

MARCH WOE-R MINUTES

March 16, 2022

Welcome: Doris Moore was the March meeting chairperson. She will also be chairing the April meeting.

-April 20 location- TJ Chumps- 559 S. Main St. Englewood.

-Deadline for reservations is 4/20/22

Call to order- 11:36am

Members in attendance: Jim Brinkman, Emmy Brudzynski, Yuverdia (Tina) Irving, Lori Moodie, Doris Moore, Jane Rahn, Karen Shires, Dawn Wojcik; **Guests:** Susan Greenburg, William Moore

Attendance Summary: 10 members and guests attended.

Speaker: Susan Greenburg

Topic: Human trafficking.

Susan was a teacher and is now working to find missing and exploited children in the Miami Valley. She is with the group Soroptimist International of Dayton. More details at the end of the minutes.

SECRETARY REPORT: Lori Moodie

-approved November, 2021 minutes

-approved Dec, 2021 minutes with correction to 12/15/21 for the date of the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT- Sandy Dobberstein- no report; not in attendance

Total assets as of March, 2022- no report

CHAIRPERSON REPORT- Doris Moore was the chairperson for the month of March and will be for April. We are in need of one consistent chairperson. Elections are coming up, so that will resolve itself. Doris introduced the speaker.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON REPORT- Sandy Dobberstein no report (not in attendance)

WOEA-R goals for 2022-23

-Will be created after the election

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership- Jane Rahn and Emmy Brudzynski- no report

Sunshine- Deb Owens- no report (not in attendance)

Newsletter: Wayne Wvldarski- no report (not in attendance)

Deadline dates: ?

Mailing- Willie Terell; no report (not in attendance)

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Community Outreach- Marge Punter- no report (not in attendance)

Legislative/FCPE- Dawn Wojcik- no report

NAACP- Willie Terell, Jr.

-not in attendance but sent the message that the NAACP president will be the speaker at the next WOEa-R meeting

Read Across America- Val Roldan- no report (not in attendance)

Advisory Council- Joni Watson- no report (not in attendance)

Facebook/web- Deb Owens

WOEA COMMITTEES:

Collective Bargaining- Jane Rahn- No recent meeting of this committee, but the last time they met they discussed that teachers are still struggling this year due to Covid protocols and the students being so far behind due to all the missed school for many during the pandemic. Usually meets the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Organizing Strategy- Phil Long- no report (not in attendance); Usually meets the 4th Wednesday of the month

LD&T (Local Development and training)-no report (not in attendance); Usually meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month

Professional Efficacy- Val Roldan and Arnetta Depp- no report (not in attendance)

Human Rights- Deb Scott (usually meets first week of the month)

WOEA UNISERV COUNCIL MEETINGS

Far West, Miami A&B, Western- Sandy Dobberstein- no report (not in attendance)

Grand Lakes, Grand Old River- Phil Long- no report (not in attendance)

Greene Co., Happy Trails- Jane Rahn- no report

Old Business:

-April meeting has had a location change- TJ Chumps Englewood. The President of the NAACP will be the speaker.

New Business:

-There was discussion on why we think attendance has been low. The general consensus is that there are still people not wanting to be in groups of people due to the Covid pandemic related issues (not wanting to be in groups yet, got out of routine of

attending meetings/events due to the extended amount of time meetings were shut down, traveling more now that things are opening up more)

-So the goal of WOEА-R is to get back to good attendance. We want to bring back past members and welcome new members.

-Explained how to get into the bylaws and guidelines (Click on the three lines, and then download the guidelines.

-Nominations were taken from the floor for the election, which will occur at the April meeting. The following were nominated:

Doris Moore- Chair

Vice Chair- Karen Shires

Secretary-Lori Moodie

Treasurer-Sandy Dobberstein

-Sandy declined, since she has to miss so many meetings, due to traveling.

-4/20/22-WOEА Spring Assembly at Wayne High School- 4:30pm

-We discussed a committee to set up programming for the WOEА-R Meetings during the 2022-23 school year. Karen Shires and Lori Moodie volunteered to participate on this committee.

-Committee for Bylaws was discussed- The following have volunteered to participate on this committee: Doris Moore, Karen Shires, Lori Moodie, Tina Irving, and Emmy Brudzynski

-Tina Irving volunteered to do the Sunshine committee with Deb Owens continuing to do the website, if she agrees (not in attendance today)

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

-Invite others- word of mouth grows our membership

-Next meeting- TJ Chumps- 559 S. Main St. Englewood on 4/20/21

ADJOURNMENT: 2:10pm

Respectively Submitted: Lori Moodie, Secretary

More human trafficking notes

Definition of human trafficking: Taken by force, fraud or coercion against their will, at any age, to do what they don't want to do. Children and adults can be human trafficked.

Susan's group is starting by focusing on looking for children age 17 years old because once they turn 18 they don't have to do anything or go with them. The Soroptimist club of Dayton has found all the children on the lists they have created so far. They distribute lists, with photos of the missing, to restaurants, stores, salons, rest stops, hotels, etc. They mostly put these in staff rooms across the Miami Valley because the employees are the ones who see the missing kids when they are often brought to these facilities. The Soroptimists have been successful in finding all the children on the lists so far. The pictures are instrumental in helping them to find them. Actually, they don't put a person's name on the list unless they have a picture. There is a hotline to call if you see something going on, but don't get involved yourself in the situation.

The Soroptimists of the Miami Valley are setting up groups in other cities and states too. These lists can also be put onto phones, social media, etc. This shows the missing kids that everyone cares and wants them to be ok.

Most of these kids have been beat up until they do what they are told to do. Sometimes it's even parents or siblings who are trafficking their own children or siblings for drugs.

There are some agencies to help trafficked people. For example, "Safe Harbor" covers every aspect of the missing children's lives (social, emotional, physical, religious, etc). Oasis House helps people 18 years and older. Susan Greenburg said that Mother Teresa said, "We can't all do great things, but we can all do small things with love."

There is a new law to help with the trafficking problem: You can be arrested if you are giving kids drugs (Ex: The traffickers say to these missing children that if you want another hit, you'll do as I say). This is trafficking.

The pornography on the digital world has increased this problem by 800%. Traffickers give gifts, etc. to bring them in. They threaten to hurt their parents, siblings, etc. if you don't do as they say. The Soroptimists will be putting stop signs with hotline numbers in all restrooms at all the rest stops in the Miami Valley. You can also get them for schools and businesses too. Susan is covering all hotels from Austin Blvd to Troy. She has a driver in case she doesn't come out within 15 minutes. This group has been here for 4 years. Four of the hotels Susan goes to use the checklist they pass out for training their employees. Trafficking is normally about making money.

There are 3 efforts of the Soroptimists International of Dayton are:

1. Prevention, 2. Education, 3. Rescue

They want the found children to feel good about themselves, live their dreams, etc.

Some traffickers traffic babies. They have sex with them. Some of those trafficked come from homes where there are generations of trafficking going on, so they think this is the way of life, since this is all they know in their families. There are a lot of Asians who are brought to this country with promises of a beautiful home, etc. if they do sex acts, etc for their perpetrator (This tends to happen a lot in hotels, nail salons, restaurants, etc).

-Susan Greenburg goes to a preschool where they pray for the missing kids. Susan always takes prayers.

-Human trafficking is really big in Dayton (especiall because of the I-70 & I-75 corridor).

-People sell themselves to make money.

-Women, men and senior citizens are even trafficked. Ex: Traffickers especially go after those who are on a limited income and do things like offer them a job watching their kids and then eventually tell them they can move in with them. Things go well at first, and then the home owner talks the person into the basement and won't let them out and then they abuse them.