

Belles Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2011

- Lynn Rodriguez welcomed first time attendees (Marianne)
- August Minutes stand approved as read
- Barbara Quinn read treasurers report
- Old Business
 - Casino Night – joined with the men’s club for the event. It was a successful event and the men’s club asked that we consider doing it again next year. We sold 88 tickets. We had an Elvis impersonator. We may have this type of event more than once a year and possibly have a roulette table next time. Linda Stanton was chair person on the committee. Lynn thanked her and gave her a gift.
- New Business
 - This month we appoint a nominating committee for new officers. The voting will take place in November. Connie Harry is the committee chair. Lynn has copies of the bylaws if anyone is interested. If you would like to run for an office, contact Connie Harry. The willingness to serve form needs to be turned in three days before the election.
 - Mistletoe Market – Ruth Southard is out tonight. She broke her ankle, but is doing better. Lynn will read the report from Ruth. Event is Saturday Oct 1 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We have over 50 vendors inside and 20 vendors outside. Check out Mistletoe Market tab on the website. The Treasurer Box is the charitable event for the Belles. Dorothy Darden will share about the treasure box. We need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, you can add your name to the list that will be distributed. We need a 2-3 hour commitment. The wrap up party will be for all who volunteered. You can contact Ruth with questions or comments.
 - Dorothy Darden reported on the selected the charity for The Treasure Box. It is the Bridge Over Troubled Waters for abused women. They went for a tour of the facility. Collection for the Treasure Box can be taken to Dorothy on Tuesday from 5 – 8 p.m. A box will be in the lobby of the clubhouse for monetary donations.
 - Tamara mentioned that The Bridge has been in existence for 30 years. They need diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, children’s books, warm up suits – Small and Extra Large. They need \$62,000 dollars to complete their new building by the end of the year. Tamara has flyers regarding a fundraiser luncheon for The Bridge. The new building is at the corner of Allen Genoa and Fairmont.
 - Lynn said that we will ask for children’s books and other items for The Bridge at the next two meetings.
 - Connie Harry asked that we take flyers to hand out regarding the Mistletoe Market.
 - Sarah Barnett said that she has had people ask where they park. When will be know about parking places for golf cart escorts
 - Linda Sanders is coordinating the golf carts. The pick-up sites will be at Messina and Riviera and Lago Vista and South Riviera.
 - Irene Flynn is in charge of the food/kitchen for the Mistletoe market. Contact her if you want to volunteer
 - Light Movie Night – Ruth Cheek said the Friday night movie this month will be Water for Elephants. Pizza is 1.50 a piece. Rated PG
 - Sarita talked about the 4th Annual Bellavita Fun Walk – Carol Dyson will be helping this year. It will be benefiting the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society. The event is November 5 . Tickets are 10 dollars. You can get tickets at the front desk. The mayor of Pearland will come to cut the ribbon.
 - Sue Steik – Pot luck and Bingo is this Sunday September 11.

- Events
 - Club house decorating Sunday after thanksgiving November 27
 - Out Door decorating contest Dec 6
 - Home Tour December 11 – 5 houses so far – we need more
 - Reception after home tour – 8 p.m. coffee and desserts
 - Carol Dyson will chair the after tour event at the clubhouse – she needs volunteers
 - December 18 Gift exchange
- Marjorie presented a gift to Lynn which was given anonymously.
- Dotty Raines – lost and found items are on tables in the lobby. Please check and see if anything belongs to you.
- Donna Ferrari said thanks for all the donations for the Animal Shelter
- Marjorie Parham asked for those who want to go to Cashata to sign up tonight. They need 20 more
- Next meeting is October 5
- Midge G motions to adjourn. Judy seconded.