

NMSU Women's Club
Minutes of the October Business Meeting and Dinner
100 West Cafe, Gerald Thomas Hall, Las Cruces, NM
October 19, 2011 5:00 to 7:00pm

Present: Esther Devall; Deb Franzoy; Jodie Kenney; Connie Kratzer; Linda Schultz; Roberta Stathis; Clara Lindemann; Donna Hill; Mary Henson; Sandra Abernathy; Sherrie Harris; Bunnie Jones; Judy Maese; Cecilia Magallanes; Charlotte Mathews; Nora Williams and guest Paulina; Connie Kozel; Siri McDowell, Nita Swartz, Nora Williams. (21 attendees).

Dinner - 5 to 6pm at the 100 West Café. Served by the HRTM students and led by Chef Maurice Zech. Purses were weighed for the speaker presentation, membership dues were collected, and raffle tickets were sold.

Business meeting in GT 190 **Called to Order** at 6:05pm.

1. **Minutes** – no minutes were presented for approval

2. **Treasurer Report** – no report

3. **Scholarship Report** by Deb Franzoy – We are doing our own scholarship and not relying on Financial Aid for applicants. A new scholarship application has been created by the officers and is available on our website at womensclub.nmsu.edu on the home page and under scholarships. A flyer has been created and we encourage officers and members to get a copy and hang up where students may see it. March 1, 2012 has been selected as the deadline to receive applications from candidates. A meeting will be called to review the applications at that time and a selection will be made. The successful candidate(s) will be notified, invited to, and awarded at the Spring Luncheon in April of 2012.

4. **Membership Report** – Connie Kratzer announced that dues are due! \$20 for most; \$25 for honorary members. It was also announced that we need someone to fill the place of Membership Chair as Rosemarie Sanchez has stepped down. Interested volunteers were asked to contact Esther Devall. Meanwhile, Connie will collect the updated and new membership forms and dues.

5. **Historian Report** – no report as we don't have an historian.

6. **Interest Group Reports** – Clara Lindeman announced the various groups and their meeting times. She did not have any updated information on the various groups but promised to find out who the leaders for each group was and will get that information to Deb Franzoy so she can get it on the website.

- **Day at the Races** – Barbara Wise, coordinator, no date for March 2012 yet.

- **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** – no report - generally 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** – Clara said the group has been meeting occasionally, but has not set up one for this semester as of yet.

- **Gourmet** – Judy Maese reported that the 1st meeting for the Fall 2011 semester will not meet until December 4, at Esther Devall's home. It will be holiday goodies and appetizers.

- **Hiking** – no hikes have been scheduled as of this time.

7. Amendment to the Constitution – none at this time

8. **Speaker** – special presentation by Ellen Perry of Especially Organized. She is a professional organizer and did a fun workshop on organizing our purses! She awarded prizes, had handouts of organizing tips, and invited us to visit her website at: www.esporg.com. Fun was had by all.

9. **Website** – <http://womensclub.nmsu.edu> – Deb Franzoy reported that the new and updated website is up and running and about 90% done (the activities section is not finished being updated but will be in a week or so). She and member Dianne Hall have been working on it. She encouraged everyone to go to it. The applications for membership and scholarships can be downloaded directly from the website. Please let Deb know if you have any updates of information, and suggestions of how we can add to it, ie: pictures, event information, announcements, etc.

10. Announcements

a. Esther Devall announced that the December meeting is still being planned. Still looking for a location that will work with dates we have chosen. She tried to get opinions on the best time of day for the event, but it was 50/50 in opinion – daytime for those who don't work, evening for those who do. She will announce as soon as possible when she secures a place. (Officers will meet and make a plan for the event once this happens.)

b. We need a Membership Chairman and a Historian.

c. Member Siri McDowell announced a fund raising event for the Mesilla Valley Centennial Celebration, in honor of New Mexico's 100th year of statehood. A committee has been formed with members from HRTM, Environmental Sciences and NMSU to host a fundraising dinner, silent auction, live auction and wine pairing, prepared by Chef Maurice Zeck of HRTM. The dinner will be held on November 12, 2011, 6:30 to 9:30pm, at 100 West Café. Cost is \$75 per person. Proceeds will support the activities of the Las Cruces Centennial Celebration. Make reservations at 575-525-1955.

11. Scholarship Fund Raffle – Raffle tickets were sold by the officers and at the welcome table. 91 tickets were sold in all!! There was not a money count at this time, but tickets were sold for \$5 for one or \$25 for 6. We sold several sets of 6 at the welcome table. The money will be put directly into the scholarship fund. The prize was an overnight stay at the luxurious Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa in Truth or Consequences, NM, with unlimited mineral bath soaking, one hour massages for two and breakfast. Linda Schultz was the winner.

11. Other Business

There was no other business

12. Next Meeting: Holiday Event TBA

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Deb Franzoy, October 20, 2011

Officers for 2011-12

- a. President – Esther Devall
- b. Vice President – Linda Schultz
- c. Secretary/Web – Deb Franzoy
- d. Treasurer – Connie Kratzer
- e. Historian – none
- f. Membership Chair - none