

**Federation of Houston Professional Women
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting – October 26, 2009**

“Women Standing Strong and Working Together”

The October 2009 FHPW Quarterly meeting was held at the H.E.S.S. Club on Westheimer in Houston, Texas. President Elect, Beth Caplan, called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. She mentioned that President Pat Davion sent her regrets for missing the meeting due to illness. Beth remarked that there was a lot of business to cover, recognized and thanked Kay King as a “Gold Sponsor” of the evening’s event, and thanked the members and delegates for attending.

President Elect Caplan presented the Federation’s Vision is to focus on empowering Member Organizations to achieve their goals by addressing general concerns of women in civic, community, personal and professional pursuits. The Federation’s Mission is to unite Member Organizations to promote a place of influence and power.

Beth asked the 2009 Federation Board of Directors to stand and be acknowledged.

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| President | Pat Davion | ABWA - Fort Bend County Chapter |
| Immediate Past President | Connie Smith | National Assn of Women Business Owners |
| President Elect | Beth Caplan | ABWA-H.A.P. Express Network |
| Vice President | Nancy Williams | ABWA - Humble Artesian |
| Treasurer | Rhonda Ryan | American Women’s Society of CPAs |
| Recording Secretary | Ethel Hamilton | IAAP - West Houston Chapter |
| Administrative Secretary | Kaye Pittman | IAAP – Greenspoint Area Chapter |
| Gala Director | Bee Franks-Walker | ABWA - Fort Bend County Chapter |
| Reservations | Carol Shepherd | ABWA - H.A.P. Express Network |
| Website | Kim McCully | Women’s Business Forum |
| Database | Yvette Bryars | ABWA - Women of Vision Express Network |
| Membership | Cathy James | ABWA-WINGS Chapter |
| Program | Vie Mixon / Sheri Parrack | ABWA - Humble Artesian National Assn of Women Business Owners |
| Rules & By-Laws | Linda McAdams | Northwest Houston Business & Prof. Women |
| Education | Kim Gebron | Memorial Women’s Business Network |
| Travel | Kay King | Assn of Women Administrators of HCCS |
| Media | | Open |

Beth then introduced Sheri Parrack who introduced her Advisory Council Board. Vie Mixon, President of the Federation Educational Foundation, was introduced and presented her Board.

The July quarterly meeting minutes taken by Recording Secretary Ethel Hamilton were posted on the Federation website where members and delegates can read them. Rhonda Ryan motioned to approve the minutes as written, Sheri Parrack seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Rhonda Ryan presented the Financial Reports and pointed out that we had \$340 inflow and \$994 outflow last quarter due to the Educational Foundation sponsoring the second quarter July meeting and receiving the income. The financials will be filed for audit.

Kay King, Travel Director, spoke about the upcoming trip to Bavaria to see the Passion play which shows once every ten years. \$500 down payment is due October 30th. Other highlights of the trip include castles and palaces in Germany and Austria, a concert in Vienna, a river cruise, the Swarovski Crystal Factory and Tyrolean music, arts and crafts.

Beth Caplan thanked the Gala Directors and the Committee Members for an outstanding event.

Beth then introduced Connie Smith, nominations chair, and her committee Pam Ahlers and Judy Carlini. Nominating Chair Connie Smith and her committee distributed the Ballots to the Delegates to vote. The ballots were counted, eligible ballots were confirmed, a quorum of delegates was received, and the proposed slate was unanimously elected by the qualified delegates present. Beth thanked Connie Smith and her committee, and the 2010 Board for stepping up to support the Federation.

- Susan Silverman, President Elect
- Myrleen Knott, Vice President
- Marla Regan, Recording Secretary
- Kaye Pittman, Administrative Secretary
- Kristi DeNardo, Treasurer
- Beth Caplan, President
- Pat Davion, Immediate Past President

President-Elect Beth Caplan thanked everyone for attending and the FHPW 4Q09 Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Sheri Parrack, Program Co-Chair, introduced Nancy Tucker of CanCare who spoke about her company. CanCare was started around 1990 and has over 1200 volunteers who are all cancer survivors who offer one-on-one support to newly diagnosed patients. They try to match age, gender, and types of cancer to give better support to those in need. Nancy gave us a list of Top Ten Things Not to Say, but most importantly, we just need to be there and listen to support our friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel F Hamilton CPS/CAP
Recording Secretary
Representing IAAP-West Houston Chapter