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**NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN**  
MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING  
March 11, 2010

The March meeting of Northwest Missouri Financial Women was hosted by UMB on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Whiskey Creek in St. Joseph. President Cindy Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 36 members/guests and 1 speaker present. Cheryl Bilby gave the invocation and all enjoyed a delicious meal.

“Nothing Nu about aNuities” was the program presented by Mark Bigbee from UMB Insurance. Mark gave an informative speech regarding the history of annuities, explaining the evolution of annuities in England to today’s Social Security program. It was a great presentation filled with a mixture of humor and facts.

The February 2010 meeting minutes and treasurer’s report of \$5,471.08 were circulated previously to the group. A motion was made by Becky Gall to approve as sent, Denise Kretzer seconded the motion.

Old business included the announcement that our organization’s website is now live at [www.nmfw.org](http://www.nmfw.org). The website address was handed out so that members could view the site at their own convenience. It was emphasized that the officers are open to the member’s opinions and suggestion on ways to improve the website. It was mentioned that pictures will be taken of the group during meetings starting at the March meeting. These pictures will replace the generic pictures currently depicted on our website. With this in mind, please make sure to notify an officer if you would not like to be included in any group pictures. The final portion of discussion regarding our new website was the request for members to submit quotes which will be added to the site. The organization’s website is not only meant for member usage but is also intended to be an additional method for recruitment. It is our hope that as we recruit new institutions and members, we can invite prospects to the website to view additional information and gain a better understanding of the organization. Quotes about NMFW would be a great testimonial for the organization. Cindy will email the quote sheet on Friday and everyone is invited to submit a quote which will be depicted on the website.

Other old business discussed was pricing on nametags. Price quotes were based on nametags identical to the style as our FWI nametags (1½” x 3” magnetic, engraved with a logo, the organization’s name, and the member’s name). Accent Printing (Maryville) quoted a one time \$50 logo setup fee and \$4.75 a piece for the initial order. Any future nametags ordered would cost \$5.25 a piece. Creations Engraving (Savannah) quoted nametags as \$10.00 each. Members suggested contacting OK Trophy (St. Joseph) for a price quote as well. Nametags could be available as early as the April meeting; otherwise these will be available at the following meeting in September.

No new business was discussed.

Announcements were made that Cheryl Bilby has a new grandson named Cole Ross Bilby, born on February 24, 2010. Cole weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and measured 21 inches long. Congratulations Grandma Cheryl! It was also announced that Kanna Helton’s grandmother passed away last month. Our condolences go out to Kanna Helton and her family for their loss.

The door prize winner was determined by the person who marked the most items on their “What’s in Your Purse?” checklist. Terri Dawson was the lucky winner of a Bath and Body Works gift basket.

Future meeting dates:  
April 8, 2010      BTC Bank

With no further business, Cheryl Bilby made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Donna Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gockel, Secretary / Treasurer

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Treasury balance as of March 16, 2010 \$5196.76