## Minutes March 16, 2018 SK

## Attending:

Lenore Hemingway

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Sam Ruckman

Sandy Brandvold

Katie Hamilton

Janet Marshall

Cheri Baldwin

Linda Brecher

Lucy Paradise

Ruti Lovitt

Carol Wallen

Mary Feeney

Jawn McKinley

Laurie Dawe

Kim Corey

Judith Fogarty

Sam Ruckman was introduced by Sandy regarding her *Heart and Soul*, and *Girls on the Run* programs. Re-read Sam's wonderful monthly essay in our archives. She shared finding one of our charms on a hike, and how very much it meant to her. She told of her decision to foster 2 small babies with serious health issues, and what it meant to her to have us get help from the Wish List. A Powerful story. Unfortunately, the babies have been now placed with a problematic family that suddenly showed up. We plan to support her any way we can if the babies are returned to her. In the meantime she got a lot of baby supplies via wish list that she is delivering to the new family.

**Kindness stories** continued via Jawn who hung charms in the bathroom at the Film Festival; Linda Brecher who had coffee with Veterans; Janet who gave a card to a person in Bashas who let her go ahead of her in line; plus a Meals on Wheels recipient who is giving her charm to a person from Germany.

**Room placement**: everyone likes horse shoe layout with 3 tables.

Financial report – SedonaKind gave a computer to Red Rock Jr. High. \$300.

KIS: Scarves, donated by Karen Dansby and Marilyn Thaden-Dexter were given to teachers as a special treat, and the KIS committee gave Starbucks gift cards to

the teachers they visit for Valentine's Day. Report from Mary Feeny – KIS is expanding into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade so our KIS volunteers can stay with the same classroom all year long. Also hoping to possibly expand to Big Park.

**OSD/Random Acts of Gardening:** Sandy said all is ready for meeting at Cheri's on April 9th to create the garden containers. Thanks again, Cheri, for letting us use your yard. Volunteers to deliver the containers can pick them up at Cheri's on the 19th. We have 50 recipient names!

**Kindness Blooms:** Katie reported we have already sold 24 of the 75 paintings!!! Flyers and postcards are made and can be picked up at the April meeting to spread around town – the event is on the Art Center website and Facebook and will be sent out to The Sedona Women email list. We're grateful to them. Start getting your friends excited about his show! It's our main fundraiser for this year and it needs all of us to make it a success!

**Lucy:** awaiting word from SMC about the WALL, but are starting to plan Kindness benches. Quotes from Tom/Excalibur are \$140 per bench plus cost of legs. Need specific outdoor tiles. Judith donated her yard to store them for now. Cheri will donate wet saw.

**The Hub:** Fantasy Fair May 12. We will need charms for this if we decide to participate. Come join us at Charming April 12.

**Blessing Bags:** Katie reminded us all to save small toiletry stuff when traveling. We need 50 bags for homeless veterans which will include \$5 McDonalds card, and 50 bags for others. We'll fill the bags in October like last year.

**Sandy: Boxes of Love** preliminary work done – ribbons, paper, etc. Heather made 20 for PEO to show and sell – we have 80 more boxes. The new date for making the boxes is April 16 at 2:00. Let Sandy know if you plan to attend.

**Jawn-** the film *Lilyana* has been chosen for ourSedona Kindness Day movie. It was an award winner at SIFF Festival, and a fabulous movie, and well within our budget. The filmmakers are excited about us showing it. We can each buy extra tickets to give to teachers to attend. Also the film *Time well spent* was picked for a high school showing with Rotary.

**Teachers Appreciation Day** – week is May 5-9. Discussion ensued re lunch boxes or gift bags? According to the District office, there are 48 K-6 teachers at

West Sedona and Big Park. Lucy suggested a \$5 Bashas card due to allergies, logistics etc. (in lieu of boxed breakfast) and it was unanimously agreed. Also to be included: \$5 Starbucks gift card, Kind bar and charm. We will assemble cards and bags at next general meeting.

**Teachers supplies:** There was discussion on how to best help the teachers, and a list of possibilities was created. More on this to follow at April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45, with happy St Paddy's Day and Easter wishes!