

April 17, 2009
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PEN WOMEN
PALM SPRINGS BRANCH
BOARD MEETING
BERGER FOUNDATION CENTER
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Officers/Chairs present: Audrey Moe, Marge Dodge, Shirley Coombs, Pat Dugas, Kathy Bjork, Carol Mann, Judy Fabris, Anice Schwartz, Judie Ruzek

President called for motion to approve minutes of March 20, 2009. So moved by Judy Fabris. Seconded by Shirley Coombs. Approved.

Announcements: President Audrey Moe announced names of new officers coming in mid-term for 2009-2010.

- New board members will be invited to attend May board meeting.
- New officers will be announced/introduced at May luncheon and in the October newsletter.

Board Reports

- 1st VP Marge Dodge - Programs
 - May's speaker is Mel Haber, author of *Palm Springs a la Carte: The Colorful World of the Caviar Crowd at Their Favorite Desert Hideaway* and owner of Melvyn's Restaurant and the Ingleside Inn.
 - A grant application to the city of La Quinta requesting \$1,000 for our scholarship program was submitted before the April 10, 2009 deadline. If the request is approved, grant applications will be made to other cities.
 - The request for program ideas for 2009-2010 will go out after April 26, 2009.
 - Deadline for submission of ideas is May 15, 2009.
 - After ideas are submitted, they will be sent out for review by the board prior to the Program Selection meeting.

- Tentative date for the Program Selection meeting is Thursday, May 21, 2009, at the Berger Center from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- 2nd VP Shirley Coombs - Membership
 - Resignation letter submitted.
- 3rd VP Pat Dugas - Newsletter
 - Editor requested items for May newsletter.
 - Photos will be taken at the Women of Distinction luncheon.
 - Marge Dodge will locate someone to do a write-up of the Women of Distinction luncheon for the newsletter.
 - Ask new members how much of their information they wish to have in the newsletter.
- Kathy Bjork – Treasurer
 - Dues – 35 people have paid. Dues for 34 people are outstanding.
 - A box for people to place their dues payment will be at the WOD luncheon registration table.
 - Judy Fabris will phone people for dues to be sent to the P.O. Box address.
 - Provisional dues - \$20.00. Go only to the Branch.
 - Full member dues are \$65.00 - \$40.00 to National; \$20.00 to Branch; \$5.00 to State
 - BOH - \$4,537.14
 - Complete report on file with Treasurer and Recording Secretary.
- Carol Mann – Recording Secretary
 - Replacements still being sought for Publicity and Corresponding Secretary for the 2009-2010 Board.
 - Please email any suggestions to Carol Mann.
- Judy Fabris – Corresponding Secretary
 - Appropriate cards have been sent.
- Anice Schwartz – Historian
 - Pictures on disk are needed for the Historical Record Scrapbook.

- Put request for pictures/information in newsletter.
- Christine Hall per Audrey Moe – Publicity
 - Audrey Moe appeared on “The Joey English” show on Thursday, April 16, 2009.
 - The Women of Distinction honorees have been invited to appear on the show. They will make their own arrangements to do so.
- Kathryn Jordan per Audrey Moe – Scholarship Chair
 - Bucket Raffle article ready for newsletter.
 - Scholarship applications underway.
 - After the amount of money available is determined, then the number of scholarships will be set and awarded.
- Judie Ruzek – Webmaster
 - Request for names of prospective members who can then be sent one newsletter.
 - Request for names of new members who do not have computers.
 - Obtain lists from membership.
 - A charge of \$10.00 is assessed to those members who receive the newsletter by US mail.
 - Include membership requirements on the website.

Old Business

- Membership Directory
 - Marge Dodge and Lynn Spreen will do the new directory.
 - Directory will be distributed at the May 19th luncheon meeting. Directory will be mailed to those members not in attendance.
 - New members need to be asked if they wish their information to be in the directory.
- Send emails blind copy.
- Laguna Retreat
 - Approximately four members plan on attending.

New Business

- Hospitality Chair needs to apprise Desert Falls Country Club of the dates for next year's meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM

Next board meeting is Tuesday, May 19, at 9:30 AM at Desert Falls Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mann

Recording Secretary