

**NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING**

September 13, 2012

The September meeting of Northwest Missouri Financial Women was hosted by Midwest Federal Bank on Thursday, September 13th at Barbosa’s Restaurant in downtown St. Joseph. President Tracy Schmidt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 21 returning members and 7 new members present. An invocation was given by ­­­­Debora Conyers and all enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship.

This month’s program was presented by Lydia Cook, an Independent Sales Director for Mary Kay cosmetics. She gave us a brief biography of founder and business women Mary Kay. She taught us what Mary Kay believed as the key to success which is putting God first, family second, and career third. She also taught about the importance of daily skin care and the confidence boost women feel if they take a few moments each day to “put themselves together”. We participated in a fun activity of learning our “kiss personality”. We learned there are three things that are recession proof: alcohol, cigarettes, and make-up.

The April 2012 Meeting minutes and treasurer’s report of $8611.01 were previously circulated to the group. A motion was made by Cindy Crone to approve as sent, Penny Gardner seconded the motion.

Old Business: Scholarship recipients were announced: McKenzie Mulnix (majoring in Business Ag at North Central Missouri College, Trenton, MO) and Melanie Wedel (majoring in Business Administration at DeVry University in KC). Scholarship checks were mailed to the colleges on August 22nd, 2012.

New Business: Tracy will be closing the checking account currently held at Nodaway Valley Bank and remaining funds will be transferred to the new account now held at Bank Midwest. Changes were made due to the facts that three of the four officers are BMW employees, including Stacie our current Treasurer and Ashlea from Cameron who will be Treasurer next year; there is no NVB in Cameron. No objections were made.

Discussion was also made regarding the February 2013 meeting. Current schedule calls for the meeting to be held on February 14. Tracy discussed changing the date to either February 7th or 21st. A motion was made by Debora Conyers to hold the meeting on the 7th; Norma Curtis seconded; motion passed. We still do not have a host bank for that meeting. Anyone interested should contact President, Tracy Schmidt.

Future Meetings and Host Banks:

 October 11th – NVB

 November 8th – UMB

 February 7th – *(Still available)*

 March 14th – BMW

 April 11th – Commerce Bank

New members at the meeting included the following: Connie Bray, BMW; Norma Nikes and Scherry Hughes, NVB; Lacey Redmond, Commerce; and Holly Coleman, Chris Myers, and Nancy Jameson, PVB.

Door Prizes: Names were drawn from a basket and the door prize of Mary Kay products was won by Sami Jo Mitchell. Two names for a bonus gift were drawn, Metchel Rosmolen and Barbara Neilson, each receiving a package of Mary Kay samples.

With no further business Felicia Hendrix made a motion to adjourn, Melanie Walley seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashlea Buntin, Secretary