



**Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2019
Lake Carroll Plumtree Lodge**

1. Call to Order

President Char Messmore called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect.

2. Introduction of Guests/New Members

We all welcomed 2 guests and a new member: Cathy Porzel and Dorothy Griffin, Lana Soldat's mother, as guests, and Beth Loscudo, as a new member.

3. President's Report

Char offered her condolences to Kathy Ripplinger on the passing of her father, and she mentioned the recent passing of Annemarie Harbison, a former member.

She then announced members with March birthdays: Helen Sykora, Tammie Farley, Phyllis Kehoe, (all 3 March 8th), Dagmar Zvonek, Laura Vinje, and Rita Shields.

Char asked that Pia Molloy update members present on her recent conversation with Rita Shield's husband. He said Rita has been diagnosed with Lewy body dementia and her health is rapidly declining. She is no longer able to do tasks on her own.

The next coffee will be Saturday, March 23rd at the Lodge at 10:00 a.m.

Reporting on the January board meeting, Char related that each committee chair gave updates on her respective committee's activities.

4. Secretary's Report

Secretary Rosanne Stangl pointed out an error in the February minutes. A line referring to construction at the clubhouse was omitted. She then asked if there were any other corrections or additions to the February minutes. Hearing none, Char asked and a motion was made by Donna Aleksy and seconded by Julie Reddies to approve the February minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gael Will reported a cash balance of \$5,251.39 as of 3/14/19. There were no cash transactions for the period.

At this point Gael, as chair of the allocations committee, passed out a list of organizations who have received donations from the LCWC in the past. Other suggestions were solicited. Helen Sykora mentioned the need for funds for projects of the Prairie Club, Merce Meyers brought up the handicapped dock the fishing club wants to build, and Maureen Unser mentioned Carroll County Transit. Gael asked that everyone look over the list and mark their recommendations for a gift this year. Committee recommendations will be presented at the April meeting and voted on in May.

6. Vice President's Report/Program

VP Lana Soldat enthusiastically stated that Marve Feucht would be introducing our presenter Anna Hennings and the program for the day. Marve is also co-chair for next month's program which is the trip to Hunter Haven Farms. Members will meet at the Lodge as usual at 1:00 p.m. for the meeting and refreshments and are scheduled to leave for the farm at 2:15 p.m.

Dagmar Zvonek is co-chair for May's program, which is an outing to Highland Community College. June is the installation of new officers. Lana has had very positive feedback on the programs so far this year. All agreed that splitting up the responsibilities for each month's program took the burden off only one person doing most of the work.

7. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership – Pat Bykowski announced earlier that 46 members were present. With the new member for March, total membership now stands at 74. New member info to be added to the handbook:

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b. Ways and Means – Donna Aleksy updated the members on plans for the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser on Sunday, May 5th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Fundraising opportunities are Mexican bingo, a raffle and a photo station. The majority of the members present felt the ticket price should be set at \$15, which will be available next meeting and any time by contacting Donna. Donations for the raffle are needed, and the decorating committee needs to use your sombrero and poncho. Donna's outline of the event and a food sign-up sheet are attached. The sign-up sheets for decorating and food will be available at the next meeting on April 14th. Contact Donna to bring gifts for the raffle or bring in April.

c. Hostesses – Bessie Pavell thanked the hostesses for the day: Val Kachlic, Brenda Farm, and Barb Ruments. Next month's servers will be Pia, Merce, and Pat.

d. Inventory – Dixie Bjarnson said LCWC has hot and cold cups, small plates, plastic silverware, and napkins available for meeting use. Hostesses should bring their own coffee as the coffee on hand is just to be used for emergencies. Contact Dixie if you have any questions.

8. Community Service –

a. Collections – Marve listed the items the LCWC collects: (1) pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, (2) box tops for Eastland High School computer equipment, and (3) greeting cards for remake and sale at an independent living center in Freeport. Collections bins are at the Lodge and clubhouse.

b. Blanket Project – Margaret Rominski reminded everyone that the next tying day is Tuesday April 23rd at the lodge at 10:00 am. There are lots of blankets ready to be tied!

c. Pitter Patter Pantry and Food Pantry – Pia Molloy said volunteers are needed to switch out the winter clothing for Spring on April 1st at 12:30 p.m. It takes at least 8 or more volunteers to get that done. Please save all gently used baby clothes from grandchildren and donate them to the Pitter Patter Pantry.

Maureen Unser said that we received a thank you card from the Food Pantry in Lanark and to keep bringing the pasta and sauce.

d. Good Sam Party – JoAnn Borysiewicz reported that details for the August birthday party have not yet been arranged. She is looking for someone to take her place in helping Loretta Dick plan the party this year.

e. Eastland Scholarships – Deidre Butte has been in contact with Eastland concerning procedures for selecting LCWC scholarship winners. The banquet is held the first week in May.

f. CASA - Rosanne mentioned that CASA is always looking for new advocates. On April 6th CASA for Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside Counties is holding a fundraiser at Barnacopia with dinner and entertainment of Dueling Pianos. Members can contact Deidre or Rosanne for information on CASA or the fundraiser.

9. **Unfinished Business**

a. Nominating Committee – Lana as a member of the board of directors will chair the nominating committee. Bonnie Ewing and Sandy Bogusevic will help her identify members for the President and Secretary positions. Nominations will be voted on at the May meeting.

b. Picture Directory – Gael has copies of the photo directory for members who want one. A donation of \$1 is being requested to help cover cost.

10. **New business.**

a. CPR/First Aid Training - Char contacted Jim Manson & Associates in Freeport. Jim will come to Lake Carroll to do the training. The cost is \$55 to be certified or \$35 to take the training only. After discussion, most preferred the class/classes to be held in the evening and LCWC would cover \$10 of the cost for each member attending.

11. **Announcements/adjournment** –

a. Next meeting is April 11th at 1:00 pm at the Lodge for meeting and treats, then field trip to Hunter Haven Farms.

b. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.