

Papillion Junior Woman's Club

MEETING MINUTES for October 3, 2007

President Judy Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 at the Papillion Firefighters Station. The meeting opened with the Club Collect, Junior Pledge, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Jackie Fowler led us in singing This Land is Your Land. Secretary Theresa Richey called roll by asking members to name their favorite Halloween candy- Snickers was the most popular response.

Members present were: Dee Alfrey, Judy Anderson, Kerri Ann Becker, Renee Black, Karen Crandall, Jane Draper, Lisa Erxleben, Kathy Flock, Jackie Fowler, Bindy Frederick, Michelle Harris, Angie Johansen, Jackie Mach, Carol Milliken, Karen Olson, Kathy Pohl, Beth Ragland, Debbi Reasoner, Theresa Richey, Cheryl Strickler, Jane Swartz, Mary Weekly, Shirley Witkofski, and Diane Withem.

Our last month's minutes are now posted on our PJWC website on the Meetings page under the corresponding date.

Treasurer Kristy Funk was absent. Vice-President Karen Crandall read the Treasurer's report. Beginning September balance was \$2218.97. Ending balance was \$4988.32 Our main deposits were dues for 17 members \$510 and proceeds \$2500 from the Papio Duck Paddle.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our guest speaker was breast cancer survivor, Jeannie Hannan, Health Educator Methodist Hospital. She told of her own experience with breast cancer from her symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment, to life afterwards. She talked about a program at Methodist Hospital called Mytimetoheal.org. She told us about the 3 steps to breast screening: mammogram (especially digital), clinically breast exam CBE, and Breast Self-exam BSE.

Jeannie presented statistics: 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, 178,480 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007, 77% of the new cases will be women over 50 years old, 23% are women under age 50 with 5% under age 40. In 2007, 40,460 women will die from breast cancer. Jeannie talked about some of the ways \$ is raised through the Susan G Komen Foundation: the Komen Race for the Cure this Sun 10/7/07 in Omaha, Passionately Pink for a Cure with Komen.org, Yoplait Yogurt is donating 10 cents to the Komen for every yogurt lid donated (see Yoplait website), and the Papillion Cold Water Creek is having a Fashion Show Monday, 10/8/07, 10% of sales will be contributed to the Komen Foundation. The Komen Foundation invested more the \$1,000,000 in search of a cure. 75% of the \$ raised in NE for the foundation says here in NE for education, screening, treatment and the other 25% goes to Komen National. Ladies with breast cancer get support they need: breastfriends.com, www.Komen.org, and 1-800I'm Aware.

Jackie Fowler led us in singing " I Run for Life", a song about a woman w breast cancer.

President's Moment- Judy Anderson reminded the club that October is also Domestic Abuse Month. Club member Barb Jackson submitted a grant proposal to GFWC for \$100 to be used for Domestic Abuse awareness. PJWC would also partner with Curves for Women in raising \$ and products to go toward Safe Haven.

Kathy Flock announced that on 10/28/07 Chico's in Papillion is sponsoring a wardrobe Party to raise \$ for Domestic Abuse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kathy Flock talked about the Summer International Convention in Philadelphia that she attended about 4 months ago. She says that Domestic Abuse and empowering women were important topics. Three empowered women were honored:

1. Ruth Ann Minner, the governor of Delaware who had been a high school dropout,,
2. Susan Retik, a widow of 9/11/07 who co-authored *Beyond the 11th*, a study and look at widows in Afghanistan , and
3. Diane Mooney, Editor of *Southern Living* who started the Cut It Out Program, a domestic violence program.

Kathy Pohl, Child Protective Services Committee, thanked club members for bringing snacks to donate.

Karen Crandall announced that our PJWC Christmas Party will be held Wed. 12/5/07 at Anthony's Restaurant.

NEW BUSINESS

The District Convention will be held 10/27/07 in Bennington, NE. Judy Anderson encouraged our PJWC members to attend.

Theresa Richey announced that the board has been looking into a Service Project at the Ronald McDonald House. The club decided to volunteer 12/18/07 to make and serve a meal there.

Judy Anderson announced that 10/9/07 is Dine Out Against Hunger where restaurants pledged to donate 10% of the day's proceeds to the Food Bank.

Judy Anderson encouraged club members to participate at the Trick or Trunk that will be held at the Papillion Trinity Village on Halloween 6-7 PM.

Our hostesses were Jane Draper, chair, Carol Millikan, and Angie Johansen

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Richey