

## Board Meeting for Women for a Better Louisiana

Monday, June 18, 2012

Myrtle Dubea's Residence, Metairie, LA

The following members were in attendance:

Harriet Aguiar-Netto	Linda Kraus	Margaret Ransone
Diana Bulot	Barbara LaNasa	Pam Rogers
Myrtle Dubea	Lois Lanier	Nancy Simoneaux
Maria Falco	Rose Mogabgab	Christine Trevett

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm. The reading of the minutes of the last general meeting was dispensed by Maria Falco and seconded by Rose Mogabgab. Myrtle Dubea read the Treasurer's report. The treasury has a balance, as of May 23, 2012, of \$16,540.34 (\$6,589.79 for General Fund; \$9,554.02 for Child Advocacy; and \$396.53 for Hospitality). Nancy Simoneaux accepted the report as distributed and seconded by Harriet Aguiar-Netto.

The following topics were discussed:

**Child Advocacy:** Nancy Simoneaux reported that \$2,660.19 was spent on Child Advocacy which was less than the \$3500.00 spent last year. We received another \$3,000.00 donation from Gwendolyn LaNasa and Kevin O'Sullivan. In addition, Chevron matched the donation bringing it to a total donation of \$6,000.00. Nancy advised that we need to decide how this money will be spent. A representative from the Child Advocacy Center will be visiting our board meeting to talk about the new satellite center that will be opening. They need our help in developing "Happy Spots". We may want to contribute some of the recent donation money to this cause. There was discussion regarding contributions to Kingsley House, the Lighthouse and Girls First (NOTE: Nancy advised we do not need to meet with someone from Girls First since we have given money to them in the past). We would want a representative from the groups to talk with us before we make a donation. The board members were asked to accept/reject this measure. Myrtle Dubea accepted and Margaret Ransone seconded the measure.

**Education:** Margaret Ransone will be attending the school board meetings. She discovered that a large company will be taking over the printing and developing the content of the textbooks. She wants to find out more about this company. Maria Falco suggested that Leslie Jacobs, with BESE, should be invited to our next general meeting to speak. Margaret accepted the motion and Nancy Simoneaux seconded.

**Historian:** Lois Lanier advised that she has not kept up with WBL's historical data. Most of the data was destroyed in the hurricane. She advised that Barbara LaNasa has kept copies of our newsletter so we have that information. Lois advised that she will start documenting our data.

**Newsletter:** Barbara LaNasa was absent from the meeting at the time this was brought up, therefore no report was provided.

**Membership:** Nancy Simoneaux and Rose Mogabgab reported we have forty-nine (49) members. (NOTE: After review of the minutes, Nancy revised membership number. Thirty-nine (39) members, eight (8) friends, totaling forty-seven (47).)

**Publicity/Fundraiser:** Linda Kraus and Diana Bulot reported they had sent information to several newspapers regarding the Science Fair. The fundraiser at the May Installation Luncheon netted \$99.00. Publicity will be reviewed pending the status of the Times-Picayune.

**Science Fair:** **Science Fair:** Members were advised the Science Fair will be February 26 – 28, 2013. The Science Fair will be held in the same location. Harriet advised that Barbara LaNasa welcomed a gentleman at the last Science Fair who had brought his daughter to visit the Fair, because she is interested in participating. After a short chat about the operations of the Fair and looking over some previous Programs together, Barbara recognized him from before Katrina when he was a donor to the Fair. His interest in the Fair dates back to the days when he was a student of Marjorie King and an enthusiastic participant in the Fair. Barbara introduced him to those handling the fair and, through those efforts he ended up contributing \$25,000 to the Science Fair. The board recognized Barbara for obtaining this contribution since, without her taking the time to talk with this gentleman this generous donation may never have been possible. This wonderful donor who now owns his own successful technology company is H. Britton Sanderford, Jr. Mr. Sanderford was the originator of the \$1000 Teacher/Mentor Awards that we now divide amongst the teachers/mentors who have gone the extra mile to support their students. (Note: Some of this information was not provided at the meeting but was added by Barbara LaNasa during the review of the minutes)

**Telephone Committee:** Nancy Simoneaux, Verse Bahle and Margaret Ransone will continue to call members for reminders of meetings and events.

**Area Beautification:** Myrtle Dubea distributed information regarding curbside recycling in Jefferson Parish.

**Visitor from New Orleans Child Advocacy Center:** Lorrie Brennan with Child Advocacy Center (NOCAC) presented information regarding the second site for NOCAC. She advised the NOCAC Cottage on Calhoun will remain open, the satellite is in addition to the first location. The satellite NOCAC will be located on the second floor of the U.S. Postal Building, 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA. It was decided to create a new center due to the increase in client load. Lorrie advised that the new location will have law enforcement presence at all times and Family Justice Law Enforcement will also be on the same floor. Pending opening date is July 1st. Nancy advised that the police were not aware of the satellite center. Lorrie advised that she didn't know of the new location until recently.

They need new equipment as this location will have one area for young clients, another for older (i.e. teenagers). She provided a "wish list" which was passed among the board members. If WBL decides to donate, the check should be made to NOCAC with a notation on the check where WBL would like the money applied. Nancy advised that, once Laurie leaves, the board will discuss how much to give and what we want the money to purchase.

Lorrie thanked the board for donating the food, toys, clothes, etc. She mentioned that they could use buttons and plastic tiaras. The children love playing with both.

After Lorrie left, the board discussed the amount to be donated to NOCAC. It was agreed that \$3,000.00 will be donated to assist in purchasing camera and recording systems. Harriet Aguiar-Netto accepted the motion, Pam Rogers seconded and the board members unanimously agreed .

After discussion regarding the one-time donation to the CAC satellite center, board members discussed the proposed budget for the upcoming year. The board proposes the following budget:

New NOCAC Satellite Center:	\$3,000.00 for camera and recording system
Roots of Music	\$500.00
Girls First	\$400.00
Girl Scouts	\$100.00
Science Fair	\$500.00
NOCAC	\$1,000.00
Thomas Young Auxillary of SE LA Hosp	\$300.00
New Orleans Police Dept.	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$6,300.00</u>

Maria Falco accepted the proposed budget measure, Margaret Ransone seconded and the board unanimously accepted the proposed budget.

The board discussed the activities, speakers and dates for general meetings. The following dates were approved:

Date	Speaker/Event	Location
September 12, 2012	Leslie Jacobs, BESE	Lake Marina Towers
December 9, 2012	December Tea	Rose Mogabgab will find a location. Cost will be \$25 - \$35
January 23, 2013	Council for a Better Louisiana	Lake Marina Towers
February 26-28, 2013	Science Fair	University of New Orleans
End of April	Legislative Trip	Baton Rouge, LA
May 22, 2013	May Installation Luncheon	Ralph's on the Park. Margaret Ransone will handle details. Cost will be \$25 - \$30.

It was suggested the letterhead for WBL be revised. After discussion regarding what names and/or positions should be placed on the letterhead, an agreement was reached and new letterhead will be developed.

An updated membership roster will be distributed to members in the next few months.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.