

Killingworth Women's Organization
General Meeting

Date and Place: March 11, 2009 Killingworth Library

Attendees: Mary Sebor, Susan Davis, Kelly Leach, Heather Temple, Elaine Kaiser,
Sue Anziano, Andrea Schull, Christine Cronin, Amy Etra, MaryFrances Studzinski,
Joan Wilson, Barb Rojas

Guests: Jill Bowen & Sarah Suatoni (speaker)

Meeting started approximately: 7:17PM

Mission statement read by Andrea Schull.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer:

- ◆ Approximately \$1K in account

Membership:

- ◆ Informed of possible visitor tonight with interest generated by our website

Ways & Means:

- ◆ Looking for ideas from group on spring fundraiser events.
- ◆ Still need to review and organize SCRIPPS suggestion from Kristen.

Secretary:

- ◆ Thank you note from family in town we donated funds to after the death of a family member.
- ◆ Letter from North Branford GFWC group about a fashion show on March 29th at Woodwinds at 12:30PM
- ◆ Thank you note from Woodbridge/Hamden GFWC group for KWO to sponsor candidate for GFWC scholarship program. Individual groups cannot sponsor more than one candidate.

New Business

Scholarship:

- ◆ Group has enough funds to cover one \$500 scholarship. We need to do a spring fundraiser, if we want to award more than one scholarship.
- ◆ Kelly Leach leading this effort.
- ◆ Announcement of KWO scholarship to be included in the next Krier.
- ◆ Forms for applicants will be at the school before April 1st. The forms will now emphasize community service work.

Member Survey:

- ◆ Overall group is asking for changes to the KWO. See attached summary for specifics.
- ◆ Wednesday night timeframe is not the most convenient for the group.
- ◆ Meetings should be shorter and more focused
- ◆ Suggestion to have speaker first and then start the meeting
- ◆ Suggestion to have meeting start at 7:30PM. Social part of meeting from 7:00PM-7:30PM, before the start of every meeting.

- ◆ Future interest with the group lies in education, greener lifestyle, domestic violence, and responding to community needs
- ◆ We need to get the message out about our group. Advertise monthly!
- ◆ **Next month be prepared to discuss options of revising group's format and prioritize major projects for next year.**

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

- ◆ KWO to make snacks and bring beverages. Sign up sheet distributed within meeting.
- ◆ Meeting format to be finalized shortly.
- ◆ Any volunteers for the evening should show up at 5:30PM to help set up coffee pots, etc. Discussions will start at 7:30PM.
- ◆ Expecting around 100 people to attend
- ◆ Supplies to be dropped off at Andrea's home the night before the latest at noon the day of the event.

District Day:

- ◆ Group needs to put together a gift basket for the raffle. Group agreed to do a green/organic basket this year. Once you purchase an item for the basket, let the group know via e-mail so we don't have multiple items of the same thing. Bring purchased items to the next general meeting. Andrea already has a large basket for the items.
- ◆ Any members attending district day, please give your checks to Amy early. Since she is handling the registration activities for the entire meeting.

Eddy Shelter:

- ◆ Per the request of Dawn Parker last month, group needs to respond about redecorating a room at the shelter.
- ◆ Group needs a volunteer to chair this event.

Adopt A Road:

- ◆ Meeting on Saturday, March 14th at 3PM at the Library to discuss program.
- ◆ KWO is interested in helping the local effort to clean up our roads with trash and debris.
- ◆ Andrea attending meeting and will report back to group.

Nominating:

- ◆ Slate of officers presented – voting next month. Still openings to consider:
- ◆ Executive Officers:
 - President – Kelly Leach
 - Treasurer – Heather Temple
 - VP Membership – Michele Early
 - VP Ways & Means – MaryFrances Studzinski
 - Secretary – Barb Rojas
- ◆ Chairs:
 - Hospitality – open
 - Publicity – Amy Etra & Joan Wilson
 - Social – Lisa Connelly
 - Sunshine – open (request to bring back sending birthday cards to members)
 - Nominating – open
 - Halloween – open

- Toy Drive – Kristen VanAlstine & Marni Lustberg
- Scholarship – open
- Lights – Sue Anziano
- Wine tasting / membership drive – open
- Budget and allocation - open

Misc.:

- ◆ Mary Seboria finished forty comfort pillows for the cancer center in Middletown with donated materials from the group! Very impressive as always!

Speaker:

- ◆ Sarah Suatoni a body-mind therapy and hellerwork psychologist conducted a brief group exercise on effectively listening to others (www.sarahsuatoni.com).
- ◆ Group really overwhelmed with activity. Requested for her to come back again!
- ◆ Group gave heart felt reasons as to why the KWO is so important to them personally. We are all very different with various reasons and rewards from our group interactions and community efforts. Get more Kleenex for her next visit!

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

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:

March 15th Scrapbooking Heather T's ~7PM
 March 26th 7:30PM Garden club hosting speaker on herb gardens – congregational church
 April 1st Executive Board Meeting – Andrea's 7:00PM
 April 4th Green lifestyle event – Clinton Town Hall – 9:30AM-4:00PM
 April 8th General Meeting – Library 7:15PM
 April 22nd GWFC District Day – Warf Restaurant, Madison – 9:00AM registration
 April 26th Scrapbooking Heather T's ~7PM
 May 6th TBD - Executive board meeting 7:00PM
 May 13th Annual dinner – tentative Country Squire
 *** Fundraiser for Make A Wish – Elaine Kaiser supply further details later