

**Women For Better Louisiana
General Meeting
September 16, 2015**

Attendees: Linda Kraus, Diana Bulot, Carolyn Grath, Harriet Aguiar-Netto, Linda Kelly, Anna Marie Barber, Shirley Williams, Nancy Simoneaux, Judy Callaway, Francoise Hocevar, Denise Reinecke, Barbara Ryan, Judy Fosco, Myrtle Dubea, Joan Policastro

SPEAKER: Melissa Sawyer is co-founder and executive director of The Youth Empowerment Project (YEP). YEP engages underserved young people through community based education, mentoring and employment readiness programs to help them develop skills and strengthen ties to family and community.

Lunch: 11:55

Call to order 12:20

Pledge:

Prayer:

Minutes: Approved

Treasurers Report:General Fund 6504.07, Child Advocacy 14,396.28 The Chevron check was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committees:

Child Advocacy-The club will review and reprint booklets if they are politically correct. Margaret Ransone made copies of the booklet All About Going to Court for the club to examine. WBL visit CAC on Nov 18 at 11 am. It is located at 1101 Calhoun in New Orleans.

Environment/Area Beautification-Coastal Restoration-Myrtle advised that Louisiana Urban Forestry Council have applications for grants and matching funds.

Science Fair-WBL will need volunteers for the fair, which is Feb. 23-25. The awards ceremony will now be held on Saturday morning at UNO.

Membership-Rose Magabgab sent a list with 5 new members. Linda Kraus suggested discussing the using the Speaker's Bureau and having fund raiser in an effort to get more members. It was tabled for a future meeting.

Other business Sister Vera's Mission- We requested a list of items from the mission that they need for the guests.

NEW BUSINESS:

Court Watch Nola: WBL will buy 4 tickets for the Court Watch Nola party.

Holiday Party at Vincent's confirmed for December 16, 2015 at 11:30 A.M. It's \$33 per person.

Metropolitan Crime Commission Harriet Aquilar-Netto asked if a request for a donation had been received. The question was tabled until the next meeting.

Calendar for 2015-2016

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| Oct 28 | General Meeting |
| Dec 16 | Holiday luncheon at Vincent's 11:30 am |
| Jan 27 | General Meeting. |
| Feb 23-25 | Science Fair |
| Mar 23 | General Meeting |
| Apr TBA | State Legislature visit |
| May18 | Installation Luncheon |

Remarks for the good of the organization:

Diana Bulot introduced a new member Anna Marie Barber.

Harriet moved to donate \$1000 to YEP. Seconded by Myrtle. The money will be donated at the October meeting.

Joan Policastro asked to have the Corp of Engineers as a speaker and she will contact them.

Linda Kraus will begin emailing members of activities in the community so if they would like to attend they will know that other members will be there.

Katrina stories and programs from May installation are still available.

ADJOURNED: 1:10