

**Membership Meeting**  
**December 12, 2023**                      **Spring Mountain Clubhouse**

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**Program**

President Verla Brown called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m. Kathy Poston introduced Kacie Bracht of Rise Up 2 Thrive (RU2T); one of our grantees for 2023.

Kacie told us that she had been offering support for survivors of domestic violence for fourteen years. Kacie, herself, is a survivor of domestic violence and managed to remove herself from the abusive relationship. Since 2012 she has been working with Rose Advocates. To better serve the survivors in our area, Rise Up 2 Thrive was established in June 2022. Services began in October of 2022. Since that time they have worked with 140 individuals including having accompanied 20 victims at hospitals.

Rise Up 2 Thrive has a board of five people plus Kacie. They are planning to add more board members. They have ten volunteers and plan to add more services in the future.

Kacie told us that numbers of incidents rise around the holidays. They provide services such as housing, intervention, court management, protection order, safety, etc. She cited the example of the previous evening when there was a victim at the police station with no shoes. She had arrived with nothing but pants and a shirt. They provided warm clothing for her.

There are 570 people seeking services and safety in Idaho each day. Earlier this year we lost a woman to domestic violence in Valley County. Kacie hosted a candlelight vigil in her honor.

RU2T works with men, women, and children moving them from victim to survivor to thriver. They meet clients wherever needed in Valley County. They are always looking for and are ready to train volunteers for fund-raising events, promotion, working with clients, etc. They also are looking for a part-time employee.

The organization has been provided a location for lodging victims. They have two years to purchase the building and expect to succeed in that. They had \$38,500. In addition they raised \$68,000 - \$50,000 of that in one night. The \$3,800 grant from the PLPC was for nonrestricted victim services.

They are located at 404 S. Main Street in Cascade next to Reo's Pizza. They will be distinguished by their purple door. She invited us to the open house to be held 4-6 p.m. on December 13.

### **Business Meeting**

The business meeting began at 1:05 p.m. with the introduction of guests. New members were invited to speak about themselves. We heard from Jessica Harrison, Chris Haener, Doris Blount, Hailey Johnson, and Kitty Looper.

### **Secretarial Report**

Minutes from the October 10 meeting were reviewed and corrected by Jennie Tunnell regarding the treasury report. Linda Hallock moved and Karen Nelson seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried. Corrected minutes were entered into the record.

The correction is as follows:

The paragraph

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was changed to read

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## **Treasury Report**

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Expenses during October and November were \$1,627. Of that \$911 was for Festival of Trees expenses and \$716 were general club expenses (\$201 payment to our bookkeeper, \$90 Filing Federal Non-Profit 990-EZ Form, \$100 rent for meeting room, supplies – stationary note cards, copies of grant apps, postage).

June through November's year-to-date loss declined to \$32,770.85. Although most of Festival of Trees' activity will be recorded in December, \$7,750 sponsorship and donation revenue came in by the end of November, offset by approximately \$1,000 in event expenses. The club's November ending bank balance was \$46,563.98.

## **Nominating Committee**

Verla reported that there will be a nominating committee meeting in January. Nominating Committee members are : Verla Brown, Lola Elliot, Jennie Tunnell, Linda Corder, and Linda Hallock.

Officers currently are Verla Brown, President, Lola Elliot, Vice President/ Membership Chair, Jennie Tunnell and Kathy Wilcomb-Menten, Co-Treasurers, Linda Corder, Secretary, and Linda Hallock, Fund-raising and Publicity Committees Chair.

## **Membership**

Lola Elliot reported that there are 117 members, 15 of which are new members this year and five are new members as of this date.

## **Fund-Raising Committee**

Linda Hallock reported that we had an income of \$21,000 at the Festival of Trees. Thanks to all the people who donated money and items, provided gift certificates, etc. Thanks to all who helped with set up, new and better ideas for doing things, etc.

Income from Festival of Trees annually has been as follows:

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2021 \$13,900

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2019 \$11,000

**Today's Meeting Collection for Heartland Hunger**

Linda Hallock reported that we collected \$675.00 in cash and several hundred dollars worth of food and paper products for Heartland Hunger.

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