

## **Board Minutes 8/22/2009**

**Chairman:** Ok, everybody sit down, please and let's get started. I didn't do a formal agenda but we don't have much business. I was tired last night. Everybody see the minutes? Connie, will you read them?

**Connie:** The board of the Zonta Club of Bedlam, State of Chaos met on August 22, 2009. The chairman, President Eileen, called the meeting to order. There were six people present. The minutes of the meeting of July 22nd were read and approved after Barb said that her last name was misspelled again. I hope we get it right this month, so there won't be any other discussion next month. The Treasurer's report as reviewed and Agnes pointed out that we seemed to be spending a lot more on gifts for speakers than we used to, but Darlene said that was because we had a lot more outside speakers than we used to and that they all expected a nice gift because Kiwanis gives them a gift certificate to Macy's. Agnes said that maybe we ought to get more speakers who weren't just after the money and that if we were going to spend money on them we should give it to the Zonta Foundation in their honor and then we'd get some credit for it. The Chairman said that this was really something the program committee should discuss. Then we had a report about the last fundraiser that we co-sponsored with the BPW, and everybody agreed that we shouldn't ever do that again because BPW got all the credit in the newspaper. Darlene said that was because they've got the assistant editor of the paper in their club and that if we could get some new members we could target somebody who knew how to get us some publicity, but....

**Darlene** (interrupting) Move we dispense with the minutes!

**Chairman:** (having dozed off—comes alive) Uh!, We have a motion to dispense with the minutes. Is there a second?

**Agnes:** Second

**Chairman:** Everybody who wants to dispense with the minutes and accept them as written say "aye".

**All:** Aye.....except Connie

**Chairman:** Anybody opposed?

**Connie:** I'm opposed!! I spend a lot of time writing these minutes and nobody appreciates it. I'd like to see someone else spend all that time and then get cut off before they even get good and started ! Someone else can take minutes and present them next month.

**Chairman:** Connie, we really do appreciate all your hard work, but we just don't have the time to read every word today. So, do we have a treasurer's report? (looks around) Oh, she's not here yet, but she emailed her report. It looked OK to me, so if nobody objects it's approved. Who else isn't here? Just Susan, I guess. She emailed and said she's sick. Well, I guess the next thing we need to deal with today is our service project for next year. Anybody have any ideas about this? Remember we don't usually get many members to take part, so let's do something easy that doesn't last very long and that we can start after 11:00 am. We need to make sure we get press coverage on this since it maybe our only service project this year.

**Agnes:** You know, I see all these signs along the highway where some groups adopted a stretch of road to clean up. We're always complaining about how Zonta's not known well enough, so why don't we adopt some real busy part of the highway and get our name on a sign? That shouldn't cost much of anything.

**Barb:** That's a great idea! And we can all wear our Zonta t-shirts when we're working.

**Connie:** Or we could make little vests with the Zonta emblem on them. I've got the cutest vest pattern. I made some for my sorority out of this material I got on sale. We wear them whenever...

**Chairman:** (interrupting) Connie, I'm sorry, but we don't have time to talk about your sorority right now...

**Darlene:** Wait a minute!! Don't we have to get Zonta International's permission to put the emblem on anything? Besides, how does road clean-

up have anything to do the Zonta's mission. Aren't are service projects all suppose to support our mission which is improving the status of women?

**Barb:** But aren't we supposed to be environmentally conscious, too? After all, if we improve the environment it improves things for everybody...not just women. It seem like....

**Agnes:** No, Darlene's right. Never mind!! So much for that great idea.

**Chairman:** It's not a bad idea, Agnes. Agnes, it doesn't fit Zonta's mission, but maybe some of us could still do it and get some good publicity.

**Agnes:** No!! I said never mind!!

**Chairman:** Ok, Ok, enough of that. We're not getting anywhere. Does anyone have any other ideas?

**Darlene:** At our District Conference I heard about how one club puts on seminars for women trying to get back into the job market...you know.. helping them with business etiquette, budgeting, how to dress for the workplace, things like that. Why don't we talk to a couple of the transitional shelters in town and see if they would be interested in having us help with something like that?

**Connie:** Oh, I would really love to help with that! I have some really cute ideas for office-to-evening wear. You can turn any old suit into a cocktail dress if you know how to accessorize it !!

**Barb:** (under her breath to whoever is next to her) I'm sure that's the last thing they need. (out loud) I like that seminar idea, but I have to leave for another meeting. So the rest of you decide what to do. I'm for whatever most people want. Bye Bye (she leaves)

**Chairman:** Maybe we better vote while there are some of us left. Who all want to do the seminar idea? I think we should do that and that Fourth Avenue Shelton would be the best place to try.

**Agnes:** Wait a minute !! We can't vote on that or anything else. We don't have a quorum—it takes five to have a quorum and there are just four of us left. Anyway, you (looks at Chairman) are not suppose to vote.

**Chairman:** Oooh, you are so right. Well, I tell you what...we will vote anyway and then I can call everybody else on the board who's not here and ask them if they agree. I mean, I guess we can do that, but our Parliamentarian's not here to say whether that works. I'll have to call her and find out if we can do the vote that way.

**Connie:** I think we just ought to say Darlene voted "yes", since she is the one that suggested doing the seminars before she left. If we count her as a "yes" that would give us enough to vote.

**Chairman:** Well, I don't know...maybe we should just wait until the next meeting. I really don't want to do that because we need to tell the club something at our regular meeting tomorrow.

**Connie:** Are we down to "Old Business" yet?. Because all this talk about service projects reminds me...I want to know whatever happened about The project we had in Burkina Fasc. Whenever I think about those poor women it just breaks my heart!!

**Chairman:** No, we're still taking about our new service project. Let's finish one thing at a time. Everybody in favor of setting up some seminars at the Fourth Avenue Shelter say "aye".

**All:** Aye

**Chairman:** Thanks. We got that done anyway. I'll report that to the club tomorrow.

**Connie:** Wait!! That was not approved, was it? Nobody seconded the motion.

**Agnes:** Was there a motion??

**Chairman:** Aagh! I give up!! (leaves the room)