calnen

President:

- Distributed cosmos flower seeds to attendees

Old Business

Wine Tasting:

- Met with Lions right before meeting to discuss springtime event
- Tentative date of May 1st
- Idea to hold event within Library. Looking for a goal of 150 people to attend. Need to research amount of people library able to hold legally.
- Next meeting December 16th at the library meeting room (if available) – KWO core group Alice, Andrea, Kelly, Michele
- All donations from evening to be donated to the library
- Subcommittees to be established to cover different functions and duties at the event

Ladies Night Out:

- Sign up sheet distributed for volunteers at the event for stations of membership table, buffet table, wine/beverage table, set-up and clean-up
- Running Brook Farms donating mums for the event. Mums to be given to vendors and as door prizes
- Sign up sheet distributed for items to borrow for event
- Need toiletries basket for bathroom – Rachel
- Different wines purchased
- Need more cases of water
- Need to borrow easy listening CD's for the evening – Jamie
- Drawing every thirty minutes for attendees who have purchased items. One ticket also given at the front door upon entering.
- On ticket, hopefully obtain name and e-mail address for us to contact them for future events
- Distributing feedback form to vendors for their input on the event
- Sign up sheet by time slot for Gold Gala available now.

Halloween Happenings:

- Thanks from all the members for helping.
- Have approximately \$300 leftover to add to general KWO funds.
- AT&T and Comcast donations have not been received.
- Post event report done
- Looking for volunteer(s) to chair 2010 event
- Need to purchase more black fabric for the top to the fortune teller tent. In a pinch, group used a comforter. Earlier time made the yellow tent a lot more visible.

New Business

Holiday Dinner:

- \$24.50 for dinner on 12/09
- Checks to Stacy Lafferty
- Details of secret Santa activities to come later

Lights Spectacular:

- Fifth year for event
- December 12th from 4PM-7PM at 16 Wolf Hollow Road. Rain date of 12/13. If snowing, event will go forward on 12/12

- Entrance fee of \$7 per family or an unwrapped toy
- Tentative high school choir to sing at event
- No more sleigh rides. Not enough time and too many people!
- Volunteer bakers to make cookies 3 dozen minimum for donation to event.
- Need (2) Santa's for the evening. Each child will receive a small gift purchased from Oriental Trading.
- Boy scouts will sell soup at the event. Group donating \$350 prior to event to cover entrance fees for the event for their members.
- Need better organization roping off yard to control flow of pedestrian traffic
- Need volunteers to help set-up, welcome table, Santa's helpers, cocoa table, clean-up, etc. Sign up sheets distributed for volunteer hours and items required to borrow for the evening.
- Any bakers please drop off cookies on Saturday before the event. Set-up crew will organize cookies on large trays.
- Flyer completed. Looking for help posting around town. To be distributed at KES.
- Soliciting high school for volunteers at event
- Post signs at Ladies Night Out
- Scott Haney from CT CBS affiliate to talk about event a few days prior on TV show.

International Project:

- Researching idea of an international committee. Suggestion to review movie at Lynn's home on January 21st. It chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. Movie night will be part of social efforts – announcements from social chair on directions and details later. Website regarding movie is located at www.praythedevilbacktohell.com
- Suggestion as a follow-up event to read "Half the Sky" as a one time book club. Contacting Library to obtain more copies.

Greg Bousquet:

- Donations to be distributed to listing from Helping Hands, seniors, and soldiers
- Requested items to be posted KES and announcements to KES population.
- Soldier drive new this year. Collecting **AT&T** phone cards in \$10 increments. Cards to be given to Shoreline Community Women's' Club thru Cindy Stevens.
- Other gift cards for CVS, Wal-Mart, etc. can be in any denomination. Typical gift card donation each year is \$2K total.
- December 16h drive closed down. Gifts distributed on 12/19 thru Helping Hands
- Please mail gift cards to KWO PO box

Hospitality:

- Suggestion to minimize speakers especially during a busy month. OK to plan one in January.

Misc:

- Board approved purchase of new double-sided A-frame style sign. Old one is usable but way to heavy to be convenient and letters too small to be easily readable. ~\$200 expense.

Meeting adjourned 9:00PM

KWO Mission: *The KWO is a local group of philanthropic women volunteers dedicated to helping others in our town and to maintaining a network of women to build a stronger sense of community for ourselves and others.*

Announcements:

December 9th Annual Holiday Dinner (Gelston House), 7PM

December 12th Lights Spectacular

January 6th Executive board meeting (Kelly's house), 7PM

January 13th General Meeting (Library), 7PM