

Altrusa of Troy  
Dinner Meeting  
Date: 8/1/11

Meeting was held at the Hayner Cultural Center. President Mary Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with members reciting the Altrusa Grace. There were 24 members present, 7 members excused, and one guest present.

Dinner committee members were Myrle Briggs (chr), Mary Davis, Amy Dawson, Ellen Luken, and Robin Shafer.

Tami Baird Ganley made a brief presentation before dinner to introduce a new feature that will be occurring at our dinner meetings. Tables will be arranged in different configurations to promote more discussion amongst members. To help facilitate discussion, table tents will be placed on the tables with a different question each month. This month's question – "What is the best vacation you have ever taken and why was it the best?"

**Secretary's Report:** Barb Owen moved to approve the minutes from 6/6/11, 6/20/11, & 7/28/11 that had previously been sent via e-mail. Bev Nally seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report\_**– Karen Eliason presented the proposed 2011-12 budget as was modified & approved at the last Board meeting. Roberta Jacob moved to approve; Cindy Wingert seconded; motion carried. Karen then presented the treasurer's report, showing balances of \$2147.42 (operational) and \$16,194 (foundation). Tami moved to accept the reports; Roberta seconded; motion carried. Karen shared that she will be providing monthly reports on account activity and quarterly reports on where we stand budget wise.

**Committee Reports:**

**ASTRA** - Sharon Buse shared that this will be a challenging year due to school budgetary issues. Tipp will be charging \$30-32 to any student participating in any club. The advisor for Miami East was part of the retirement buyout program and has yet to be replaced. Bethel does not have enough interest at this time to continue to pursue. Newton is ready to charter. And, Troy seems to be ok at this point. Sally Adams reported that a book drive competition between the clubs had been on the dock for this fall, but may have to be modified due to the instability of some of the clubs.

**BY-LAWS (POLICIES OF ALTRUSA)** - Teresa Bowers asked about the approving of the revamped Policies of Altrusa that were previously sent via e-mail for all members to review (proposed policies are also in the new program book). Myrle moved for approval; Ellen seconded; motion carried.

**COMMUNICATION** – Mary would like to have one to two more people on this committee to help Tamara Baynard Ganger. If interested please see Mary.

**DCAC** – no news

**FINANCE** – Teresa reported that the Snooty Fox bus trip to benefit the Altrusa Foundation is near to being a sellout. Contact her if you want a seat. (after meeting note – both buses are now sold out)

**MEMBERSHIP** – Tami introduced our guest, Kim Heintz. Kim works at the Troy Board of Education, has heard wonderful things about our organization and wanted to check us out. Welcome Kim. Tami also discussed plans the membership committee have made for this year.

1. Mindy Phelps distributed a "Buddie List". Each member has been randomly paired with another member. Please keep in touch with your buddy regularly throughout the year.
2. Hospice of Miami County as agreed to allow us to hold our fall membership drive at *For all Seasons*. Open house will be 10/12/11 from 5:30-7:30. Please give the membership committee names of any potential members.

3. Membership campaign drive – for each new member that a current member sponsors, the current member will receive an entry into a drawing for free Altrusa dues for 2012-13.

**MOBILE MEALS** – Judy Nickras reports that volumes are slightly down but that is to be expected at this time of the year.

**PROGRAM** – Cindy reports that all programs have been scheduled for the coming year thanks to the hard work of her committee.

**PROGRAM** – Teresa distributed the new program books. Judy noted that her email is incorrect – it should be [nickcor2@frontier.com](mailto:nickcor2@frontier.com) (after meeting note – correct e-mail is listed on page B-1, it is just the e-mail on the member profile page that did not get updated)

**SERVICE** - Numerous service projects are underway.

1. Hygiene bags will be made and assembled @ First United Methodist Church, Weds, 8/17 from 2pm - ???. Bring your sewing machine & fabrics. Members may go out to dinner afterwards if they like. See Jan Miller for further details.
2. Festival of Nations – 8/20/11 help is still needed for the late shift. See Janet Rhodes if interested.
3. Bev is leading the group that will be participating in the DL Brown game night, 9/22 from 6:30-8pm. She has all the members she needs at this point.
4. Altrusa Book Drive – scheduled for 10/22. Sally & Judy are heading this project. Plans were to reward the club that collected the most books (based on weight) with a pizza party. This project may need to be reevaluated based on Sharon's comments earlier this evening.
5. Collecting of school supplies for the February service project has begun. Get your supplies now while all the back to school sales are going on. Glue sticks (preferably Elmer's), 24 count crayons, and pink erasers are needed.

**SPELLING BEE** – Ellen passed around a committee sign-up sheet for the 2012 Bee.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – None

**Other Business:**

Mary shared her wonderful experiences from the International Conference. She also pointed out that there is a new Altrusa Mission statement: **“The purpose of Altrusa International, Inc. is to promote better communities through service by an international network of people with diverse backgrounds and experiences.”**

Web site updating – Mary reports that Connie Kiem's class has done some of the updating but we still need to verify the phone numbers listed on the site. If you are willing to call the numbers listed and verify that they are correct, please see Mary.

Scarecrow Contest – Miami County Parks District will be having a scarecrow contest at their Fall Festival to be held at Knoop Farm the weekend of 10/7-10/9. We would have a 5x5 square. Thoughts were to have an adult scarecrow reading to several small scarecrows. If anyone is creative and would like to participate let Mary know

**Roundtable:**

Mary reminded everyone that tomorrow is the voting on the Hayner levy. Please support the levy.

Mary also shared a call she had from Melissa Niday. Melissa was wondering if Altrusa would like to help the Presbyterian Church with their back to school project. Mary did not feel that it was something the club should take on but if any member would like to participate on their own please contact the church.

Everyone expressed their thanks to the dinner committee for the wonderful meal. Vacation stories were shared by many. Ellen shared stories from her recent mission trip to Nashville and how she saw hope for the future after a week of interacting with the younger generation.

Roberta reminded everyone of National Night Out tomorrow from 5:30-9:00 at the Troy City Park.

Meeting adjourned with the Altrusa Benediction at 8:15pm.

Next meeting is noon on Monday, 8/15, at Riverside School.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Bowers