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NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

February 10, 2011

No March business meeting was held due to the meeting being open to the public for Robbery Training. The February meeting of Northwest Missouri Financial Women was hosted by BTC Bank on Thursday, February 10th at Whiskey Creek in St. Joseph. President Cindy Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 34 members/guests present and one speaker. Jill Gockel gave the invocation and all enjoyed a delicious meal.

The October 2010 Meeting minutes and treasurer's report \$5,889.95 were circulated previously to the group. A motion was made by Donna Zion to approve as sent, Robyn Rogers seconded the motion.

The speaker for the evening was our very own, Melanie Walley from Midwest Federal. Melanie's bank branch was the victim of a serial robber just a few short weeks ago. Melanie shared information about the robbery, including pictures. She also emphasized that if your bank uses an alarm system that notifies an alarm company, it is very important that a bank employee also calls 911 as soon as safely possible. Many times the employee will reach 911 before the alarm company has a chance to notify the police.

In old business, Cindy announced that we received a YWCA thank you for our donation collected at the November meeting (a total of \$155.00). Thank you to all that donated! In other business, handouts were passed out for the new scholarship application, eligibility requirements, committee guidelines, and contact information for area schools and newspapers. If anyone knows of a school or paper that is not on the list, please notify Cindy by March 1st. The scholarship information will be posted to our website for members and interested applicants to review. A press release will be submitted next week as long as there are no document changes submitted to the committee.

In new business, the March meeting will be hosted by Bank Midwest at the Casino and will be open to non-member banks. The meeting will focus on Robbery and be presented by two FBI agents. Due to the agents' schedules, the meeting date has changed to **Tuesday, March 8th**. The cost per person for this meeting will be \$5 (there will be no meal that evening). Vatterott will also be providing 15 minute chair massages prior to the meeting, so make sure to show up early! Since this meeting is open to all banks, please share the meeting flier with your branch manager and other banks in the area.

New officers will be elected during our April meeting. In preparation for this, a motion was made to change our officer terms from two year down to one year. There were no objections; Mari Ferguson made the motion to accept the change and Melanie Walley seconded for approval. The natural progression will move our current Vice President up to President; our current Secretary/Treasurer to Vice President; and there will be an open position for Secretary/Treasurer (which can be split into two separate officers if there are enough volunteers).

Guests: Kristin Peak (Commerce), Lydia Parrish (Midwest Federal), and Dana Sterling (Mercantile).

Announcements: Penny Gardner announced the birth of grandbaby #7, a boy named Reed Cason weighing 9lbs 4oz. Cindy Crone announced that she is expecting a new addition to her family in July.

Mari Ferguson was the door prize winner.

Future meeting dates:
April 14, 2011 Nodaway Valley Bank

With no further business, Chanda Proffit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Donna Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gockel, Secretary / Treasurer

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Treasury balance as of March 7, 2011 \$5,805.69