

**Alma Area BPW
November 11, 2009**

Saravilla Bed & Breakfast

Members Present: Jayne Norris, Carol Layman, Pam Knowlton, Laura Krebs, Wendy Lombard, Marci Browne, Connie Katt, Kim McCracken

Guest Speaker was – Joslyn Potter, BPW 2009-10 Alma College Scholarship Recipient.

Meeting was called to order by Jayne Norris at 6:45 pm. Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. October minutes read. Correction made under Legislative Committee: delete “Reminder bills are no longer being sent out.” Insert sentence: Reminder bills will be sent out in the near future by the state treasurer.

Treasurer’s report – was not available

Old Business - Young Careerist Dessert Reception - Connie reported sponsorships were down a bit this year. Oct. 22 reception attendance remained about the same despite having only 2 nominees. YC committee has 10 names jotted down as potential nominees for next year. Discussion on the possible need to widen criteria to include non business type occupations. Connie would like to pass the chair responsibilities to another member for 2010.

Membership Dues – BPW State Treasurer, Mary Macqueen, is late getting dues notices out to members. The dues breakdown is \$60 to state and \$17 to local = \$77 total.

Fall Conference held Oct. 23-25 in Battle Creek - Carol reported on the agenda and speakers including the Chairperson of BPW Nat’l Foundation and Susan Murphy, state president. Some minor changes were made to bylaws and policies and procedures at conference. Marci Browne received a Woman of Achievement Award on Saturday evening of the conference.

New Business – Christmas Party will be on Thurs., Dec. 10 at Hometown Cellars in Ithaca. Bring favorite hors d’oeuvre, Shelter Shower items, and \$10 or more for Salvation Army in lieu of a gift exchange.

Committees-

Reality Store – Kim has set dates for March 25-26 at RESD and April 30 at Alma High School. She needs someone to call volunteers and someone to line up food for workers for March dates.

Membership – Brainstormed ways to increase membership. Perhaps send letters of invitation to women who attended Young Careerist Reception and follow up with phone calls.

Website – Hoping to take new group photo at Christmas party.

Basket Drawing – Wendy winner. Emblem benediction, Meeting adjourned by Jayne at 7:45 pm
Respectfully Submitted, Pam Knowlton, Alma Area BPW Secretary

