

**National Association of Women in Construction
Grand Rapids Chapter #194
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2010**

The Membership Meeting of the National Association of Women in Construction, Grand Rapids Chapter 194 was called to order at 6:01pm.

President Char Terpsma CDS, CIT welcomed members and guests to the February meeting. Everyone was reminded to place their phones on vibrate or turn them off.

Self introductions showed 16 members present and 2 guests A quorum was established.

Char offered prayer before dinner. The meeting was adjourned for dinner.

After dinner the meeting's program was NAWIC's version of Construction Feud. Barb MacWilliams CIT hosted the game, which was a very educational and enjoyable by all.

Minutes for the January Membership Meeting were approved as written.

It was reported that newsletters from several Region 4 chapters were received. A thank you note was sent to Bonnie Jangda for January's program.

Treasurer Kortney Reyff reported the financials for January have been approved by the Board and copies are available upon request.

Char gave the following Board Report: The Board reviewed and approved the January Board meeting minutes. The various fundraising events were reviewed. Kortney updated the Board on progress with organizing the Block Kids event.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Construction Profession and Education:

Next month we will be hearing from Lee Grasmeyer from Allied Waste regarding recycling. We will also be co-hosting the CSI Design Expo and in April we will have our "big" meeting which we are calling our Construction Appreciation night. Aileen Leipprandt and her coworkers from Miller Johnson will be presenting their program called "Construction Idol".

Finance Committee: Our midyear budget review will be done the end of this month.

Membership:

Char installed Nicole Eggerding of Target Construction as new member. Cheri Rysko presented the award for 4-Most Leader to Char Terpsma CDS, CIT and the award for New Leader to Rachel Heyboer

Special Committees

PR/Marketing/WIC Week:

CBS Outdoor has been contacted and we are waiting to get response on their donation of board location. The paperwork/payment/artwork is in process of finalization. 20 posters were ordered and will be distributed to Chapter 194 plan room members and elsewhere (State Labor Dept – GR, etc.). Extra copies were passed out at this meeting. Betty Veldhouse CIT donated 25 buttons to be distributed at this meeting, also. Proclamations were requested from the State of Michigan (Governor), City of Grand Rapids, and City of Kentwood (President's resident City). March 3 is our night with the GEMS Faye is looking into arranging time with the Girl Scouts during WIC week. A Girl Scout Badge will be in place soon, but is not ready at this time. Media blitz each week now until WIC Week with known publications who will actually give us print space. E-minders will have flyer and/or brochure-type attachment so members and recipients can print and distribute them. Letters from Char will be mailed to current members' firms thanking them

for the support; and non-members' firms asking them to recognize the women in their company for their contributions to the construction industry. Hopefully, this will spark interest in additional membership. Letters are to be mailed no later than the week of February 15 to 19. You can also generate both letters for your own signature and Faye Staskewicz can print them in color and add postage at Beckering. Also, we will participate (co-sponsor) in the March 25 CSI Design Expo event.

Block Kids: Kortney reported that we need children to participate. Currently, we only have 6 signed up. If we don't have 30 by next Monday (February 15) we will need to cancel. Kortney has contacted television and radio stations, as well as various websites. The goodie bags will be assembled on the evening of February 18.

Ways and Means/Bulb Gardens: Katy Kurkiewicz reported 52 gardens were sold. We are using a new supplier and are very pleased with the gardens. If anyone else would like to purchase a garden or two, contact, Katy tomorrow morning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Towner nominated Katy, Faye and Rachel to serve on this year's Nominations Committee, This was seconded by Cheri Rysko. The motion passed.

Barb nominated Char as Delegate and Rachel as Alternate for Region 4 Forum. This was seconded by Cheri. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Region 4 Forum will be held in Akron, OH on April 9-11, 2010. It is the 50th anniversary for Region 4 and should be a great event. Everyone was asked to let Char know if they are interested in attending for car pooling purposes.

Deb Gregoire will be installed as 56th president at convention. Each chapter has been asked to send a letter or card of congratulations to be presented at the installation luncheon. Monica Bruaw is collecting these letters. It was decided to send something from our chapter and encourage individuals to do the same. Char will forward her address to our membership.

Rachel is organizing the NAWIC teams for Big Brother/Sister Bowling Tournament at Eastbrook Lanes on March 6. NAWIC will be bowling in the noon bowling group. Currently, there are 4 bowlers signed up for the team, however, she is looking for a 5th bowler and/or a second team. Cost is \$75 per bowler and pledge sheets would be attached to the Monday e-minder.

The Chapter will be making Trail Mix at the Kids Food Basket on April 20. The list of ingredients will be sent in the e-minder.

We are working with the Women's Resource Center and will help swap seasonal clothing one evening the third week in March from 5 – 7 pm. Details will be forthcoming.

Aileen will be one of the seminar speakers at this year's CSI Expo; be sure to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Barbara Nugent CDS, CIT, Secretary

Char Terpsma CDS, CIT, President