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## NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING October 8, 2009

The October meeting of the Northwest Missouri Financial Women was held on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ground Round in St. Joseph. Midwest Federal and Commerce Bank hosted the meeting. President Cindy Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 34 members/guests and 1 speaker present.

Jill Gockel gave the invocation and all enjoyed a delicious meal.

The program for the evening was presented by Vanessa Boydston, who is a Family Nurse Practitioner. Vanessa shared important information regarding women's health. She gave a thorough presentation that explored women's health screening guidelines as well as special emphasis on mammograms.

The September 2009 meeting minutes and treasurer's report of \$5,369.69 were previously circulated to the group; a motion was made by Donna Zion to approve as mailed. Cindy Crone seconded the motion and the motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report was approved.

Old business included a reminder to make sure everyone is completing the sign in sheet at every meeting. We have a new format for the sign in sheet which includes specification of whether you are attending as a member or guest and, most importantly, a section for payment method (please specify if you will pay today or if you need an invoice). This new format is intended for a more efficient process for collecting and following up with payments. Also in old business, if you are not receiving the monthly email notifications about our meetings, please notify Cindy Wilson as soon as possible.

New business included the idea of creating a website for our organization. This can be used as a central location for group notes and notices, a portal for members to get to know each other, and a place for guests to learn more about the organization. The group seemed interested in this idea when asked. This process will begin after the first of the year, please contact Jill Gockel if you have any experience with creating a website. Other new business included notification that our tax exempt application has been submitted. Pending the approval of this application, we will be completely finished organizing Northwest Missouri Financial Women. Our next meeting will be held November 12<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be our group's Christmas party where we will have an optional gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, just bring a gift that costs no more than \$5 to \$10. Even if you prefer not to participate in the gift exchange, make sure to attend the meeting for a great meeting, good food, and fun company!

There were no new announcements.

The door prize was won by Brandy Miller of Bank Midwest. She won a Bath & Body Works "Pamper Yourself" gift set full of lotion, body wash, etc.

Future meeting dates:

November 12, 2009	Bank Midwest
February 11, 2010	Nodaway Valley Bank
March 11, 2010	UMB Bank
April 8, 2009	BTC Bank

With no further business, Melanie Walley made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Donna Zion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gockel, Secretary / Treasurer

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Treasury balance as of October 19, 2009                      \$5351.17