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## **NORTHWEST MISSOURI FINANCIAL WOMEN MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING**

November 17, 2011

The November meeting of Northwest Missouri Financial Women was hosted by Mercantile Bank on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at JC Wyatt House in St. Joseph. President Terri Dawson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 19 members present. Kathe DeMott gave the invocation and all enjoyed a delicious meal.

There was not a speaker this month due to it being our Christmas meeting. We had decided not to do a gift exchange this year. Instead we opted to collect donations and give to the YWCA (a total of \$130). Thank you to all who donated!

The October 2011 Meeting minutes and treasurer's report of \$6,618.79 were previously circulated to the group. A motion was made by Cindy Wilson to approve as sent, Danielle Miller seconded the motion.

Old business; a letter from Jill Gockel was read expressing her appreciation of the donation to her brother, Jeremy's memorial scholarship fund.

In new business, Terri announced that Jill and Eric Gockel welcomed baby Kody Clarence on 11/6/11. He weighed 7lbs, 3oz, and was 21" long. Cindy Wilson stated with the loss of Megan Weigler to the scholarship committee, Kristen Peak volunteered to step into Megan's role after the first of the year.

Future meetings and host banks:

February 9, 2012	BTC Bank
March 8, 2012	Bank Midwest
April 12, 2012	Commerce Bank

There were several prizes awarded for the three fun Christmas games that were played. The winners of "Name the Christmas Carols" were Jenny Brown, Ashlea Buntin, Kristin Peak, Nita Thornton, and Patrice Lager. The winners of guessing the most correct items in the 14 stockings were Jenny Brown and Ashlea Buntin. A Christmas story was read and a wooden and pre-lit snowman were passed around the circle. Robin Miles was the lucky winner of the wooden snowman and Terri Dawson the lucky winner of the pre-lit snowman.

With no further business, Mary Jo Hilsabeck made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Cindy Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Schmidt, Secretary / Treasurer

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Treasury balance as of December 2, 2011      \$6,676.43