

Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club

Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The regular meeting of the Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club was called to order at 6:30 pm on October 17, 2013 by President Marty Smith. After the invocation, members enjoyed dinner at Maria Parham Medical Center.

Members present were Marty Smith, Kathy Taylor, Marsha Abbott, Michelle Evans, Diane White, Val Short, Arline Richardson, and Maria Bailey. We also enjoyed the company of our guest Danny Wilkerson from the Henderson Fire Department.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Kathy introduced our guest speaker Danny Wilkerson, Chief of the Henderson Fire Department. He shared with the group his responsibilities with the Henderson Fire Department. He works with fire suppression and rescue. His department handles medical call in the city limits. Calls handled include conditions dealing with cardiac care, breathing, automobile accidents and gun shots. Fire prevention is being pushed hard through educating our students. He suggested that each person make a Fire Exit Plan for their homes and share the information with family members. Families should check smoke detectors in your home and ensure that batteries are checked twice a year.

He began the Home Inspection Program in 2009 when a family lost two small children in their home due to a fire that had no smoke alarms. They do safety inspections in home. They give out smoke detectors and replace batteries. They visited 6789 homes. Of these homes, 1760 homes invited them in and they installed 140 smoke detectors and 298 batteries.

He has 5 certified investigators on his staff. They just began charging for fire inspections for commercial businesses in July 2013. He stated that the fire department always welcomes donations of batteries and smoke detectors as these are provided to homes in need in our county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed from the September 19, 2013 monthly meeting. Arline motioned to approve and Marsha motioned as a second.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Arline Richardson gave the financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

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| <i>Beginning Balance 9/17/2013</i> | <i>\$949.40</i> |
| Deposits | +112.00 |
| Disbursements | -132.50 |
| Balance 10/17/2013 | \$928.90 |

NEW BUSINESS

By-laws Revision – Michelle reported on changes to the by-laws. A motion was made to accept the by-laws as modified with no 2nd being required.

BPW Foundation – 501C accepting donations for a scholarship fund.

Community Holiday Project – Research ideas and bring them back next month.

December Meeting – Maria volunteered to have meeting at her house. Each person is to bring a covered dish and a \$10 gift. Date is to be determined.

Scholarship Fundraiser – Maria will make an afghan to be raffled off. Tickets are suggested at \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**ADJOURNMENT AND COLLECT**

Meeting was adjourned by Marty Smith. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on November 21, 2013 at Maria Parham Medical Center.