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**NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN**

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING**

February 9, 2012

The February meeting of Northwest Missouri Financial Women was hosted by BTC Bank on Thursday, February 9th at Olive Garden Restaurant in St. Joseph. Secretary/Treasurer Tracy Schmidt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 27 members and one guest present. Lori Boyer gave the invocation and all enjoyed a delicious meal.

Kanna Helton, Cindy Crone, and Penny Gardner from BTC Bank handed out a quiz over banking regulations called “Let’s Review our ABC’s with BTC”. Members took the quiz and then the ladies from BTC read off the answers. There was a tie for the most correct answers! The door prize winner was chosen by a tie breaker with Rebecca Evans being the lucky winner of a Garden Solar Lantern!

The November 2011 meeting minutes and treasurer’s report of $6,676.43 were previously circulated to the group. A motion was made by Ashlea Buntin to approve as sent. Melanie Walley seconded the motion.

Old business: Bank Midwest is the host bank for the March meeting. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 8th, but was moved to March 21st due to the speaker’s availability. The meeting location was TBD but would either be at Terrible’s Frontier Casino or a local restaurant.

New business: announcement regarding Jill Gockel’s resignation as Vice President of the group. Thank you Jill for your leadership and commitment to the group! Tracy opened up to the group for discussion as to how to fill the position for the remaining term. Should current President Terri Dawson and Tracy share the Vice President’s duties to finish out the term; appoint a new member to complete the current VP term and then move up to President at the end of April; or Tracy could move up to President at the end of this term and a new VP and Secretary/Treasurer be elected to complete the slate of officers. Tracy asked if anyone opposed to her moving up to President and no one opposed. She then asked everyone to consider moving into an officers’ position for the next term and if interested to please contact Terri or Tracy.

Scholarship committee: it is time to start selecting recipients for our annual scholarship. Tracy asked for feedback on which newspapers the group would like to advertise in. It was questioned if the ad was free. The response was we thought it was free if it was for a non-profit organization. A list of high school counselors was circulated to the group for additions or corrections. Lori Boyer spoke about the scholarship and reminded members that the application is on the NMFW website. The current officers or the scholarship committee will follow up with the advertising and contact the school counselors.

Tracy asked the group for discussion regarding members wearing jeans at future meetings. No one opposed the idea.

Future meetings and host banks:

March 21, 2012 Bank Midwest

April 12, 2012 Commerce Bank

With no further business, Cindy Crone made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Felicia Hendrix.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Schmidt, Secretary / Treasurer

Treasury balance as of February 14, 2012 $6,589.00