

Lakeshore Business & Professional Women



October 2018

WEDNESDAY, Oct.17, 2018

Program: Rahr West Table Settings

**Meet at Rahr West Museum at 4:15 p.m. or
anytime during our viewing time of 4:15 p.m to
5:15 p.m.**

**NOTE: Dinner and meeting at 6 p.m.
TimeOut**

**1027 North Rapids Road
Manitowoc, WI 54220**

Cost: \$17.00

Raffle: Carol Gruetzmacher



Laurretta Krcma-Olson – BPW President

Fall is officially here and it is wonderful to see the beauty in the changing color of the leaves. Enjoy! It is also Breast Cancer and National Domestic Violence Awareness month – two important causes to think about and observe.

To all who attended last month's meeting, thank you for the good discussion regarding the future of our organization. See meeting minutes on pages 4 and 5 under New Business for a summary.

We will be voting on the future of our club at the October meeting. It is important for ALL members to attend and vote. Also, we will not have a meeting in November due to the date falling the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM is a viewing of the Table Settings at the Rahr West Museum. This is an incredible display of creativity. The Rahr will be available for us to view the table settings from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m on October 17. Thanks to Sherry for checking into and arranging this for us. We understand it may be difficult for all members to attend but are hopeful those with conflicts may be able to work around these or be able to attend the display at another time. Our dinner and meeting will follow as usual at TimeOut at 6 p.m.

Check your cupboards to see if you need any supplies from Cindy Haefke.

See you next week Wednesday. **Laurretta**

RESERVATIONS

NOTE: Due date for reservations or cancellations is Monday, Oct. 15 by noon.

If you have a **STANDING RESERVATION** and

CANNOT ATTEND the meeting, please contact Sherry Rezba, at

sherryrezba@gmail.com or call

920-652-4847, by noon on

Monday, Oct. 15 to cancel your reservation. (If no answer, leave a voice message.) If you are on **PERMANENT CANCELLATION** and **PLAN TO ATTEND**, call Sherry to make your reservation.



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Agenda October 17, 2018

1. **Welcome & Introduction**

Question: What is something you hate but you wished you loved?

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Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Business Meeting**

Minutes from September meeting (in newsletter)

Treasurer's report

Committee Reports (by exception)

- Finance
 - Tastefully Simple
- Programming
- Communications

Old Business

New Business

3. **Correspondence /\$1 Announcements**

4. **Raffle: Carol Gruetzmacher will conduct the raffle.**

5. **Closing/End of Meeting**

MISSION STATEMENT

*To develop women's potential while
promoting equality through networking,
education and advocacy.*

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General Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018

Welcome & Introduction

The question for the meeting was: Are you a morning or night person and has that always been the same? The meeting started at 6:03 p.m. with 11 members in attendance.

Program – Miranda Gage, Volunteer Coordinator, Aurora at Home Hospice

Pledge of Allegiance

Business Meeting: Began at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting - Minutes from the June meeting were sent with the newsletter. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was presented by Gert Bloedorn. A hard copy was passed out.

Funds in checking: \$3691.58.

Total funds on deposit = \$10,607.39.

Committee Reports (by exception)

Finance

Tastefully Simple/Gourmet Cupboard sales – nothing to report.

Bake Sale Summary – Gert reported that we raised \$166.00 at the Lemonade Squeeze. She noted that the majority of sales were from members. The leftovers were donated. We made the same amount with the No Bake sale in May.

Scholarships

Scholarships were awarded in May. See May minutes.

Rummage Sale

Karen reported that our profit was \$1400.00 after subtracting the hall rental of \$100.00.

Programming – Discussed visiting the Rahr West for the Table Setting exhibit prior to the October meeting. Details will be announced in the October newsletter. During new business it was noted that our November meeting would be the night before Thanksgiving. Gert made a motion to eliminate this year's November meeting. Motion passed. There will be no November 2018 meeting. December will be our customary social.

Communications – None.

Sunshine- None.

Old Business – Someone is to ask about the garden at InCourage when rummage sale clothes are dropped off. Members would like to see the garden if it is finished. Lauretta will check on this and report in October.

New Business –

Vicki Wetenkamp has accepted a new job and has moved to the Minocqua area. She will no longer be a member. Laretta passed a card for everyone to sign. Karen made a motion to include a gift of Chamber bucks to the card. Gert said we had \$40 in the budget for the past President gift that we could use. Motion was approved and Gert will purchase Chamber Bucks in the amount of \$40 for the card.

A board meeting was held in August to discuss our declining membership, small profits from bake sale fundraising, probability of increasing membership low, feasibility of acquiring speakers for meetings due to low number of attendees plus reserving the room for a small group. The Treasurer reported that our net worth \$10,556.23 and we could do 3 years of scholarships with that money. Laretta read the meeting minutes summary.

The bylaws regarding dissolution of Lakeshore BPW were reviewed. The recommendations of the Board are as follows:

- Lakeshore BPW will be disbanded after the June 2020 meeting.
 - Current officers and board will serve until club is dissolved.
 - A concurrent rummage and bake sale will be held in June 2019.
 - The club will continue ringing the bells for Salvation Army but increase shifts to 90 minutes to allow better coverage.
 - Chamber of Commerce membership renewal cost of \$212.00 for 2019 comes due in January. Recommendation was to not renew. Will bring to membership in January.
 - Members to decide if we want speakers for meetings starting in October. Historically we have had fewer members present at winter meetings. September speaker is Aurora Hospice. Sherry will check with them to determine if they want to speak to a small group. October meeting could see Rahr West Table settings prior to meeting. November meeting could be a business meeting discussing dissolution. December meeting could be at the Courthouse Pub. We would need 4 speakers for meetings till May 2020. Need to inform speakers of small group before booking.
- After this meeting and upon reflection, some board members have changed their opinion. Some have recommended giving out all of the money in 2019 and dissolving after the June meeting.

Laretta asked Michelle Birschbach to comment on the legal aspects of dissolving our group at an informal August lunch meeting. There is one document that would need to be filled out (by Gert) Michelle suggested we consider merging with Women in Management , now known as Professional Women's Connection. They have also had declining membership and give out yearly scholarship. They have instituted changes in their meetings that are very similar to the changes made by BPW.

Suggestions from Michelle included:

- Merge with Women in Management. They also give out scholarship money but not as much as we have given out in the past. We could bring our scholarship money with us and work on an agreement of how this money would be spent under a new organization.
- Create an endowment by fundraising \$25,000 (minus what we would carry forward.) This would allow the endowment to give out a \$1000 scholarship per year after dissolution. We would have 5 years to do this.
- Give out more scholarships now and dissolve before June 2020.

On a separate note for dissolution, we have an Operations Budget that is not earmarked for scholarships. Michelle urged us to look outside the box.

-Our operations budget is \$3,691.58. The group can use this money as they see fit. Michelle suggested using the money for the membership, possibly for something for members to thank them for contributions to BPW through the years – possibly a celebratory dinner.

After a group discussion of pros and cons, the membership agreed to vote on dissolution at the October meeting. The bylaws were consulted and we need a majority of members to dissolve. We currently have 11 members. Laretta requested that everyone in the club attend and make their voices heard.

Correspondence – None.

\$1 Announcements –

-Peach and her husband will be gone for 2 weeks on a road trip to see their son in Denver, attend a wedding in Taos, New Mexico and visit relatives in Santa Fe, NM.

-Gert will be 70 on October 6th. Five of her sisters are coming to celebrate with her from Oct. 2 to the 11th.

-Laretta said her Dad is 100 years and 34 days old. He is doing well. They had a big birthday party for him.

Raffle

The raffle was won by Carol Gruetzmacher.

Motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jane Panosh, Secretary.



BPW Annual Calendar

January

- Pay dues by January 31
- New officers assume duties (exception is Programming whose calendar runs July to July)
- Audit Committee audits books

February

- Audit Committee reports to club at meeting.

March

- Scholarship applications made public

April

- Review scholarship applications

May

Award scholarships at meeting

June

- Rummage sale fundraiser

July

- No meeting

August

- Social meeting

September

- Committees meet to prepare budget requests

October *- Amendment made at Sept. meeting to finalize budget at November meeting.

- Budget requests due by 10/1
- Board meets to review budget
- Nominating Committee selected

November

- Nominating Committee presents slate of officers, elections held
- Budget presented to membership

December

- Officer Transition
- Receipts and expenditures due to Treasurer by 12/10
- Treasurer to close books on 12/31

**Lakeshore BPW
2018 Officers**

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Jane (Peach) Panosh
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Treasurer

Gert Bloedorn
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Immediate Past President

Sherry Rezba
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Happy 70TH Birthday GERT!

Gert Bloedorn – October 6

Happy Anniversary Dates!

Vicki Wetenkamp – 1996

Sherry Rezba - 2013

