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## **President's Message**

Ladies! Hi! Happy Summer!

Everything's in bloom – flowers, veggie gardens, children, grandchildren – life is good! I also feel that Altrusa is growing again. Yes! After confronting our issues at the last meeting I feel a new sense of purpose and empowerment for our club. That just might have been the longest meeting on record, but it was so good to hear all of you voice all of your thoughts. After all, communication is key!

The “closing” party at Amanda's home was made more fun by her getting us all to play “Red Rover”. Who woulda thunk? Certainly made for some precious memories.

Meantime, some have spoken of getting together during the summer. So, whenever the mood strikes whoever just send an email to all of us to join in walking the WOW trail, bowling (again!) and maybe trying the new zip line at Gunstock.

Thank you all again for a season of accomplishment, have a wonderful summer and safe travels and look forward to seeing you soon...

Diane

## **Club Motto:**

*Leaders in Service*

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**Dates To Remember**

July 22-25, 2011	Int'l Convention, Rapid City, South Dakota
July 2013	Int'l Convention, New Zealand
July & August	Vacation time and some committee meetings
September	We all return renewed and rejuvenated!
April 2012	Spring Conference in Montpelier, VT (Hosted by the Barre, Vt. Club)
Fall 2011	The 2011 Fall Workshop will be hosted by Altrusa of Biddeford-Saco, ME. Details to be announced

The Literacy Committee will be holding it's *Used Book Sale* on **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** At *The Lobster Pound*.

If you have books to donate or would like to help, please contact **Tracie Grant**



***SUMMER BIRTHDAY GIRLS***

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| <b><i>July 6</i></b>    | <b><i>Debbie Cotton</i></b> |
| <b><i>August 30</i></b> | <b><i>Diane Gaynor</i></b>  |
| <b><i>August 14</i></b> | <b><i>Marcia Dionne</i></b> |

# Minutes of Business Meeting

Recorded by Maureen Sanborn, Recording Secretary

**Altrusa International of Laconia, Inc.  
Business Meeting 6/14/11  
Laconia Electric, Laconia, NH**

**Present:** Adrienne, Amanda, Barbara, Carla, Diane, Debbie, Gloria, Jane, Jean, Laura, Lisa, Marcia, Maureen, Nancy, Shirley, Sue, Tracie

**Excused:** Brenda

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:40 PM

**Minutes of May 2011 Business Meeting:** Motion to approve made by Amanda, Carla 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** May 2011 statement was accepted by the club.

**Clothing Drive:** Leftover items (183) were given to More 2 Luv consignment store. The club will receive 50% commission on all items sold.

**Correspondence:** Two scholarship applications were received too late to be considered. Adrienne will send a letter to the applicants advising them of the status.

**2011-2012 Proposed Budget:** A negative \$1,713 budget was proposed by Laura for Internal Funds. This is due to the fact that 2 members will be attending the International Convention this year. The line item was taken out of the budget 4 years ago. A motion to take funds from the club's saving account to add to Internal Funds was made by Adrienne, and Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>. The club voted to accept. A motion to then accept the amended budget of \$187 was made by Nancy, and Amanda 2<sup>nd</sup>. Funds from Piggy Sue (\$100) were added under Miscellaneous to complete the Total.

The Foundation Account had many highlighted areas to be discussed by the club; these were the items yet to be dispersed. A motion was made by Shirley, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie to apply an extra \$500 to the Dr. Alice Normandin and the Rose Emery scholarships since no applications were received for the Katherine Daigneault scholarship. It was then discovered that no line item was available for the Stevens/Normandin Scholarship; a motion was made by Adrienne to apply the \$1,000 designated for the Katherine Daigneault scholarship to the Stevens/Normandin Scholarship recipient. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie, and approved by the club.

Laura informed the club she was notified by the Meredith club that Linda Deneau from DCYF is requesting funds to send a foster child to the WMCA this summer. The Meredith club is donating \$114 for one week of camp, and the club was asked to contribute. Laura proposed taking \$60 from the \$200 budgeted for 4-H Assoc. and \$60 from the \$200 budgeted for the Boys & Girls Club. This would allow \$140 to be disbursed to each of the organizations, and would allow for \$114 to be budgeted sending the foster child to the YMCA for one week. Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion followed, and the club approved the motion with Nancy abstaining. Sue recommended that the line item for Belknap County Nursing Home Birthday Party be earmarked in writing for entertainment.

Disbursements for Literacy included \$400 for three area libraries, and Laconia Adult Ed. Barbara made the motion to give each of the organizations an additional \$100 from the LRGH Book Project, as the committee will not be able to spend that amount before the end of June. Adrienne 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the club approved. This will bring the library totals to \$500 each (equal to last year) and the Laconia Adult Ed total to \$560. The remaining \$60 will be spent purchasing books for LRGH. Also, the \$200 allocated for the Holiday Parade will be added to miscellaneous expenses for total of \$300.

**Nominations:** Nancy reminded the club that the Board of Directors should be comprised of 1/3 new members, 1/3 old, and 1/3 returning. This is not the current situation. There will be no additions for next year, and we will have only one Director on the Board. Nancy made the motion that Brenda be appointed Assistant Treasurer next year; Laura 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**(Business Meeting Minutes, continued)**

**Scholarships:** The club received a total of 40 scholarships this year: 24 for the Dr. Alice Normandin (6 were deemed ineligible), 3 for the Katherine Daigneault (all of whom were deemed ineligible), 11 for the Rose Emory (2 were deemed ineligible), and 2 for the Stevens/ Normandin. Michelle LeBlanc from Lakes Region Community College is the recipient of the Dr. Alice Normandin Scholarship, Jennifer Bishop from Southern NH University is the recipient of the Rose Emory Scholarship, and Brenna Cass is the recipient of the Stevens/Normandin Scholarship. All three have been invited to the program meeting on 6/28.

**Convention Nominees:** Club members were asked to read all nominee biographies. A discussion was held regarding the nominees, and it was determined that Laura and Brenda will make the determinations and vote accordingly when they attend the conference this summer.

**2013 & 2014 District Conferences:** Diane asked all club members if our club might be interested in hosting one of these conferences; the club declined to do so at this time.

**Program:** Amanda informed the club that the program meeting will be a barbeque held at her home on 6/28. Scholarship recipients have been invited to attend. The fee is \$15 and will include all food, as well as soda, water and wine. Spouses are invited, also.

**Membership:** Two of the club members who gave letters of resignation to Diane are thinking of reconsidering their status. Diane will speak with them both in the near future, and will keep the club updated.

**Yearbook:** The club discussed the various committees that are contained in our yearbook. The following ideas were discussed: Adding Archives to the Public Relations Committee

- Adding Calling & Holiday Party Committees to Program Comm
- Keep Public Relations Committee
- Keep Newsletter, have Chairs send updates to Sue
- Keep Yearbook, Budget, Fundraising and Scholarship Comm's
- Keep Adopt A Spot Committee
- Keep Belknap County Nursing Home Committee
- Foster Care—keep as needed per request, with Meredith

Club members discussed the possibility of having MADD and Multicultural Committees become outreach committees, whereby the club will be able to have the discussion in the Fall of each year to see whether or not there is interest in these two projects. Many club members have been feeling overwhelmed with the many responsibilities this year, and would like to take time to rebrand. The Yearbook Committee will be in contact with club members to see where there interests lie.

**New Business:** The 2011/2012 Business Meetings will be held in the Elm Room at the Taylor Home in Laconia. The club discussed possible changes to the time. A motion was made by Carla to change the meeting time to 5:45 PM; Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Cookbook Committee continues to accept recipes for publication, and will be contacting area restaurants to see if they would like to participate. They are looking at a November or December publication date.

The Literacy Committee has been busy delivering checks to local libraries and the Adult Education Program. They also presented a copy of “Betty the Bookworm goes to the Library” to each.



The Literacy Committee will be attending the Laconia Muskrats Game on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Copies of Betty’s book will be given to local children as well as “Gummy Worms”.

*Betty has already started enjoying the summer and hopes you will too!*



Many thanks to Amanda and Gary for hosting our end of the year party. The food was great and the evening was filled with fun. No doubt Amanda's neighbors are still talking about us, especially if they have never played "Red Rover, Red Rover"!





**District One Information**

For more information about District One, visit the website at [www.district1.com](http://www.district1.com).

**International Information**

**2011 Altrusa International Convention**  
July 22-25, 2011  
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