

Minutes of SouthShore ABWA Charter Chapter #1409 Monday, May 18th 2009

Number of members attending: 17
Number of guests attending: 5
Speakers: 1 (guest)
Total: 23

Networking was between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. The meeting started with the invocation and Pledge.

Dinner, Introductions

Each member and guest introduced themselves and gave a 20 second promotional of their business or interests.

Minutes, Treasurer's report

There was no discussion of prior meeting minutes or treasurer's report

Announcements

- Penny presented the Board of Directors budget for the new Chapter year.
- Our focus for the upcoming year includes strengthening the vitality of our chapter, improving member participation and reaching out to members who have difficulty attending.
- We currently have 48 members in good standing.
- Chapter Dues are \$25 per year and due in August.
- We worked hard to win a "Best Practice" designation for the chapter last year but fell short missing it by just 2 members (the requirement is 50 members and to have 6 members attend the Spring or National Conference.
- Mary Ann Wilhelm of Wilhelm AC has supported the chapter for many years through her run for Honorary Mayor of Ruskin and other efforts. This year ABWA is helping to support her campaign by sponsoring a pancake breakfast. We need donations of Pancake mix (add water type) and bacon and syrup. Please help support this effort which also benefits our education fund.

- Stephanie Powell is going to continue chairing our membership committee.
- Deb Adams is going to take on the role of chair for the Professional Development committee.
- We would like volunteers to help us with providing content for our newsletter. We have many activities going on and want to help the membership to know about them in a timely manner. If you are interested, please contact any member of the board.
- Please send donations for the “black purse” for ABWA National’s door prize to Toni Huggins or Penny Smith by Wednesday.

Program speaker

Our Program Speaker was Lois Kindle – She spoke on the topic of Challenges of starting a new career in mid-life. She shared how to take a positive approach to getting through changes. It was a very inspirational message.