

NMSU Women's Club
Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting and Luncheon
Farm and Ranch Museum, Las Cruces, NM
April 7, 2011, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Present: Sandra Abernathy, Elizabeth (Betty) Brooks, Barbara Cardin, Dolly Castro, Patty Conroy, Latvia Costly, Fran Cotter, Esther Devall, Chicken Ferguson, Ruth Ford, Deb Franzoy, Sherry Harris, Allison Hayes, Mary Henson, Connie Kratzer, Noreen Lehmann, Clara Lindeman, Cecilia Magallanes, Charlotte Mathews, Lois Melton, Gloria Ortiz, Nadine Salk, Alicia Salazar, Rosemarie Sanchez, Linda Schultz, Roberta Stathis, Nora Williams and guest Paulina, Barbara Wise and Suzanne Zhan

Silent Auction – continuous - began at 11:30 a.m. and ended at 12:40 pm

Business meeting **Called to Order** at 11:45 a.m.

1. **Minutes** from October 20, 2010 business meeting reviewed and **approved**

2. **Treasurer Report** by Treasurer Connie Kratzer. Beginning balance \$2541.48, income of \$1496.00, and expenses of 168.29 for a **total current balance of \$3869.18**.

3. **Scholarship Report** by Cecilia Magallanes. She has been delayed in getting information on eligible women for our scholarship from the Financial Aid Department. It was finally received but too late to make a decision for this meeting. There is \$750, as of today, to award a winner. That winner will be at the Fall 2011 luncheon and business meeting. A “book” scholarship in the amount of \$100 will be awarded to the second place scholarship individual due to the “Book Scholarship” being a silent auction item.

4. **Membership Report** by Rosemarie Sanchez – We currently have 72 paid members on the role. Members are reminded that they have to renew their membership annually, due by October 1 each year.

5. **Historian Report** by Allison Hayes – Allison called for event pictures if anyone has some so she can update the “scrapbook.” She also mentioned that she will be leaving to a new job out of state and that this position will be available to anyone who would like to keep up the history of the NMSU Women’s Club.

6. Interest Group Reports

- **Day at the Races** - Barbara Wise reported that 26 members and friends attended the March 11 event. Great time, great food and we had some winners!!

- **Antiques** – Mary Hanson reported that they meet most months on the last Tuesday. Their agendas include visiting homes, museums and out of town venues. They usually enjoy lunch and visiting as well.

- **Crafts** – Clara Lindemann reported that they meet on the 3rd Monday of the month and make fun and unique crafts that can be finished in that meeting.

- **Bridge** – Nadine Salak reported that her Thursday group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm. The other bridge group, “couples” has not been meeting.

- **Dining at noon** – has been meeting occasionally.

- **Gourmet** – as Judy Maese was not able to attend today, Sandy Abernathy reported that the gourmet group try’s to meet on the 1st Saturday, 6:30pm, at a member’s home. This last year or so, it has been on various Saturday and/or Sunday nights, whenever host homes that are available.

- **Hiking** – Roberta Stathis that their “whimsical” hiking group meets occasionally, usually on a Saturday morning. Those who sign up for hiking are notified via e-mail with dates and instructions. The group has not met for awhile because of travel and injuries.

7. Amendment to the Constitution

- a. Article VI. Officers, Executive Committee and Executive Board, Section 4

Current: *Elected officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, commencing the day of the election.*

Proposed change: *Elected officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years, commencing the day of election. President and secretary will be elected in odd numbered years and vice president and treasurer in even numbered years.*

Vote was unanimous: APPROVED

8. Election of Officers

- a. President – Esther Devall (2 years)
- b. Vice President – Linda Schultz (1 year)
- c. Secretary – Deb Franzoy (2 years)
- d. Treasurer – Connie Kratzer (1 year)

Vote was unanimous: APPROVED

9. Lunch was served (in the middle of the business meeting) at noon by Dickerson's Catering – a worth mentioning Italian buffet of spring greens with cranberries, pecans and blue cheese salad; Lasagna with meat sauce; green Chile Alfred; asparagus with red peppers and onions; cheesecake and chocolate mini Bundt cakes, tea and coffee.

10. Silent Auction – today's silent auction raised \$624 towards our scholarship fund. Thanks to all the donors of wonderful items, including: College of Agriculture, Linda Schultz, Allison Hayes, Roberta Stathis, Albertson's / El Paso, Barnes and Noble Bookstores, Home Depot, Pica Quick, St. Claire's Winery, Olive Garden, Desiree at Billy the Kid (Barbara Cardin), Casey Anker and Mary Henson.

11. Other Business

There was no other business

12. Next Meeting: Esther (new president) and Linda (outgoing president and current vice president) will get together and announce the date via e-mail and snail mail communication.

Meeting adjourned: 1:00 p.m. (Linda Schultz/Allison Hayes)

Minutes submitted by Secretary Deb Franzoy, April 18, 2011

(edited 5/1 and resubmitted)