

## Papillion Junior Woman's Club

### MEETING MINUTES for February 6, 2008

President Judy Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Papillion Firefighter's Station.

The meeting opened with the Club Collect, Junior Pledge, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jackie Fowler led us in singing the National Anthem. Secretary Theresa Richey called roll. Members present were: Dee Alfrey, Judy Anderson, Kerri Ann Becker, Renee Black, Karen Crandall, Royce Dent, Kathy Flock, Jackie Fowler, Bindy Frederick, Kristy Funk, Michelle Harris, Barb Jackson, Angie Johansen, Jan Kay Kelpo, Marie Kuklinski, Jackie Mach, Carol Milliken, Karen Olson, Nadine Palmer, Kathy Pohl, Deb Reasoner, Theresa Richey, Cheryl Strickler, Jane Swartz, and Mary Weekly. Nancy Zaraya, guest of Kathy Flock also was in attendance.

Theresa also read **thank you** for donations notes from HETRA, Teammates, UNICEF.

Treasurer Kristy Funk gave the **treasurer's report**. Our beginning January balance was \$4,264.78 and ending balance was \$2722.34.

Our **Guest Speaker** was Deb Anderson from Project Harmony, a community based child protection center.

The mission of Project Harmony is to protect children by providing community-based, comprehensive, integrated and coordinated child abuse assessments and investigations in a centralized location. She explained the One Child, One Place, One Time now scenario compared to what used to happen when kids needed help for abuse 20 years ago.

A child-centered facility, Project Harmony assembles a multidisciplinary team composed of law enforcement, investigative, social service, medical and referral professionals who work together to protect the child and prosecute the offender. The Omaha Police Department Child Victim/Sexual Assault Unit and Nebraska Health and Human Services – Child Protective Services Unit are co-housed with Project Harmony.

Project Harmony exists to improve communication and case resolution. All interviews and medical exams area videotaped to reduce the number of times a child victim must tell his/her story.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MOMENT**

Judy, passed out a Healthy Heart packet, thanked everyone for wearing Red and for bringing items and \$ to donate to Project Harmony.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dee Alfrey says that **Story Hour** at the Sump Memorial Library is going good. Children as well as library staff are happy to get treats.

**Papio Duck Paddle Committee**- Theresa Richey passed out a sign up sheet for the 2008 Papio Duck Paddle again. Workers are really needed to follow up with businesses to get donations towards the \$800 prize money. We also need workers to sell raffle tickets Thursday and Friday nights during Papillion Days. Since it is our main fund raiser this year she asked everyone to sign up and stressed the need for each club member to buy or sell their raffle tickets for which they are responsible.

The Publicity Committee brainstormed ways to publicize the Duck Paddle- suggestions, distribute posters to more businesses than last year, get kids and thus families involved with a duck drawing contest, and look into possibly changing the time of the duck race to earlier in the day 6/14/08, have a drum roll or band perform at the duck race.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pay It Forward**- Karen Crandall, Jackie Fowler, and Theresa Richey wrote and filmed an entry last month in WOWT's Pay It Forward Contest. WOWT was giving away 6 \$1,000 awards to individuals or organizations to see how they could make that \$ grow toward a good cause. Our three club members wrote about how our club would use the \$1,000 to pay for costs associated with our funnel cake booth and Duck Derby race at Papillion Days and increase the profit by 5 fold to donate to worthy non-profit organizations. Our entry was not one of the 6 selected award winners but we are glad we tried to help PJWC.

**Read Across America** –Judy Anderson says our club will be working with the Sump Memorial Library in March for the great literacy event, Read Across America. She will present more details at our meeting in March.

**Conservation Committee**- Roxi Clausen was out of town so Cheryl Strickler asked for volunteers to sign up for Arbor Days activities at area schools.

**District Arts Show**- Jackie Fowler is organizing the District Arts Show again this year. It will be held March 29, 2007 at the Papillion Lavista High School. Students as wells as club members from all the clubs in NFWC District II can submit entries in a variety of categories: painting, drawing, ceramics, flower arranging, photography, cross-stitch, needle work, quilts, afghans, stained glass, adult apparel, and others.

Our hostesses this month were Deb Reasoner, Chair, Nadine Palmer and Marie Kuklinski.

Club members exchanged Valentines. We did this by pairing famous couples i.e., Fred and Ginger, Romeo and Juliet. We sang happy birthday to club member Mary Weekly.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Richey