**NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING**

October 15, 2012

The October meeting of Northwest Missouri Financial Women was hosted by Nodaway Valley Bank on Thursday, October 11th and held in the basement of the North Belt branch location in St. Joseph. President Tracy Schmidt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 22 members and 12 guests present. An invocation was given by Patrice Lager and all enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship.

The program was presented by Sarah Kovac who spoke about living with her physical disabilities that force her to perform most everyday tasks with her feet. This was truly an uplifting experience to open our own eyes to so many things in our lives we take for granted. One lesson that really spoke out was the Golden Rule we all know so well: treat everyone like we want to be treated ourselves. Another insight that spoke out was the realization that we need to be prepared to help all clients, but not to assume they need our help simply because we see a disability.

The September 2012 Meeting minutes and treasurer’s report of were previously circulated to the group. A motion was made by Cindy Crone to approve as sent, Kanna Helton seconded the motion.

Old Business: Our Nodaway checking account is officially closed and we are now solely using the new account at Bank Midwest. The reasoning for the change was that 3 of the 4 officers were Bank Midwest employees and there isn’t a Nodaway Valley Bank in Cameron as Ashlea will be Treasurer the next term. Also if there are outstanding Membership applications, those need to be turned in to Ashlea as soon as possible. November 8th is the next meeting date with host UMB. It will be held at Ground Round. This is our annual Christmas party and we will again be taking up a collection for the St Joseph YMCA of cash or canned goods for the food pantries. There will be a fun program set around decorating for the holidays. The next meeting date of February 7th is still open.

New Business: Stacie Wiebe is no longer with Bank Midwest and has therefore resigned her seat as Treasurer. Ashlea has agreed to take on the Treasurer’s position for the remainder of the club year. Name tags have been ordered for those who don’t yet have one—they are expected to be present for the November meeting. Kristen Peak had her baby boy, Corbin David, on 9-27-2012. Traci has emailed out the announcement with baby news details.

Future Meetings and Host Banks:

November 8th – UMB

**February 7th – (Still available)**

March 14th – BMW

April 11th – Commerce Bank

Door Prize: Rita Mazurkewycz won our door prize which was a beautiful flower arrangement.

With no further business Mari Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, Terri Dawson seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashlea Buntin, Secretary/Treasurer

Treasury balance as of October 29, 2012 $8368.52