

**HANDBAGS THAT HELP
CELEBRATION MEETING**

April 13, 2011

4:30 p.m.

Findlay Country Club

Welcome

Julie Anderson welcomed everyone. Julie read the purpose of Handbags that Help which is to:

- Cultivate women as philanthropic leaders;
- Create a new and substantial pool of money donated by women;
- Identify appropriate and timely opportunities and projects;
- Allocate funds based on majority preference;
- Accomplish change;
- Celebrate impact; and
- Attain recognition as a “difference maker”, as well as a valued and significant resource.

She then announced that since the beginning of our organization in 2007, HTH has granted \$189,669.00 to ten organizations in the community. Julie then introduced Janelle Busdeker who presented the Findlay Youth Orchestra. The Orchestra exists to provide talented and motivated middle and high school students in Findlay and the surrounding communities the opportunity to play a wide variety of music in a youth orchestra setting. The HTH membership and guests enjoyed a short concert by the Orchestra. For those interested, the Orchestra will hold auditions on May 15, 2011 and August 21, 2011 for new members.

Julie led the membership in a moment of silence for the members and past members who passed away this year.

Next year’s meeting dates were announced. The membership will meet September 14, 2011, December 14, 2011 and March 14, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church. Next year’s Celebration Meeting will be April 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Administrative fees will be reduced next year to \$25.00. Members for next year will receive their interest inventory by regular mail. Next year will be our fifth year and it is expected that we will have a big celebration to commemorate the event.

Financial Report

Kim Stumpp, Treasurer, gave the financial report and described the three funds of the organization. She also introduced that anyone can become a lifetime member for \$12,500.00.

Kim explained that a carryover and frugal spending resulted in the ability to reduce the administrative fee by \$5.00. Also, the Guiding Circle chose to make a gift in the names of those who passed to the endowment fund using the carryover funds.

Communications

Judy Pusateri announced that the Guiding Circle is seeking a replacement for the Communications Chair. She also announced that HTH will continue to make announcements on Facebook using the Community Foundation page.

Program Committee

Donna Ruse spoke to the membership about the educational programs that have taken place this year. The membership enjoyed programs from the Master Gardeners, Millstream Café and the Historical Museum. She promised more exciting programs for next year.

Grants Committee

Kim Stumpp spoke for Jeri Bjorling who was unable to attend. Kim outlined this year's focus of the grant. The focus was to help improve the lives of individuals living in Hancock County. Proposals were requested from nonprofit organizations for programs in Hancock County that are focused on the Prevention, Intervention, Education and Treatment of drug use and abuse. Drugs can be defined as over-the-counter drugs, alcohol and tobacco and illegal drugs. Programs considered for funding may include, but are not limited to the areas of parenting skills, prenatal care, prenatal to adult education/care, crisis intervention/counseling, medicine education and management and prescription drug control.

Kim outlined the process of submission, review and voting on the grant applications. Later in the meeting, Kim presented the grant awards.

Vice-President

Kolleen Kirk-Rill spoke with the members and their guests about recruitment and the goal to increase our membership. She promised a recruitment event this summer and reminded everyone that applications need to be received by July 15 to be included in this year's interest inventory.

Member at Large

Sandy Hansen thanked all of the guests for attending. She also spoke to the membership about the suggestion cards at the tables and encouraged everyone to bring any questions or concerns to her attention.

Grant Awards

Kim Stumpp presented the winning grant recipients with their checks. \$21,499.00 was given to Bech Scrinka and Mark Johanigman on behalf of Caughman Health Center and the Blanchard Valley Health System. \$21,715.00 was given to Tina Pine and Gary Bright on behalf of Century Health.

Julie closed the meeting by offering a toast and warm congratulations to the grant recipients.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen K. Johnson
Secretary