



General Meeting
April 14, 2016
Incline Village Community Hospital

There were 14 members present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Martha Cirata at 1:10 pm. Christine Marsh-Madden presented a very interesting lecture on tea! She explained the history of tea, which included the fact that it was first used for medicinal purposes about 2,500 years BC in China! Christine demonstrated her own tea sets from China, Japan and a silver service that would be used in Great Britain for afternoon tea or high tea. One fascinating object that she showed us was a “tea brick.” Most of us had not heard of this before. It was used in ancient times for trading purposes or to enjoy on a long desert trek. A lively conversation ensued and the program was very well received.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the General Meeting on March 10, 2016 were read and approved as submitted.

Reports:

Finance – There was no report but we will vote on the proposed budget later in the meeting.

Programs - We will host our inter-branch meeting, a high tea at Carol Eyre’s at 4pm on Thursday, May 12. The cost will be \$25. Our caterer is charging us \$15/person and the remainder will be profit for our programs. Reservations with fee are required ahead of time and should be submitted to Meri McEneny. So far, none of our members have made reservations but some members of other branches have made reservations. Our speaker will be a former Tech Trek young lady who is graduating from UCD and applying to medical school.

Membership – Meri McEneny reported that there are currently 65 members with one former member considering re-joining.

Communications – Current directories are now available for pick up/purchase. Johnnie Lee Don has four directories left.

Tech Trek – Meri McEneny reported that interviews were conducted on Wednesday, 3/16 and six were chosen to attend. Since this program is intended to generate interest in STEM in young women who might not have considered a career in these fields but have the potential to excel, three were not chosen because they were overqualified and already knew what career they wanted to pursue as well as the university they wanted to attend. Meri and Ruth Arizaga-Whisler will make certain that the parents of the chosen students complete the on-line registration.

Girls State – Johnnie Lee Don reported that the young lady chosen has confirmation on her reservation to attend.

Old Business:

Open Position on the Board for 2016-2017 – All positions are filled except president-elect. A fervent request was made for someone to volunteer for this position today or soon. Martha Cirata

explained that it is hard to fill all of the positions with a relatively small group of women. She proposes that we need to launch a successful membership drive.

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2016-2017. The slate of officers was announced at the March 10th general meeting, and then sent to the membership via email at least 30 days before the today's meeting for their review. Today Meri McEneny moved that these proposed officers be instated to these positions on the Board for 2016-2017. Christine Marsh-Madden seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

There was discussion whether we should only vote if there were two or more candidates vying for the same position. After discussion, it was decided to continue voting for the Board members each year, even if there was only one candidate for each position.

By-Laws – The proposed changes to the By-laws were reviewed at the March 10 general meeting and copies of the changes sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to voting on them at today's meeting. Today Meri McEneny moved that the proposed by-law changes be accepted and Julie Ginocchio seconded the motion. The changes were unanimously approved.

2016-2017 Budget – The 2016-17 Proposed Budget was reviewed at the March 10 general meeting and copies of the budget were sent to the membership. Today Meri McEneny moved that we accept the budget for 2016-2017. Linda Larish seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Renewal Letter - Martha Cirata explained that a revised renewal letter will soon be sent out to all members. Members are invited to contribute an extra \$100 or more during the member renewal process and indicate on the form how they would like the monies distributed. Muffy Betker suggested we consider a Century Club and that each member who contributed \$100 or more would receive a certificate or some other recognition. The suggestion was well received.

Interest Groups:

Book Club – They will meet on the last Tuesday of the month (4/26). The book for this month is Tahoe Beneath the Surface. Marion Adams will host and it will take place at noon at her home.

Bridge – There was no report available.

Gourmet – No report was available. Some disappointment was expressed due to membership and number of dinners shrinking. Shirley Cabo and Julie Ginocchio have discussed this by phone and one solution might be to start inviting substitutes. Also, the group needs promoting as some members have indicated that the dinners are really fun and an opportunity to get to know one another better.

Great Decisions – They will meet on Tuesday, 4/19 at 10am at Tahoe Yacht Club. The topic will be Migration and it will be moderated by Shirley Nelson. Julie Ginocchio and Linda Larish will provide snacks.

In Stitches – They will meet Wednesday, 5/18 for a salad luncheon.

Friday Night Cocktails – Johnnie Lee Don reported these will resume in June on the 24th at Burnt Cedar beach. It may be a late St. Paddy's Day celebration. More information will be available soon.

Other Business:

Petra Dinner – this will be on April 21 at 6pm and will cost \$50. So far there have only been 29 reservations made and at least 30 must reserve in order for Petra to honor our reservations. Please RSVP to Martha Cirata if you can attend.

Adjournment: 2:50pm

Announcements:

1. Sarah Malin MD, a former member is in a memory care facility. Her contact information is available if anyone would like to send a card. A group photo was taken after the meeting and will be sent to Sarah.
2. There will be a Celebration of Life for Marie Sluchak, a former member, on 5/1/16.
3. Bruce, husband of Mary Summers, a former member, has died.
4. The Truckee Tahoe Community Chorus is presenting two concerts, Sing for Joy. One is on Saturday, 4/23 at 1:00pm and the other on Sunday, 4/24 at 4:00pm. They will both be held in the new Assumption Catholic church on Alder in Truckee. The tickets can be purchased at various places plus on-line at www.truckeechorus.org or at the door.
5. Meri McEneny suggested we have more social events to be able to get to know one another better outside of meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Larish, Recording Secretary

Approved: 6/9/16