



Altrusa International of the Eastern Sierra
Business Meeting
Location at Astorga's Restaurant
December 13, 2018

Members present: Sharon Benett, Tina Cocherell, Jane Gabriel, Andra Baker Gleinn, Val Higgs, ,Maggie Kingsbury, Tiffany Lau, Margee Neer, Trish Schlichting, Andrea Shallcross, Cheri Stewart, Gail Swain, Janna Van Nest

President Gail Swain called the Business meeting at 6:00 pm

Treasurer's Report

Andra reported a balance of \$15,584.48 in the Foundation account and \$6,908.67 in the Club account as of November 30, 2018. The Foundation account has an outstanding bill from Alex Printing that will be posted in December. Other December Foundation account expenses will include Railroad Express. The Foundation account will also be paying for Lamplighter for two members this year (Tina Cocherell and Janna Van Nest). December Club account expenses will include new member cards and letterhead., T

Ongoing Business /Committee Reports:

- Membership- No official report.
- Literacy-Trish Schlichting reported the "shelves are bare". We have ½ of a container of books left. We need to let community know we are accepting all gently used reading books. For the Spring Baby Animals event we will need to buy books. Trish will talk to Barry Simpson and Mini Doonan and Tiffany will speak with the librarian at the Bishop Library.
- Dictionaries-Cheri Stewart reported a friend donated \$500. The teachers love the program. Thank you card will be circulated at Christmas party.
- Yard Sale-Andrea Shallcross reported Janna Vannest's neighbor gave \$300 dollars of "seed money". Andrea also donated advertising, They raised \$1,546 dollars for Altrusa. Gave left over items to the "Go Fund Me Account for Carlye Guse.
- Christmas Parade - Went through lots of books, great time, culminated at Perry's for pizza! Santa at Laws-Also, a lot of fun!

- Holiday Party- Andra hosting. Elisha Muldron wonderful pianist planning on playing. Right now, crowd of 23 planning on attending.
- Days for Girls- Margee Neer reported we have started to collect small soaps for the project.
- Puzzle Books for the incarcerated-Gail Swain will be delivering books on Friday, December 21, 2018.
- Children's Book Week-Gail Swain reported it was a very successful partnership with Spellbinders. They sold \$1512.18 dollars in children's books. They gave a total of \$964.23 in discounts. We will send \$482.12 dollars to Spellbinders.
- County Spelling Bee-January 31. Val volunteered to assist.

New Business:

Spelling Bee- Andrea moved we increase the budget to \$250-450 dollars depending on what Mini Doonan and Inyo County's recommendation. Cheri Stewart seconded. The motion was approved.

January 10- Board and Business Meetings

January 24- Program Meeting. Guest Speaker will be Jolie Varela-Founder of Indigenous Women Hike

January 31-County Spelling Bee

Gail Swain adjourned at around 7:00 pm

Jane H. Gabriel

Recording Secretary

Margee reported we received the \$4,000 grant check for the health literacy project. Cheri reported she received a check for \$500 from her friend for the 3rd Grade Dictionary Project. The Elks voted not to contribute money to the project, and she is going to follow up with the Lions Clubs. Stan Smith gave her the phone number to call for the Lions.

We received the money report from Spellbinder Books for Children's Book week (already in budget).

We received the donation request form from Mini Doonan outlining how they would like the \$250 allocated for prizes for the Spelling Bee (already in budget).

*New Business:

1. Membership Applications: Gail will follow up with Susan about inviting potential new members Emma Lantz and Stephen Muchovej (pronounced muh-HO-vee).
2. January Spelling Bee volunteers: We need three volunteers for the Spelling Bee at Jill Kinmont Boothe School on Thursday, January 31. Margee, Cheri, and Tina are interested; Gail will volunteer if Tina can't attend. We will ask at the Business Meeting if anyone else wants to volunteer, especially those who have not yet had a chance to volunteer for the spelling bee.
3. There are now five official members of the club in Reno, and the official name of the club is Altrusa International of Reno/Sparks.
4. We need someone to fill the position of Recording Secretary. We also still need to fill the position of First Vice President.