

**Reports:**

Secretary- corrections to minutes?

At non-business meetings, write a brief summary of the event and who attended.

Finance-Sasha- current balance - \$4737.74 Fiscal year runs July 1- June 30

The yard sale earned almost \$1000

Sasha passed out the budget for review. We will vote on it at the November meeting. If we choose not to have Women's Celebration income and expenses will be adjusted. Sasha will send the budget out to everyone. Next year we will approve the budget in the Spring.

Membership-Debby

Membership- We had four guests attend the meeting at Zephyr. I will contact them this week to see if they would like to attend the next meeting on the 5th and encourage them to complete the membership paperwork. At this point we have 31 paid members.

Please continue to invite prospective members.

Funds- Debby Funds year runs January1 – December 31

Funds- our branch has raised nearly \$800 so far this year. I recently received a packet of info from association that listed some sub-funds that members may want to contribute to as their contributions would be further directed to their desired fund. Example: Fund # 4371 directs funds to Teck Trek for STEM camps rather than just saying you want your contribution to go to the Educational Opportunities Fund. I will be using this information at the December fundraiser.

Programs- Patty

The list of meeting dates and programs were sent out in September. They will also be in the Directory.

A memorial book in remembrance of Nancy Peyron was donated to the Baker County Library. Loca-vesting, about investing (money, time, effort) in your local community, what it looks like, and how it affects one's own community.

**Directory-** Sasha is working on the Directory

**Crossroads Gala**

The Board voted to donate a taboe centerpiece for the Crossroads Gala, October 17 "GI Jive – A 1940's USO Show" – our centerpiece will be a Rosie the Riveter theme. Patty will get a picture, Sasha will donate a movie, Dixie will get some patriotic items. Ann has some WWII memorabilia. If you or anyone you know has any WWII era memorabilia that they would like to donate, we are open to all. The centerpiece will be a door prize, so no items will be returned. Photos, postcards, ration stamps or books, anything would be appreciated.

**Women's Celebration- see next page for ideas we discussed**

Do we move forward? If not what will we do to fundraise for local projects?

Women's event- input from a member - Not sure whether we honestly have the drive and manpower to pull it off on our own. There's a part of me that says we had a good run for 20+ years and we should just leave things alone and not try to put on another event; retire the event knowing we had some really good events. If the majority feels like they want to move forward

with another event I feel we need to recruit additional manpower from other women's organizations here in town. Too few members of the branch do the labor.

**Pay Equity Day** -- Be thinking about ideas

**Ontario Branch** –We would like to do something special to connect better with our Ontario members: suggestions- Go to Ontario for lunch? Special invite to December meeting, or another function, or meeting.

Any ideas from members? Any ideas from you ladies in Ontario.

### **Announcements**

District Meeting in LG was cancelled- not enough people. It might be rescheduled for Spring, or have a meeting at Convention in April in Medford

Next meeting – Monday October 5, Coffee at 6:15, program starts at 6:30.

Terry McQuisten- history of the Eltrym Theater

**Attending:** Dixie Driggers, Patty Bogart, Sasha Gazley, Ann Clark

### **Women's Celebration**

It has gone through many forms in the last 20+ years. We think it is time to simplify.

We still like the theme we were planning to use last year--

Women minding their own business(es)

Featuring Baker County businesses owned by women

- Rather than members set tables, that can be done by the caterer. Members can provide centerpieces, that can be used as door prizes.
- Rather than a dinner, have desserts. Maybe make it an evening of chocolate and wine (with coffee, tea, and non-alcoholic beverages as well)
- The evening does not have to include a fundraiser, but:
- We could auction sweets, chocolates, chocolate sculpture.
- Have just a few large auction or raffle items- several people go together to create a large basket. A cheesecake/fudge/a dessert a month for a year...
- It could be more informal, with people moving between tables of finger foods/desserts and auction/raffle items. This would provide more social time and visiting
- Rather than a formal speaker or program, we could have music and possible the Bel Canto choir or other choirs from the High School.
- Venue is an issue – Senior Center has been problematic the last few years for set up and cleanliness, other options are more expensive. Ideas?
- Suggestions?

At the October 5 meeting we will be asking for people to commit to helping with the Celebration. We really need a person to step up and be Coordinator to oversee the event organization. This is not the person to do all the work, it is the person to coordinate tasks and volunteers.

Some jobs we will need filled – I am sure I have forgotten some  
It would be great to have a person in charge of each area, plus several people to assist them.

Coordinator – Co-coordinator

Organize centerpieces

Entertainment

Venue

Catering

Organize fundraiser

Advertising/tickets

Decorating

REMEMBER- Many hands make light work!  
Thank you!!!