

Killingworth Women's Organization
General Meeting

Date and Place: April 8, 2009 Killingworth Library

Attendees: Heather Temple, Briony Wilson, Andrea Schull, Mary Frances Studzinski, Gena Murray, Michele Early, Kelly Leach, Dawn Parker, Christine Cronin, Elaine Kaiser, Heather Ignatuk, Joan Wilson, Alice Donnelly, Barb Rojas

Visitors: Kristina, Grant Ignatuk (Our youngest member and the cutest!)

Meeting started approximately: 7:30PM

Mission statement read by Michele Early.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer:

- ◆ Account balance \$842.56

Membership:

- ◆ Working on brochures and informational packets
- ◆ Looking to host an evening event for a membership drive with time for questions and explanations about the group

Ways & Means:

- ◆ Preparing for Scripps fundraiser. Savings account established in order to purchase gift cards via EFT.
- ◆ Suggestion to use www.igive.com as your web browser. Each search gets two pennies for the KWO. Our group has already been listed to receive funds. Igive will send out checks once they reach over \$25.
- ◆ Looking at possible fundraisers for next year candle, candy bars, lollipops, etc.

Secretary:

- ◆ Thank you note from HKYFS and J.Simons

President:

- ◆ Only new business items to discuss

Business

Scholarship:

- ◆ Group will determine the number and amount of scholarships after reviewing the applications on May 4th

Drinking Age Forum 03/19/09 @ 7:30PM at Haddam Firehouse:

- ◆ Event summary report - about 60 people attended the event. Meeting taped and will be on local news programming. KWO thanked for helping to host the event.

By-Laws:

- ◆ Notice that we need to make future changes to the by-laws. E-mail will be sent one week before the meeting. All members must be informed of any possible changes five days before a meeting.
- ◆ Currently various sections of the bylaws are not followed. We need to amend them to more accurately reflect our group. Tailor the bylaws to the KWO rather than the bylaws to the KWO.

Relay for Life:

- ◆ Two fundraisers given to group from the relay for life organizers. Events details a little sketchy during the meeting, but will be informed later via e-mail from Cindy and Lisa.
 - May 8th – all women steel drum concert at Middle school. KWO to help the evening of the event. Donations at door rather than sell tickets.
 - May 30th 10AM – 2PM sell food at the new TrueValue hardware store. TrueValue supplying grills and hopefully tent. Need to figure out food items and who can volunteer.
 - Discussion on suggesting healthier options than hamburgers and hot dogs.
 - TrueValue expecting about 450-600 customers during that time span
 - All profits from food sale to go to the relay for life team.

Nominating:

- ◆ Vote held for new officers. Quorum at meeting of 1/3 of membership attending. Approved executive officers for next year are:
 - President – Kelly Leach
 - Treasurer – Heather Temple
 - VP Membership – Michele Early
 - VP Ways & Means – MaryFrances Studzinski
 - Secretary – Barb Rojas
- ◆ Chair positions are:
 - Hospitality – Andrea Schull
 - Publicity – Amy Etra & Joan Wilson
 - Social – Lisa Connelly
 - Sunshine – Alice Donnelly
 - Nominating – open
 - Halloween – Alice Donnelly, Jamie Young, Mary Frances Studzinski
 - Toy Drive – Kristen VanAlstine & Marni Lustberg
 - Scholarship – Alice Donnelly
 - Lights – Sue Anziano, Jamie Young
 - Budget – open
 - Sign – Kelly Leach, Andrea Schull, Joan Wilson
 - Nominating – open
 - Relay for Life – Lisa Connelly, Cindy Pitts

May Dinner Meeting:

- ◆ @ Country Squire Restaurant – Garden Room
- ◆ 6:30PM – 7:00PM happy half-hour with light snacks provided by the restaurant
- ◆ Dinner at 7:00PM
- ◆ **Send check with your meal choice - direct to Heather Temple** for \$26, if attending. Need payment before the evening of the dinner. Payment includes tax and gratuity.
- ◆ Menu items are: swordfish, scrod, brick chicken, NY strip steak, and pasta penne Alfredo. Dinners include vegetable and potato. Dessert will be provided by the KWO.

New President's Ideas:

- ◆ Kelly made up a list of various ideas for events and functions for the next year. She presented a few items a food for thought to the group. She will present these officially later.

- Main focus to grow membership for next year in order to double the groups' size. Need to host events to push membership in July / August / September.
- Women's health expo day
- Suggestion to obtain babysitter for general meetings. Babysitting would count as community service hours for high school students.
- Redesign website so that it is a reference for members with internal information available via password and to include digital scrapbook.
- Angie's list – Website that rates local vendors. List already exists in Middlesex with ratings by vetted staff. Perhaps use as a resource for the group and also to advertise the KWO. Need to be sure about the risks involved in posting negative comments about a vendor.
- Increase green events for the group. Items can be found on freecycle.com Suggestion to start new green chairperson position.
- Suggestion for a day meeting for those members who cannot attend an evening meeting. Need an individual to host the meeting. Perhaps Thursday AM after the regular meeting.
- Sarah Suatoni to host event in September for a group workshop.
- Design a yearly calendar outlining all our events for group responsibilities clear throughout the year.
- Need to start double-checking on other town events so that we are not overlapping.
- Need to start coordinating with chamber of commerce. Need to get back with Judy Tripodi.
- Suggestion for other nonprofit groups to talk with the group.
- Bring back elder care issues. Talking with Kathy Covey. Caregivers need help with taking care of sick spouse so that they can run errands and attend meetings. Need to designate committee chair.
- Need to increase items in the press about our group.
- Need to set up protocol on presenting ideas and events to the KWO. No members can decide for the group. Executive board is meeting regularly to discuss events and then brings suggestions to the group for their approval.
- Suggestion to combine social events with larger event planning meetings.

Help Line:

- ◆ HKYFS asking for funds to cover costs of a tip line. The tip line would be an anonymous line that reports to the state trooper. The cost is \$26 a month = \$312 a year. Tip line has been a big success in East Haddam. Group is asking for more details. Arrangements to bring speaker to future meeting with more information.

Possible Social Functions:

- ◆ Bistro night at Savvy Tea. \$25 to attend with BYOB. The package includes an appetizer, entrée, and dessert.
- ◆ Host a spa day for all women in Killingworth. Andrea has a massage therapist lined up
- ◆ Goal is to have one social event per month

Misc.:

- ◆ Form available to submit to town cop so he can check your home while away. Forms to be submitted to town hall.
- ◆ Suggestion for inactive members to donate funds to the KWO rather than join as members. A good portion of the membership fee is directed to the GFWC. If a simple donation, all funds benefit KWO.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM

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:

April 28th Social at Griswold Inn 7:00PM dinner, 8:00PM band
May 4th Scholarship committee meeting
May 8th Plantastic steel drum band fundraiser
May 9th Little Tots Fair – Membership table
May 13th Annual dinner – 6:30PM Country Squire
May 17th Scrapbooking – Heather’s home ~7:00PM
May 25th Memorial Day picnic – Andrea’s home
May 30th True Value fundraiser – 10AM-2PM
June 3rd Executive board meeting
June 5th-6th Relay for Life – HK
June 10th General meeting – library