

**Santiago Women's Club
Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2024**

Attendance:

Ro Farinella, Alice Fecher, Kathy Freeman Herter, Sharon Grant, Sharon Grodzicki, Judy Hottovy, Martha Jones, Liz Liard, Marty Machamer, Marilynn Peery, Jan Smith, Bert Sauls, Debbie Wycoff.

The next Board meeting is planned for April 1, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Golf: **Green** tees will play on March 16th
Gold tees will play on March 23rd.
Green tees will play on April 20th
Gold tees will play on April 27thrd

Treasurer's Report/Financial Issues - There is a current balance of \$11,920.49, receipts totaled \$12,971.00, expenses charged totaled \$2,634.97. \$10,051.00 was raised by the Book Fair making \$9,164.80 available for charities. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for additional details.

All proceeds of from the Book Fair are slated to go to charitable organizations. However, as we should keep a certain amount of funds on hand for the club's operation, it was discussed whether election funds are to be used for the club's expenses or donating all election funds to charities. Funds from baskets, members' \$20 lunch payments and 50/50 does not cover costs for lunch and entertainment but additional income received from yearly membership dues is helpful. We want to budget \$1 per person for dessert and considered spending \$40 for a ½ sheet cake from BJs that serves 50 to 60 people. Entertainment has become expensive being entertainers want a minimum of two hours of time.

Book Club and Golf Club members. If the membership fee is not paid, the club's name will be removed and will no longer be part the Santiago Women's Club, nor will they be able to schedule the room under the club's name. Ro plans to attend the book club to explain the reason they will be required to pay a yearly membership fee to remain part of the Santiago's Women's Club.

Luncheon Schedule/Reservations - Because Labor Day is the first Monday in September, we have luncheon reservations at the Savannah Center on Sept 9th, after which luncheon the monthly Board meeting has been scheduled. The last luncheon scheduled in June will not be held in the Savannah Center as we normally arrange a social luncheon at the Arnold Palmer Country Club. The Savannah Center arranges room reservation for both Santiago and Savannah Centers.

Entertainment - We have Lisa Rose scheduled to sing at April's luncheon, followed by Hula dancers for May's luncheon. New vendors are needed for luncheons starting in September who are able to keep their entertainment down to a ½ hour timeframe. Suggestions for future entertainment: Before the holidays have a fashion show where stores can exhibit their clothing or invite vendors to bring in samples of their products to promote their businesses. Also discussed having a garage sale by asking people to donate household goods for sale on behalf of the club, but this activity cannot be held at the Savannah Center.

Banners – There is once again an interest in decorating the front gates but need to find criteria for poles and flags so that we meet regulations and be aware of possibly puncturing gas lines. As banners are now relatively inexpensive, are considering buying new tubes and banners.

Charity Donations – The charity committee makes the determination of which recipients receive donations and their amounts which preferably should be made during the fall. To give transparency to

the charitable donation process, members are asked to vote on selections made by the charity committee.

Chair Positions - Will be requesting chairpersons to write a description of their activities. Kathy Herter is writing a description of the Book Fair's operation as she will be resigning from this position. We will now need to locate a replacement for her. Information on chair positions, as well as policies and procedures, need to be updated as it is very much out of date.

Miscellaneous - Judy Hottovy will be sending notices for board meetings or when we have a luncheon change. Sharon Grant discussed creating a directory in book format which would contain dates of birthdays. Also discussed creating a card for the Santiago Women's Club to pass out as advertisement for our club. At the front desk, Sharon Grant will take care of check ins while Marylynn Perry will be able to take care of new people, badges and dues, etc. Members and non-members who helped with the Book Fair should be acknowledged for their help. Johanna Haltmeier sends thank you notes, sympathy cards or cards for important life events for club members. Info is to be given to Marty Machamer for Johanna to send a card.