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through programs leading to social  
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## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF LAKEVIEW

# Business Meeting Minutes

Elks Lodge - Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

### WELCOME:

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Soroptimist Grace, The Pledge of Allegiance

Guests - none

Braggs

President, Debe Lightle called meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE:

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Members: Kathy Tacke, Nora Taylor, Deanna Walls, Lissa Webbon, Sandra Wenzel, Nicki Alves, Mary Bradbury, Kit Collins, Sharon Faulkner, Sally Fitzgerald, Tillie Flynn, Judy, Graham, Patsy Hall, Debe Lightle, Sue McNeley, Stefanie Roseberry, Ann Sabin, Kim Scheafer, Maggie Shockcor, Janine Simms, Barb Simpson, Teresa Squires, Suzanne Steward, Shiela Strubel

### MINUTES:

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Approval of February 6, 2024, business meeting minutes. Lissa Webbon moved to approve minutes as presented. Sue McNealy seconded the motion. All in favor, approved by membership.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

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None

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

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Treasurer Judy, in February we had an income of \$639.00, expenses totaling \$871.99 and an ending balance of \$7,307.45. Today, added \$13 in additional February raffle dollars, which totals \$7,320.45. We received a \$500 refund from the College of Southern Idaho that Nick Maita attended due to him changing schools. Now we will have \$500 extra to spend this year. \$50 was sent to the Westside cemetery for Ann Tracy. Paid Sue McNealy for the annual web hosting of \$21.99. The invoice for the SI Federation Convention fee of \$800.00 came in and was paid. We budgeted \$600 but had to pay \$800 for increased dues. Ladies have done an amazing job with raffles and brags; we are over budget. Judy mentioned that we are out of coffee cups and coffee, she will purchase those items. However, we budgeted \$300, and we spent \$240 to date. We will be real tight on that line item. We may want to increase that this next budget cycle. The financial report balances to the budget and the checkbook.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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**Nominating Committee:** Stefanie Roseberry, Teresa Decker, and Deanna Walls. Nominees will be presented in March. Deanna presented slate of officers today, votes occur at the April business meeting. Nominations and accepted: Judy Graham as President, Charley Tracy as Vice President, Shiela Strubel as Treasurer, Lana Castel as

Secretary, Debe become Past President, Ann Sabin stays as board member and Kim Scheafer as new board member.

**Budget Committee:** The next meeting is March 12 after lunch. Committee meets and prepares proposed new budget in March. Committee presents proposed new budget in April and members vote on budget in May. Patsy Hall is chair of the committee.

#### OPEN/OLD BUSINESS:

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**High Desert Basin Meeting:** Debe shared that herself, Ann Sabin, and Past President Janine Simms attended the Zoom call on February 28, 2024, at Janine Simms's house. Those present were Ann Sabin, President Debe Lightle and Past President Janine Simms. In attendance were also Klamath Falls, Bend and D#2 Director Catherine Dorn, Secretary Sarah Elmer, Jacilyn Margeson and Theresa H-Vanderschoot. There were introductions and they got to know each other. Klamath Falls has 55 members and Bend has 20. Debe shared their experience from the meeting. It sounds as though Klamath Falls meets once a month and has a theme for each month.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

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1. **Special Lunch:** Mary Bradbury was trying to arrange a for lunch at the Senior Center and we canceled due to it being the week we are not meeting – spring break. Mary will help April committee to arrange a special lunch outside of the Elks Lodge.
2. **Reminder:** We are not meeting spring break, March 26.
3. **Lunch Organization:** Discussion about the secretary and the lunch count arrangement. We are looking for a volunteer to help with this. Consider a separate lunch person or appoint one person on each monthly committee. Open discussion was had; we heard several suggestions and questions.

Deanna Walls reminded membership to stand and address Debe as “President” Debe when speaking.

Mary Bradbury announced that we should all think about Jessica serving us and membership supporting her. She mentioned that maybe this catering system isn't working, or we should ask what people don't like?

Tillie mentioned that if set up with the monthly committee, we are looking at a lot of error. Some committees are small. She suggested that it might make more sense to have one person in charge of it. We need to put the responsibility back on the professional women of our membership. Maybe you choose to whether you are eating or not for the whole month at the beginning of the month?

Patsy Hall spoke and mentioned that she will be coming back and forth from Mexico, and she was wondering if it makes sense for her to stay as a member or not. She feels that the lunch organization has a lot of email correspondence that goes on she would be willing to take this on this coming year since she won't be boots on the ground as much as she has been. She is offering that she would be involved with Jess for the menu and let the membership know that and coordinate the lunch count with Jess. She is volunteering for the whole year since she won't be able to take on a monthly committee. She thinks this could fulfill her part in giving time to this organization. Ann Sabin and Debe Lightle volunteered to be the back-up person in Patsy's absence. Deanna Walls suggested that the position be added to the slate of officers – Lunch Coordinator.

Discussion on feedback to why some aren't eating. Has feedback been offered to Jess? Maybe a set menu that is rotated monthly or bimonthly? Maybe conduct a survey of what we like as a membership to simplify? Figure out what our favorites are, work with Patsy before we start in the fall.

Judy Graham suggested that we raise the price to \$15 per lunch instead of \$14 to give her a little boost. It might also help with making change. Membership agreed to increase to \$15 starting in the fall of 2024.

4. **Rummage Sale/Trash & Treasures:** Charley Tracy announced: The event is being postponed to June 8 & 9, due to the weather and the Elk's broken door. Shiela to send notification out. Therefore, Deanna Walls had made her biscotti and is presenting to sell it today, dollars earned will go to the club - \$10 each, she has 5 packages of 9. All sold.
5. **Email:** Warning – be aware of some junk mail coming though. Don't open it, mark as SPAM, delete and report it.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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##### Soroptimist Announcements –

1. **Kentucky Derby:** Tillie mentioned that the Kentucky Derby will have sign-up sheets next week. The event will be May 4, 2024. We asked the Elks if they would consider having a dinner. We will have hors d'oeuvre and specialty drinks.
2. **Senior Girl's Luncheon Committee:** Charley and Patsy would like to meet with the committee today for a few items of discussion. There will be 46 senior girls attending this year.
3. Mary Bradbury suggested that we give a thank you to Lisa Pike for her assistance with the monthly decorations and set-up from the Elks.
4. Sally Fitzgerald: Cow Pie Bingo will be the morning of the Kentucky Derby, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. so you will have time to go home and get ready for the Derby. Tickets are ordered, they will be here soon, and we can start selling them.
5. Lissa Webbon: Bylaws committee is meeting here this afternoon.

##### Community Announcements –

1. Lisa Pike: March 16 is the Pub Crawl and Irish Days Dinner. There is a sign-up sheet to assist in serving dinner.
2. Kathy Tacke: O'Buttons for Irish Days are on sale for \$5 each, you can purchase today or come by the Chamber of Commerce. The button will give you a discount if worn in business participating in the Irish Days O'Button sale. Kathy has the Irish Days events schedule if you'd like a copy.

##### Soroptimist Pledge

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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The next business meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Debe Lightle, President

Shiela Strubel, Secretary