

**THE VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President, Nancy Gerdt, at 6:30 pm.

In attendance: Dixie Mitchell-Clow, Michele Mosher, Hilary Stanley, Sanda Speigel, Sheila Delany, Nancy Macy, Karen Burman., Dusty Gipson, Nancy Gerdt, Dona Ziel.

**Agenda:** Sheila asked that we add the Audit Report

**Minutes of previous meeting:** approved by Board

**Hammer Marcum Report:** Nancy M. reported that plans were moving along "swimmingly". Flowers to be provided by Camp Joy for \$150.00. Deserts being donated by Bruce and Jerry Oneto. Politicians have been called for information on awardees. Sign-up sheets were distributed for people to volunteer to work on the event. So far, two people have paid to attend the event.

**RC Budget report.** Michele reported on meeting to carefully review budget. Nancy explained some details and answered questions.

**Membership Update:** Nancy G. reported on change in person who managed membership data base and membership email broadcasts. Gretchen of Mountain Art Center has been identified as someone who has experience in managing a database like ours. A new process is planned such that memberships will run from year to year from date of payment. Renewal letter will reflect the date renewal is due. Nancy G. contacted IContact - a web-based email distribution service. We would have a log-in and password. We would only have to type in message and they (IContact) would send to each email address individually. The service tracks who reads each email. It also offers subscribers the opportunity to unsubscribe. The cost will be \$10.00 - 12.00 per month. Dixie will be back up. Nancy G. to meet with Donna and Dixie to train on IContact. The Board then reviewed the rules about email distribution to membership.

**Budget:** Sheila summarized first quarter P & L. We are currently operating over budget, mostly due to personnel costs. Nancy will check with Beth to determine if she is still interested in continuing to do the annual budget. It was suggested that the quarterly report be reviewed the month after the quarter closes prior to presenting to the Board.

**Printing:** Printing of VWC reports, newsletters, budgets, etc. have been produced by various services in and outside of the Valley. A discussion ensued as to services and costs.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education Committee:** Dusty reported that bags are ready except for library material. Dusty had not received a response from the libraries. Kindergarten Round-up is to be held at SLE on April 17 from 8:30 - 3:00. Dusty will go to staff an informational table for the VWC and to distribute Ready for School bags. Donna will come early to help.

**Membership:** Membership brochures and envelopes were distributed to Board members to address and invite friends to join.

**Newsletter:** Copy deadline for next newsletter: May 15. It was noted that the earliest donations could be accepted by Hilary for the Rummage Sale is June 1. Items should go to the Water District office where the rummage sale is held. Call Hilary before bringing items.

**New Leaf Community Day.** Michele distributed a sign-up sheet for April 30 at both sites.

**DVD Life of Rachel Carson.** Nancy M. has this DVD and wants to share it. She will review and decide if she wants us to sponsor distribution of it.

**Shed.** Donna explained the process to access the shed for those who are new to the Board. She distributed keys to the shed to those who did not yet have them.

**Survivor Healing Center:** Michele shared a request for a donation and a presentation. The Board decided to request them to present to us in July. Michele will invite them.

**Community Connections:** Sheila spoke regarding Nancy Gordon, **General Services Director** for the County.

**Felton Library Friends:** Michele announced the fifth annual SLV Poetry Contest on April 29 at Felton Community Hall.

**SLV Chamber of Commerce** is to hold a mixer at the new Satellite center in Felton. Barbara Sprenger has created a "very cool" venue with lots of great services for those who typically work from home.

**Mountain Parks** will hold Crazy Hat event on June 20 -21.

Hilary asked for people to plan to help on June 13 for the **rummage sale**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: May 12. Food: Hilary, Vince and Sanda