



WENATCHEE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

DRAFT Meeting Notes

January 20, 2016

Our President, Reimi Marden, called the meeting to order. The minutes of our December 2016 membership meeting were offered for approval and accepted without revision.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speakers were Stacy Luckensmeyer, Business and Industry Liaison for the Wenatchee Valley College Center for Entrepreneurship; Alan Walker, Executive Director of the United Way of Chelan and Douglas Counties; and Lisa Parks, Executive Director of Port of Douglas County. The three speakers explained the history the local planning effort known as, "Our Valley... What's Next? / Nuestro Valle... Que Sigue?"

The "Our Valley" collaboration is creating a regional vision and action plan to shape the future of our community to make it more vibrant and prosperous. The Valley is defined broadly to include all those who perceive themselves as part of the area.

Two significant components are a strategic planning effort and the America's Best Communities contest sponsored by Frontier Communications. Alan reported that we were selected as one of the 15 semifinalists in the contest out of 350 applicants. The final decision on the winner, who will receive \$3 million, will be announced later this year.

The strategic planning effort is the backbone of the ABC application we submitted. A planning group that includes our speakers, and many other community visionaries, has been gathering input from the community, organizing the community's thoughts, and creating avenues to execute on the ideas. We are fortunate to have knowledgeable and energized community leaders such as these!

Learn more at www.ourvalleywhatsnext.org

Committee Reports

Young Careerist – Carrisa Blair/Cassandra Franklin, co-chairs
cblair@watrust.com; cassandra.franklin@mail.glassdoctor.com.

- Nominate! We need nominees, 21-35 that want to develop personally or professionally
- Visit <http://www.bpwwen.org/young-careerist.html> for more information

Membership Committee – Stefanie Clift, Chair

- You received a survey by email or may have picked one up at our meeting. Please return via email, give your completed survey to a BPW officer, or drop off a hard copy at our next General Membership Meeting.
- Membership cards are printed and available to pick up at our general membership meeting.

Nominating Committee – Debbie Feist, Chair

- Let Debbie know if you would like to be an officer now or in the future. We need nominations by March with voting in April. New officers take over in May.

Other Information

Meeting Sponsors:

- January Meeting Sponsor – Allstate Debbie Feist sponsored our January meeting. Debbie is retired but brought with her and introduced the new Allstate representative xxxxx. Welcome!
- February Meeting Sponsor –
- March Meeting Sponsor -- GWATA

Dean Allen Shine On – Ski-A-Thon – Kelly Allen

<http://www.deanallenshineon.org/>

Give, Sponsor, Volunteer - How do you turn a family and community tragedy into an opportunity to celebrate and give back? You throw the biggest fundraising and fun-raising party possible. Join Doug, Kelly, and Hailey Allen and the Mission Ridge team for the first Annual Dean Allen Shine On Ski-A-Thon; Saturday, January 23rd

BPW Strategic Planning. Wednesday, February 3rd 5:15 pm at Wok About Grill on Wenatchee Avenue. All are welcome.

Next General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2016, Pybus Market.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McNalty
Secretary