



## Board Meeting March 7, 2015

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:53 am by Martha Cirata. Also attending were Julie Ginocchio, Ingrid Eccles, Linda Schwoob, Eileen Hacker, Meri McEneny, Carol Eyre, Nancy Cline and Patricia Watters (by conference line). Martha and Nancy reviewed the guidelines for conducting a meeting with a conference line.

**Meeting Notes:** Julie moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held January 8, 2015. Ingrid seconded. The motion passed. A motion was made by Linda to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held February 12, 2015 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Meri and carried. A statement will be added to reflect Susan Lynnes-Parks withdrawing her resignation since the insurance issues were resolved.

### **Branch Leadership Structure:**

The **purpose** of this discussion is to determine how we will manage going forward and fill the open leadership positions. The positions must be filled by election and cannot be carried out by volunteers.

The following **positions are open:**

President-elect

Programs – Carol Eyre requested a partner due to her hearing loss.

Secretary

Treasurer

The following **positions are filled:**

President – Martha Cirata – on the condition President-elect is filled.

Communications – Patricia Watters (Julie Ginocchio moved and it was seconded to approve Patricia's position as Communications Officer in excess of two consecutive years – See Bylaws Article VI, Section I, D (January 26, 2014)).

Membership – Julie Ginocchio and Meri McEneny

Nominating Cmte – Jan Potter, Carol Eyre, Nancy Cline

Girls State – Ingrid Eccles

Tech Trek – Eileen Hacker – requested a partner –suggested she contact Ann Folsom

**Alternatives** were discussed:

**Establish President/Facilitator, Secretary, Treasurer** – this doesn't gain us much since these are the positions open

**Share Responsibilities** with other branches – Patricia described how the branches share programs within the Paso Robles area- one branch finds the venue the other manages the program. The Truckee branch does not offer general meetings. Incline is the only alternative and it was decided to table this idea.

**Pull out of National and State** and join TLC (Tahoe League for Charity a 501 C(3) tax exempt organization) since we have many of the same members. This can also work in reverse. Linda Schwoob to pursue the level of interest with TLC and bring back to the board for future discussion. She will also investigate the difference between a c(3) and a c(4) organization.

**Dissolve** – no one wanted to pursue this option yet.

Next Steps:

1. We will present the results of this discussion at the general meeting primarily looking for candidates for our open positions. (Martha)
2. Provide the open and filled position information to the nominating committee along with estimates on time commitment per month as provided by Linda Schwoob (Nancy)
3. Identify which positions have black binders with the duties outlined (Martha)
4. Pursue differences between 501 c(3) and 501 c(4) tax exempt status (Linda)
5. Pursue interest with TLC (Linda)
6. Make sure the new board understands their responsibilities and commitments (Martha)

**Membership:** Julie reported we currently have 65 members. Julie requested an additional person to help with renewals and applications during the summer months. A request will go out to the membership.

**Snowfest:** Julie reported we will receive approximately \$488 from Snowfest. This is less than the \$750 budgeted amount.

**Fundraising ideas:** Nancy reported Petra will be holding their “Cheers for Charity” again this year. Alternative dates were presented and the board decided on May 22, 2015. The cost is \$50 which will be presented to the general membership for a rough estimate of attendees. Patricia will assist Nancy with accepting reservations.

Linda Schwoob reminded the board members that Kiwanis gave \$500 to NT AAUW on the condition that we would purchase tickets/attend their fundraiser in May. Linda will inquire about future grants from Kiwanis.

The next board meeting will be held April 9, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.

Nancy Cline, Recording Secretary

Approved: nhc 4/28/2015