

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF LAKEVIEW

Business Meeting Minutes – 12 p.m. September 15, 2026

Elks Lodge – 923 No F Street, Lakeview, OR 97630

WELCOME

PRESIDING: President Charley Tracy

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Charley Tracy at 12:07 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Charley Tracy, Mikell Newton, Gloria Stringer, Maggie Shockcor, Judy Graham, Kit Collins, and Ceci Farmen

Members: Mary Bradbury, Catherine Callaghan, Tia Cartwright, Hannah Cremin, Gina Dally, Teresa Decker, Chantal Dugied, Lili Frank, Patsy Hall, Nina Hardin, Debe Lightle, Sue McNeley, Joyce Mobley-Matthews, Christine Newton, Lisa Pike, Stefani Roseberry, Ann Sabin, Kim Scheafer, Suzanne Steward, Marie Tucker, Deanna Walls, Anita Ward, and Lissa Webbon. Guest: Jennifer Simpson

Quorum: Yes

SOROPTIMIST GRACE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRAGS

MINUTES

A motion was made by Stefani Roseberry and seconded by Deanna Walls to accept the minutes for the June 2, 2026, as emailed by Secretary Lana Castel. Motioned carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

No business correspondence was received.

President Charley requested that members pick up member handbooks available on the counter to her left.

Christine Newton noted a correction to the email address listed for her; it should be notwen0202@gmail.com

President Charley also asked members to fill out the Menu Surveys available on each table and return to Gloria. Jess, Downtown Café, is asking for input,

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maggie, reported updates regarding the recent financial statements:

- June Dues and Balances: June's report was finished by Mary Bradbury and submitted in July. A double dues payment was made to Soroptimist International, which temporarily lowered our July balance. Since this was refunded in August, our August balance reflects the corrected amount.
- Transposed Line Item: As Judy pointed out, there is a \$14,162 line item at the bottom of each month's report. This was transposed from the end-of-June reports and can be disregarded for now.
- Scholarship Payments Allocation: The scholarship checks were written in July but belong to the previous fiscal year ending June 30. Keeping the \$3,200 amount in this fiscal year's budget will cause an overage. Stefani Roseberry suggested this amount be adjusted and moved so it is recorded under the previous fiscal year. President Charley asked Treasurer Maggie to make the adjustment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- (Note: committee assignments are online)

Ways and Means Committee: Chair Kim Schaefer reported that the committee had a meeting last Thursday and will meet in October to vote. Committee agreed to move forward with four (4) main fundraising events: Holiday Luncheon, Irish Days changed to Irish Days & Temptations, Cow Patty Bingo, and Corks, Crafts, and Confections.

Baked goods alone sold at last year's Irish Days event brought in \$939. The consensus is to include food sales featuring baked goods to boost our fundraising efforts. A popular suggestion is to host a food event and possibly sell Irish coffees at the Alger Theater Annex (or another suitable location). The planning committee for each event would finalize the official event names moving forward.

The committee is hoping for new volunteers to chair/co-chair the food portion of these events (specifically Irish Days and Corks, Crafts, and Confections) to maintain momentum and ensure long-term succession. Anyone interested should contact Suzanne Steward or Nina Hardin. Suzanne and Nina will provide support through the transition and guidance.

Audit Committee: Lissa Webbon reported that the audit committee had some difficulty scheduling a time for everyone to meet, so Darien and Lissa completed the audit of Mary's books. They found everything to be in excellent order with no discrepancies. We are now completing the necessary paperwork to send to Sia.

SIA Awards/Education Committee: President Charley shared a reminder to Mary Bradbury, chair, that the SIA Live Your Dream Awards are coming up soon. Mikell Newton advised that she sent an email to committee members regarding scheduling to meet.

October Lunch Committee: Chair Debe Lightle requested that committee members stay after the business meeting for meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

3 Club Meeting: President Charley followed up on last year's discussion about organizing a joint social get-together with the Rotary Club and the Lions Club to gauge member interest. Following a discussion, it was suggested that a standalone event might work better than hosting it during the Elks' Taco Night, perhaps tying it to an upcoming holiday like Halloween or Christmas. Joyce Mobley-Matthews and Deanna Walls offered to help coordinate with Rotary and Lions Clubs.

SIA District 2 Meeting October 23-25: President Charley reported that the SIA District 2 meeting is scheduled for October 23rd through the 25th in Sunriver. Since all of the officers will be away during this time, the board is looking for delegates who would like to attend on behalf of our club. The club will cover the costs for hotel accommodations and registration. If you are interested in going, please let President Charley know as soon as possible to complete the registration.

NEW BUSINESS

September School Supply Month: President Charley reminded members about this month is our school supply drive, which runs through the end of the month. Ceci Farmen will collect your school supply donations and/or cash here and she will turn them in to Bonnie.

Thanksgiving Week: President Charley mentioned that the November Lunch committee asked whether we plan to meet during Thanksgiving week (November 24th). Historically, we have canceled the meeting that week. Following a discussion, President Charley agreed to address this topic, as well as the December 22nd and 29th meeting dates, before the next board meeting in October.

Bingo Machine: President Charley reported that the Elks Club wants us to know that they are using our bingo machine for their once-a-month Friday Bingo night. No objections noted. Lisa Pike added that the Elks have been using our bingo supplies and are willing to buy Bingo supplies at \$34 per box and to purchase additional cards and daubers. Lisa also asked if our club would be interested in selling the bingo machine. After a brief discussion, President Charley will bring this up before the board at the October meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Schultz announced that Hall Ford is participating in a food drive. The goal is to fill a truck at Hall Ford with food supplies that will be picked up by a Rotary Club member at the end of the month and taken to the local food pantry. For every 3 cans donated you will get a ticket for a drawing to win a \$250 Safeway gift card.

OTHER BUSINESS

Past President Judy Graham asked about date changes for the Programs of Service applications. President Charley agreed to allow for member discussion and after a lengthy discussion, a Motion was made by Judy Graham and seconded by Lissa Webbon that the Programs of Service applications be opened on October 15th and that they close on January 31st. Motion carries; a Quorum is present.

It was recommended that the Programs of Service committee and the Bylaws committee meet to determine wording for Bylaws change and for changes to the application to bring it forth at the next business meeting for voting. The logistics of applicant presentations will be determined by the Programs of Service committee along with each monthly committee prior to acceptance of applications by the Programs of Service committee. (Per Mikell Newton there are 3 applicants waiting.)

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Secretary Gloria Stringer

