

General Meeting for Women for a Better Louisiana

Wednesday, September 11, 2011

Lake Marina Towers, 300 Lake Marina Drive, New Orleans, LA

The following members were at attendance:

Diana Bulot
Alicia Davis
Myrtle Dubea
Maria Falco

Charlotte Felt
Francois Hocevar
Linda Kraus

Rose Mogabgab
Nancy Simoneaux
Christine Trevett

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am. Minutes of the last board meeting, held on January 26th, were accepted as distributed by Nancy Simoneaux and seconded by Alicia Davis. Myrtle Dubea read the Treasurer's report. She advised we made \$268 on the raffle at the May Luncheon which has been placed in the hospitality account (as agreed at the last meeting). There is \$8,425.70 in the Child Advocacy Account, \$5,451.49 in the General Fund, and \$429.89 in the Hospitality Account, which provides a total of \$14,307.48 in the bank.

The following topics were discussed:

- Nancy Simoneaux advised that she would like someone to take over the duties of the Membership Chair. Rose Mogabgab graciously accepted the position.
- Linda Kraus reminded the members to look over the information Nancy brought to the meeting and placed on the coffee table. The information covered such things as past accomplishments of WBL, pamphlets developed by WBL and news articles.
- Nancy Simoneaux reviewed the current and future expenses for Child Advocacy as follows
 - ✓ Ordered (by request) repair kit for instruments, sets of drum sticks for youngest students and straps to hold drums for "Roots of Music" brass band which helps underprivileged Afro-American children ages 8-14 years - \$565.00
 - ✓ Printed 250 booklets "It's OK to Tell" for New Orleans Child Advocacy Center (NOCAC)- \$233.45
 - ✓ Printed copies of "Teen and Child at Court" - \$21.75
 - ✓ Snacks and drinks for NOCAC - \$121.47
 - ✓ Snacks and supplies for NOPD Child Abuse - \$47.07
 - ✓ Science Fair Board requested donations to assist in the cost for staging the Science Fair - \$500.00
- Charlotte Felt read an article regarding a book written by Richard Bernstein, "Duped America: How Democrats and the Main Stream Media Have Duped the American People And Are Harming Our Country".
- Members were shown a copy of a proclamation given to Women for a Better Louisiana by the Council of the City of New Orleans on August 4, 1994 an e-mail from Emile "Peppi" Bruneau thanking Nancy and Margaret Ransone for recognizing him and John Hainkel in their efforts to change the law regarding unlawful disposal of a human body; thank you letter from NOCAC for

donating “Teen and Child Witness” pamphlets and “It’s OK to Tell” activity books; thank you note from Girls First for our donation last May.

- Developed the calendar for the upcoming year as follows

November 16, 2011 – 11:00 am – Lake Marina Towers

December 4, 2011 – WBL Tea held at Chateau Country Club

January 18, 2012 – 11:00 am – Lake Marina Towers – Nominate and Elect Officers

April 18, 2012 – 11:00 am – Lake Marina Towers

May 23, 2012 – WBL Luncheon held at Southern Yacht Club

- Members were asked to think of projects that WBL could be actively involved, preferably legislative issues. We will discuss further at the November meeting.
- Charlotte advised the next legislative session for Louisiana State government is in April. Members agreed we should start attending these sessions again. We will discuss further at the January meeting.
- Discussed donations for the raffle at the December Tea. Linda requested that each member attempt to get a donation from the restaurant(s) that they frequent. Linda also suggested that members make a centerpiece for each table which can be raffled at the Tea. Will be discussed further at the November meeting
- Myrtle suggested creating a tent-like card that can be placed on the table of those restaurants that provide donations to WBL. The writing on the card would thank the establishment for their donation to WBL. It should also include a short version of WBL’s mission. Diana and Christine will create some to be brought to the meeting in November.
- Christine will make copies of WBL’s By-Laws and bring to the November meeting.
- Nancy will coordinate the May Installation which will be held Wednesday, May 23rd at the Southern Yacht Club.
- Nancy advised that Josh Long with NOCAC has a one hour presentation called “Darkness to Light”. At the November meeting we will coordinate a date for members to attend this presentation at NOCAC.
- Myrtle requested volunteers to audit WBL’s books. Diana volunteered to review the tax forms; Christine to review the invoices and checks.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.