

Woman's Club of Sweetwater County

April Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings

MEETING

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

General:

Tuesday, April 18th, at 11:30 a.m. at the White Mountain Library, Potluck lunch. Hostesses are Maggie Choate and Cindy Moore

The May General meeting is on May 16th and will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Log Inn, 12 Purple Sage Road in Rock Springs. This is the last meeting before summer break; regular club meetings will resume in September.

Literature:

On May 9th, Literature & Busy Hands will have an end of the year get-together. Location to be determined.

Busy Hands:

Tuesday, April 25th, at the White Mountain Library at 1:00 p.m. A combined meeting/party will take place on May 9th with Literature. Location: TBD

Board:

The next Board meeting is on Thursday, May 4th, at 10:30 a.m. at the White Mountain Library. Lynn Mornar will chair the meeting.

Earth Day is coming up on April 22 and here are some ideas on how to celebrate it:

- Educate your community on ways to help the earth at a local park.
- Start a craft project that uses recycled materials.
- Connect with your local Clean and Beautiful initiative and local park or forest rangers to be a participant in an event.
- Scouting programs are a wonderful way to work with young people to offer an Earth Day event.
- Find ways to keep your water sources clean and share with your community during April.
- Remember: Earth Day should be celebrated every day, not just April 22!

Our May clean-up day at exit 107 is TBD, but Michelle Smith is working on it.

International Day will be at Bunning Park in Rock Springs on July 8th. Volunteers are needed to sign up for two-hour increments, including helping set up and taking down of the booth and tent. A sign-up sheet will be at the next General Meeting.

The Alzheimer's Golf Tournament is on June 27th. We will be donating a basket for the raffle.

Project Hope: Commerce Bank sponsored it for this past year, and they need assistance in helping those students in the school district who are homeless. Approximately 150 kids are considered homeless, and 35 of these are unaccompanied youth. Commerce Bank took on the project for one year and we don't know who will take it on for the next year. If you have any of the following items to donate, please bring contact Tiffany Erramouspe or Robin Allen at Commerce Bank of Wyoming at 307-362-4455:

Monetary donations, gas cards, gift cards, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, feminine products, coats, underwear, socks, t-shirts, duffle bags, or any of the basic day-to-day items we take for granted.

Old Business

- Reminder that annual dues of \$30.00 are payable by June 1st. If dues are not paid by June 30th, your membership will be dropped at the August Board meeting.
- It was noted that the columbarium bench is through the American Legion, and not directly through the VA, as previously stated. The columbarium is for veterans, however.

New Business

- ❖ Writer's Inc. prize – April Dittman made a motion to create a basket for this organization and Leslie Jo Gatti seconded. Motion passed.
- ❖ Leslie Jo Gatti will do the President's Report for the State Conference.
- ❖ A list of items requested by the VA is attached to this email; for members receiving this newsletter by mail, a list has been enclosed.
- ❖ Name tag sleeves purchase. Marcia Volner investigated purchasing new name tags from Walmart and Staples. Walmart was significantly cheaper. A motion was made to purchase said name tags; this was seconded and passed.
- ❖ Please let Marcia Volner know if you are willing to take over the Yearbook and Memberships responsibilities. Marcia has been the go-to person for many of the club's activities and would like someone to take over these two functions, while she continues in her other roles. Both areas go well together and involve keeping the yearbook updated and membership applications submitted for approval.
- ❖ Edna Larsen made a motion to reimburse Marcia for her expenses in putting together baskets for various organizations. It was seconded and approved. Edna also suggested making it a line item for the budget, in the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion passed unanimously and will be presented at the next general meeting.
- ❖ Office supplies line item in the budget was also increased by \$100 to help offset the costs of mailing and ink cartridges.

New officers: we have all the spots filled except for the President.

President: position open

Vice President: Kimberly Kellum

Corresponding Secretary: Charlene Stillion

Treasurer: Sue Arguello

Auditor: Annette Burkey

Recording Secretary: Lynn Mornar

At the Board Meeting on April 11, 2023, a motion was made (and passed) by Sue Arguello to approve the following donations:

Ray Lovato Recycling Center: \$100

The Alzheimer's Walk: \$200. The walk will be on Saturday, August 26th. We will donate a basket for this event. It was suggested that we get a team together to walk.

Dr. Haque Dental: \$300. This helps support dental surgery for children whose families cannot afford it.

St. Christopher's Highway Travel Assistance: \$200. This organization has been greatly taxed due to the rough winter and large number of stranded travelers.

Power of the Purse for Hospice: \$300. Marcia Volner has donated six purses, and April Dittman is going to donate additional purses.

Art Box: \$150. More money is needed to decorate utility boxes in the community.

Western Wyoming Family Planning: \$300 plus basket. On October 21st, the WWFP will host a masked ball to raise money.

The McKenzie Home: TMH will also be having a fundraiser dinner in the Spring of 2024. Donating to this cause will be discussed at the Board meeting following Holiday House.

The Food Bank of Sweetwater County: \$250. The need for food assistance has been rising each year in our community.

Cow decoration: \$\$200. Members with artistic talents are encouraged to help decorate a cow to be displayed at an appropriate location.

These donations will be voted on at the April General Meeting.

A motion was made by Edna Larsen to use money set aside in the by-laws to be divided evenly among those going to the Wyoming State Convention. It was seconded and approved.

Sundance Academy – This is a new concept for grades K through 12. It will be for kids who are not thriving in the school district. The school district will either lease a building or repurpose the Washington School in Rock Springs. Marcia Volner suggested inviting a speaker to one of our future general meetings to explain the plans for this school.

Fundraising

As a club, we are always gathering the following items to donate:

Dimes – We will continue to strive for the Mile of Dimes for the *March of Dimes*.

Operation Smile – at each General Meeting, we will collect monetary donations for this organization.

Child Development Center – Bring children’s books, used printer cartridges, greeting card fronts (no writing on back) and new envelopes, and give to Maggie Choate.

Red Desert Humane Society – Aluminum cans can be brought to the General Meeting and given to Leslie Jo Gatti.

Ronald McDonald House – Bring aluminum pull tabs to the General Meeting and give to Leslie Jo Gatti, who will then bring them to the Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake City.

State Information

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