



Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 7, 2020
Houston Maritime Museum

In Attendance

Members: Michelle Hundley, Kristi Claypool, Sandi Mannette, Elvira Orozco, Alex Lane, Lea Gibson, Kimberly Hargett, Leticia Bailey, Mary Jane Naquin, Natalie Picha, Penny Rankin,

Guests: Kirstin Zoch, Violeta Villareal, Marina Moncada

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Michelle Hundley, President

- Michelle Hundley called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the first membership meeting of 2020.
 - Michelle introduced Houston Maritime Museum Director, Leslie Bowlin. Leslie talked to the group about the history and future of the museum before the group took a tour.
 - Michelle introduced the 2020 Board of Directors.
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II. Financials – Sandi Mannette, Treasurer

- 2019 Overview
 - \$15,759.20 Total Income – majority coming from membership dues and Woman of Influence luncheon
 - \$10,681.41 Total Expenses – majority for monthly luncheons and legal/professional services
 - \$10,553.38 Net Income
 - Current Account Balances
 - \$13,943.76 in Checking Account
 - \$192.68 in PayPal Account
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III. New Business

- **Quarterly Focus on Mission Statement** - Kristi Claypool, Vice President, read the Mission Statement to the group emphasizing the four pillars that will be our quarterly focuses throughout the year. Connecting Business, Fostering Leadership, Enhancing Abilities, Championing the Success of Women.
- **Membership Information** – Elvira Orozco, Membership Chair, discussed the benefits of membership both personally and professionally. She suggested coming up with events and activities based on our strengths... referencing the *CliftonStrengths Finder* book and assessment some of the members participated in last year.
- It was announced that Membership Dues are required to be paid by **February 14th**.

- **Mentoring/Book Club** – Michelle Hundley, in the absence of Karen Gregory, encouraged the group to participate in the Mentoring and/or Book Club using the sign-up sheets provided on the sign in table. Books will be announced and read quarterly. The current book being read is Brene Brown’s *Daring Greatly*. More information about both clubs to be provided by Karen in the near future.
- **April Event – April 6th** – Alex Lane, Events Chair, announced that the organization will hold its first Spring Event on April 6. The event will be a luncheon at Houston’s Junior League featuring a discussion with author Angela Aja on her book “*Being Summoned to Soar*”. Elvira mentioned that the book could be obtained for free on the author’s website.
- **Global Influence Magazine** – Michelle Hundley announced that Elvira Orozco is the Editor of the magazine. The magazine’s third issue is in progress and potential interviewees are needed as well as interviewers.
- **Woman of Influence Luncheon** -Alex Lane, Events Chair, along with Michelle, discussed with the group the need for ideas for the Woman of Influence recipient for this year. Suggestions of potential recipients are needed by the end of February.

IV. Member Announcements/Kudos

- Michelle Hundley addressed the group about seeking out and nominating each other for awards and recognition. Kristi Claypool added that if yourself as a member receives recognition in your field or promotion in your company, let Alex know so she can include it in the newsletter and send an email blast out to the membership.

V. Other Discussion

- Membership Contact List is available on the website.
- Go through Alex if you would like an email sent out to the general membership.
- Alex will be sending out monthly newsletters.
- Greater Houston Partnership’s *Rise to the Top* event, celebrating International Women’s Day is March 6 at Hilton Americas. This is the same day as our next membership meeting. If enough members are interested in attending this event, we could possibly reschedule our next meeting.
- We will make a point of having introductions at the beginning of each meeting. It was skipped this meeting due to time constraints having the museum tour.

VI. Adjournment

- Michelle Hundley adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Sandi Mannette

Next Meeting Date: March 6, 2020, at Chas P. Young, 1616 McGowen, Houston 77004

DATE APPROVED: _____

_____, Secretary