

Prairie State LIFE
9/18/08

Suzy Kolden opened the meeting at 12:30 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America

Minutes:

Sue Glaze read the minutes. One correction was made: double points in September are for HELP sessions, not class sign up. You still get the usual number of points for signing up for a new class (1000)

NEW Business

1. Suzy said this was the last day for contribute for MOM's cookies.
2. Liz Vaughn said that St. Mary's was having a bake sale 9/27 and if you wanted to you could take a baked item to the church.
3. The club voted to develop a registry of members, names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, anniversaries, organ owned etc. It was unanimous.
4. We will begin each meeting with the pledge and passing the "blessing jar"...or "kitty" or a name we decide on later. As we gather a few coins, we will decide on how to use it..."special needs" either for the club...or someone or some organization.
5. We will also make name badges...hopefully ready by the time I am reading this..to wear for all LIFE meetings and classes. Maybe even wear to outreach programs. They will be kept near the front organized by the first name, with the last name in smaller print. We also will have a sign up sheet at the front door. As we grow, this will help us know each other better...and also we can sign up to play a tune on that day.
6. We will also give a LIFE member of the year award based on what types of contributions a member has given to the group each year. Contributions can be in the form of outreach programs, committees, extra help with set ups clean ups etc. This will be done at the Christmas party each year. This year's award will be given at the Christmas party Nov 21,2008
7. Various nominating ideas were discussed.
8. Another new program will be small raffles each meetings. Each will pick up your name tag at the door, sign in, drop your name in the raffle box. If you have a hobby and have "stuff" to give away, these will be good items.
9. A window decorating committee was formed: Suzy Kolden, Sue Glaze, Bill Taylor and Jim Dybas. They will meet Tuesday at 11:30
10. We still need some help at the Edgewater Business Fest 9/20/08
11. The Breast Ca walk will be 9/27: Walkers will start walking at 9AM and you can play if you didn't walk, or play when you get back from the walk.
12. Linda has finished the Quick Start CD's to give out to potential students to help promote the program.
13. MECA has opened a new store in South Elgin, behind the current store, next to the bicycle shop near Kohl's. There are 2 yrs left on the current S.Elgin store. Another location may be on Bowes and Mclean in Elgin. This is a new building.

Another store may be in Rockford. A man came in who used to teach and would like a small location in Rockford.

So....we are growing.

14. Linda announced that Carnes is closing.

BIG NEWS:

On our next meeting...10/18/08 BILL CURRY will be coming and will give a workshop plus a concert.

It is for LIFE MEMBERS ONLY

It will start at 11am and go to 1 pm. We will have a pot roast lunch and really have a great time!!! We are lucky.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm

Sue Glaze

Recorder