

PPSPERA Spring Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Valley Hi Golf Club

9:30 am.

Board Attendees: Gerry Olvey , Meredith Jobe, John Kerr, Charlotte Brummer, LuAnn Long, Alan Rasmussen, Terri Stevens, Elaine Naleski, Judy McCormick, June George, Karen Hart, Sandy Patton, Marje Erickson, Bud Lehmkuhl, Naomi Lehmkuhl, Peggy Gardner, Barbara Watt, Joyce Schmaltz.

There were 47 people in attendance.

Meredith welcomed everyone and introduced the special guests including Tiffany Baumann, Scholarship Winner, and her parents Jim and Donna, Leonard Nelson, CSPERA Regional Representative, and his wife Mary Lou, Donnis Martin from Partners in Housing, Dave Rich from PILLAR, and Pat Gray, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary representative.

Meredith thanked everyone for supporting ESM, Ecumenical Social Ministries, as the community service project this meeting. Meredith then introduced Donnis Martin who spoke about Partners in Housing. Donnis noted that in order to be provided housing by Partners in Housing the person must be homeless and is required to work or go to school with the goal of becoming self-sufficient. A majority of the clients are single women with children. The client is allowed to remain in the housing for a maximum of 2 years as they are provided a caseworker and support to get back on their feet. We will support this organization at our August picnic. Possible donations could be diapers, toilet paper, personal hygiene items, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels.

Brunch followed.

Scholarship Presentation:

Meredith introduced Scholarship co-chair, Charlotte Brummer who presented the Wayne Bricker/Bill Brandenburg Scholarship recipient Tiffany Baumann of Miami-Yoder High School with a scholarship award of \$1500 along with a certificate. Tiffany was accompanied by her parents and related that she plans to attend CSU in Fort Collins to study to become a math teacher

Service Award Winners:

Marje Erickson, Community Service chair, presented the Community Service Award to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Auxiliary represented by Pat Gray of the Auxiliary. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dave Rich,

Executive Director of the PILLAR Institute. Both Pat and Dave related many activities that their groups lead that do much to enrich our community. Both people encouraged the members of the audience to volunteer in their organizations. Dave offered coupons to first time attendees at PILLAR to attend a class for free. He also mentioned a partnership with PPSPERA in which members could join PILLAR for half price.

Volunteer Hours

Marje requested everyone to use the form on the tables to list volunteer hours so that they can be forwarded to the state CSPERA.

PERA Updates:

Sandy congratulated all of the awardees. She reminded everyone of the upcoming CSPERA Conference being held in Colorado Springs at The Embassy Suites on May 16th and 17th. She gave a run-down of the program and urged everyone to attend. She will be installed as CSPERA president at this meeting.

A PERA update was then given. In the legislature this session 10 bills were introduced that would weaken PERA. These bills were supported along party lines. None of them passed. Three initiatives were presented but were not passed forward from the Secretary of State's Title Board. However, it is predicted that these initiatives will appear in a better written form in the future and there may be a request for legislative action to oppose the initiatives next year. Be ever vigilant.

Election and Installation of Officers:

The slate of nominees was presented by Sandy.

Co-Presidents: Dr. Meredith Jobe and Dr. Gerry Olvey

President-Elect: LuAnn Long

Secretary: Joyce Schmaltz

There were no other nominations. Elaine moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. Karen seconded the motion which carried.

Leonard Nelson installed the officers.

Recognition of Committee Chairpersons:

Sandy recognized and thanked the committee chairs for all their work. A special thanks went to Marje Erickson as she leaves the board. The remaining

committee chairs are Elaine Naleski, June George, Peggy Gardner, Bud and Naomi Lehmkuhl, Brenda LeBrasse, Karen Hart, Nancy Haley, Alan Rasnussen, LuAnn Long, Charlotte Brummer, Barbara Watt, Terri Stevens, Maxine Glaskin, Judy McCormick. Dennis Shultz and Lisa Sarter also served on the board for a part of the year. Thanks too to John Kerr for his hard work.

Closing Remarks:

New co-presidents, Meredith and Gerry thanked the board and extended a special thanks to Leonard Nelson. Recognition was extended to Sandy for all her leadership. A small thank you was presented. Gerry encouraged people to attend the state meeting at the Embassy Suites.

NEXT MEETING:

AUGUST 7TH: PICNIC AT BEAR CREEK PARK: 11:00am

John passed around a summary sheet of the budget. There is a balance of \$17,055.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;

Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary