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St. Paul Skyway Y Service Club

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Skyway YMCA

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Attendees: Norm, Jim S, John C, George D, Howard K, Larry Boll, Hugh M, Vern K, AL J, Hugh, Claude, Sid

Guests: We were pleased to again have Gloria Swenson as our guest.

Scripture – Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence.—Jeremiah 17: 7

Worldly wisdom: Don't worry about the world coming to an end today> It's already tomorrow in Australia---Charles Schulz

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 by President JimSargent

Opening invocation: Rev. Norm Heidorn offered thanks for opportunities given to us all.

Business: The subject of the tree lot details took up all the rest of or allotted program time, depriving Claude of his opportunity to regale us.

Subjects discussed were: **LUNCHEs** The Y's Menettes will provide nourishment once more for Friday during set-up. It is undecided who might provide food for noon Saturday. Camp St. Croix had stepped up to do this in past years. Hugh will contact them to find out whether they will do it again this year.

SCHEDULES: Larry will be completing the manning schedules over the weekend. In all, 83 shifts will have to be peopled. About 70 volunteers are needed, but commitments have been received for just 49. Eight out of sixteen Skyway members have not responded. **Those receiving mailings from Larry: Please respond whether we can count on you.** More help will also be needed on Saturday for pricing. East has responded well, but no word from Camp St. Croix as yet.

CREDIT CARD READER: The reader will be delivered shortly. It is essential that all cashiers learn how to use it. The bank has offered to explain it. We will need to train cashiers and have a written set of instructions. The bank will furnish some written information. Vern will review the write-up and produce understandable procedures. It was discussed whether we should increase the minimum charge to \$25 because of the cost of transactions. It was generally agreed it sounded all right. Training on the new calculator will also be needed. With all the discussion about the perceived complexity of the credit card reader and the thought that our members may not be able to master its use, a proposal was offered to the effect we should forget the whole thing. We decided to give it a try this year and reexamine its use next year, once we see what happens and how often it is used.

INSURANCE: Liability and business insurance has been procured for the season. Cost is about \$700.

PUBLICITY AND MARKETING: East will be publicizing the tree sales to all East Y members via East's e-mail publication. Darwin will be contacted to do the same in Skyway.

The mailing list generated at last year's sales has been located. Jim will investigate the availability of volunteers to transcribe the names and addresses to mailing labels. Hugh suggested we ask for e-mail addresses this year to make notification easier and cheaper. John Cosgrove will take on the task of trying to get some free media coverage, particularly the set-up. Vern suggested we collect the customers' information this year on sheets of peel-off labels. They could be duplicated on a copier onto other sheets of labels for use the following year.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Jim announced \$125 would be contributed.

DOOR PRIZES: Sugar-free treats were won by Al, Sid, and Claude.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 19 Darwin will sponsor a program providing endurance, strength and flexibility testing ala the Silver Sneakers program we hears about last month. Kelly Fox of the Skyway Y will be back again to lead us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM. Thanks to all who attended.

Club Roster

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| Al Alshouse | Stephanie Chauss | John Duntley | Al Jackson | Tom Krantz | Roger Needels | Sid Swenson |
| Claude Bewell | John Cosgrove | Pendy Eliou | Vern Kenney | Jim Kursu | Joan Purrington | Rick Wasiluk |
| George Bewell | George Davis | Dan Gavin | Gerry Lee | Hugh Markley | Jim Sargent | Larry Boll |
| Jim Dodds | Norm Heidorn | Howard Kilby | Darwin Miles | | | |