



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

Business Meeting

September 9, 2024 ~ 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Roastery 1426 Lincoln Ave. (Please enter through rear door)

Call to Order	5:30pm	Marion Villalba
Budget	Discuss to approve	Marion Villalba for Maureen Hester
Calendar	Review Add/Remove	Full Team
District Rep Updates	Presidents Round Table Updates District III Meeting	Marion Villalba
Uplift Her	Updates	Marion Villalba & Members who attended
Survey	Review	Full Team
Handbook	Review	Full Team
Committee	Updates	Committee Chairs

Board Members / Committee Chairs:

Marion Villalba, President ~ Audra Pittman, Vice President ~ Karin Salling, Secretary ~ Maureen Hester
Treasure ~ Mary Ellen Hester, Parliamentarian ~ Toni Hunt & Jennifer Filipelli, Fundraising ~ Monica Garibay &
Nushi Safinya, S-Club ~ Elaine Jennings, Public Awareness ~ Monica Garibay, Live Your Dream ~ Nushi
Safinya, Dream It, Be It ~ Lauren Lugo & Shawn Guillian, Membership ~ Trudy Bouligny, RAPP ~ Mary Ellen
Hester, PALS

Members:

Linda Appleby ~ Darlene Brissard ~ Carrie Domogalla ~ Stephanie Duffy Erickson ~ Mary Givens ~ Alicia
Halloran ~ Gayle Keller ~ Nicole Lamare ~ Susan Leick ~ Indira Lopez-Jones ~ Irais Lopez-Ortega ~ Shelly
Martin ~ Jeanne McCann-Baswell ~ Regina Penna ~ Catherine Prevost ~ MaryAnn Salinger ~ Karen Schlegel
~ Suzan Shaw

"In the tapestry of humanity, every thread is vital. When we weave together with respect and understanding, we
create a masterpiece of strength and resilience. Unify to succeed."

Business Meeting
9.11.24
Calistoga Roastery

Members Present: Marion Villalba, Karin Salling, Shawn Guillian, Trudy Bouligny, Linda Appleby, Susan Leick, Irais Lopez-Ortega, Shelly Martin, Jeanne McCann-Baswell, Regina Penna, MaryAnn Salinger, Karan Schlegel

Guest: Bobbie Casey

Call to order at 5:37

Budget:

- New account titled Misc. Community Services and Outreach was explained. This new account will encompass things like Santa letters, Teacher Appreciation breakfast and Sober Grad
- S Club: There was a discussion about providing more money to S Club. What should the S Club budget be? Susan Leick will get back to the group with needs. MaryAnn Salinger suggested that turning in all receipts for reimbursement to correctly identify expenses and spend less out of pocket could be helpful in future planning. The suggestion was also made that perhaps coordinating with the cafeteria at the high school to pick the club members lunches up before the meeting could help as well. Could the girls be encouraged to make a product to sell to help supplement the budget? Would also help promote entrepreneurship.

Calendar:

- Do we want to add committee meetings to the calendar? General opinion was yes.
- SI Leadership trainings will be added when updated schedule is received.

District 3 Meeting:

- Marion will send out email to see if anyone besides Irais and MaryAnn want to go.
- Basket: raffle tickets were sent around, Shawn took charge of them. Shawn and MaryAnn will coordinate to put together a basket valued at \$75

President's Round Table update:

- Fellowship theme is Solving Puzzles by Degree
- International President Siew Young's themes are Save Mother Earth, No War Only Peace and Educate, Empower and Enable.
- SI convention will be in July 2026 in South Korea
- SI of the Americas President is Ginger Cove from Los Angeles

Up Lift Her:

- We can now donate physical items to help girls with school.
- Focus is on period poverty, trafficking, education and domestic violence.

Survey Review:

- 14 responses
- Responses showed interest in an overnight retreat. Nushi is looking into Armstrong Woods
- Karan Schlegel has agreed to lead Laws & Resolutions committee
- Linda Appleby has agreed to organize social mixers

Committee Updates:

- RAPP: Trudy let us all know that the Family Center Back to School night was a success with about 50 booths. Members who volunteered had a lot of fun and gave out a lot of books to students and adults alike.
- Membership is working on an updated flyer that will be email.

Other Business:

1) Hearts and Hands Fundraiser:

- Chris Canning is auctioneer
- 9/22 at the Boys and Girls Club
- Group decided that Hearts and Hands can borrow auction gear.
- Jeanne needs four more desserts if anyone wants to help
- Sign up sheets and raffle tickets were sent around

2) Handbook will be emailed for review. Photos of all members are needed and many are missing. Please submit a picture ASAP, selfies are fine.

After the Soroptimist Pledge, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37.