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NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

October 14, 2010

The October meeting of Northwest Missouri Financial Women was hosted by Commerce Bank on Thursday, October 14th at Hoof and Horn Steak House in St. Joseph. President Cindy Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 32 members/guests present and one speaker. Jill Gockel gave the invocation and all enjoyed a delicious meal.

This month's program was presented by Matthew Gregg, Student Employment Coordinator at MWSU. The topic discussed "Working Across Generations" which looked at statistics and different work habits of the *Great Generation*, *Baby Boomers*, *Generation X*, and *Generation Y*. During the presentation, Matthew initiated table discussions on what members felt influenced their own eras, values, work ethic, etc.

The September 2010 Meeting minutes and treasurer's report \$4,867.29 were circulated previously to the group. A motion was made by Mari Ferguson to approve as sent, Penny Gardener seconded the motion.

In old business, all paid members should now have a NMFW nametag. If any member does not have a nametag, please contact Jill Gockel. Members were reminded that our next meeting will be the Christmas Party and will be held on November 18th, the **third** Thursday in November due to Veteran's day. A brief explanation was made for new members that the Christmas Party meeting will not have a speaker and usually consists of a gift or food exchange. The exchange is completely voluntary so members can still attend the meeting/party without participating in the exchange. More details will be sent at a later date.

Since there was no new business, the remaining business meeting focused on old business discussions regarding offering a scholarship. Jill had researched IRS rules regarding a non-profit organization offering scholarships and determined that one can be offered to non-members and relatives of members as long as we establish a selection method that would ensure unbiased selections. The scholarship will not be available directly to members because it would violate the rule of "no member can benefit in any way from the organization's funds." The organization is interested in assembling 4-5 individuals who would be willing to serve on a scholarship board which would establish guidelines, forms, etc. Current volunteers are: Cindy Wilson (Mercantile), Megan Weigler (Commerce), Lori Boyer (Commerce), and Denise Kretzer (UMB). If anyone else is interested in participating, please contact Cindy Wilson.

Guests were introduced: Melissa Perez (Commerce) and Roxanna Walters (former FWI member).

Numerous announcements were made: Chanda Proffit (Bank Midwest) was recently promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of the 36th St. location. Kanna Helton gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Cooper Reece, on October 1st. Kanna and Cooper are at home and doing great. Roxanna Walters retired Wednesday, October 14th and was honored with a speech by Mari Ferguson. Roxanna then said a few words about her experience in the former FWI organization and emphasized the invaluable networking this type of organization provides. Congratulations to these members and their accomplishments!!!

Mari Ferguson was the door prize winner of a beautiful fall decoration by having the lucky raffle ticket!

Future meeting dates:

November 18, 2010	Mercantile Bank
February 10, 2011	BTC Bank
March 10, 2011	
April 14, 2011	Nodaway Valley Bank

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Gockel, Secretary / Treasurer

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Treasury balance as of October 21, 2010 \$5,323.29