

President Gary Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 10 am. Suzan Fournier moved to approve the minutes from last month and Jerry Norton concurred. The minutes were approved.

Pres. Gary filled in for **Bill Gates**, Treasurer. We have \$538.12 in the money market account, \$4501.22 in checking, and \$5248.77 in a CD with a total of \$.41 in interest! We are solvent.

March birthdays were recognized. Happy Birthday all!

Larryane Zygmunt announced a new member that has been in Grand Junction a long time.

Linda Ash, of We Care announced several cards she sent out to:

Lori Arment whose husband Virgil passed away; **Arlena Wood** for hip replacement surgery; **Cathy Zippert** whose husband passed away; **Patty Perrin** who is having shoulder surgery; and **Barb Hofecker** who also had shoulder surgery. Condolences to those losses and heal quickly to those who had surgeries.

Pres. Gary reviewed the nominees for 1st VP and Treasurer. **Tom Politzer** agreed to stay as 1st VP and **Bill Gates** agreed to remain as Treasurer if there were no other candidates. **Ruth Anna** made a motion to elect these two nominees and **Jerry Norton** seconded the motion. The motion passed. Thank you, guys, for another couple years!

Suzan Fournier announced that **Carla Sherrick** has stepped up to help with Armchair Traveler. The March 20th program, *Offroad in Bangkok*, will be presented by Janice Shepherd at the Clifton Library. On April 3, Michael Neste and Kirrili Woodmore will present a program on Australia at the Central Library. Suzan also announced she is still looking for another volunteer to help with the Tour and Lunch program. The next Tour and Lunch is *Beyond Books* on April 16. Participants will learn about services offered by the library and will also tour 970 West Studio, a multimedia production studio and Artist in Residence space.

Stan Zygmunt of New Dimensions reminded us of the April 10 presentation at the Central Library at noon. **Angela French**, the Waste Reduction Coordinator for the city of Grand Junction, will talk about sustainability endeavors and waste diversion strategies.

"I still need egg cartons," proclaims **Ruth Anna**. Ruth takes the cartons to the Food Bank. Also, Ruth said she has a 3-wheel bicycle for sale that she bought and didn't use! Talk to her husband Larry if interested. It's basically brand new and a great price!!

Ruth Trowbridge was wearing a very decorated Girl Scout vest of her daughter's. She said it was the 113th birthday of Girl Scouts and was proud to display all the honors on it.

164!!! That's how many names are on **Douglas Grodt's** hiking list. They will be snow shoeing on the Grand Mesa tomorrow. If you want to be added to the list, let Douglas know.

Lisa Seitz said the reservations deadline for the March 20 Wine Club tasting is tomorrow. The May 15 tasting will highlight wines from Tuscany. This is a popular event!

Mark Hermundstad, a retired water rights lawyer, was our speaker today. Mark spent many years working on the Shoshone Water Rights agreement. The power plant is just west of Hanging Lake tunnels. It is owned by Public Service Co. of Colorado, a subsidiary of Xcel Energy, and uses the Colorado River water to produce electricity. It also has diversions to other areas of the state when allowed volumes allow. The biggest takeaway Mark said we should get from this is that the water rights are what keep the water moving west. The water rights are in the process of being sold to Colorado River District in Glenwood Springs for a cool \$98.5 million. The rights will be leased back to PSCo after closing to produce power. It was a very enlightening presentation and lots of good questions asked.

Lisa Seitz and **Ruth Anna** handled the raffle. They collected \$90 which helps purchase the expensive eggs and baking goods for our treats! There were many nice donations as usual.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

--Suzan Fournier for Lois Leach