

Placentia Round Table Women's Club
April 15, 2026 Executive Board
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President JoAnn Sowards at 9:37AM

In Attendance

JoAnn Sowards, President, Kathi Baldwin, Parliamentarian, Annie Smith, Recording Secretary and the following Board Members: Deb Whiteford, Rachel Drayer, Wendy Queyrel, Barbara Lindblom, Laurie Arroyo, Carol Peterson, Anne Guse, Mary Kay McMahan, Heather Barth, Karen Mangold, Diane Provenzano, Arlene Hall, Carol Downing, , Nancy Melton, Sherri Dahl and Loree MacMurtrie

Recording Secretary

Annie Smith confirmed that minutes of March 18, 2025, Board Meeting minutes were read, approved, and published.

FINANCAIL REPORTS

Deposits - Mary Kay McMahon

March 2026

Rentals	\$16,475.00
Coin March	273.00
March Luncheon	1,200.00
Membership	3,515.00
District Meeting	120.00
Name Badges	60.00
Fiesta Friday	150.00
Scholarship donation	25.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$21,818.00

Treasurer's Report – Loree MacMurtrie

March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

Brower Investment Account: \$527,352.14
(as of March 31, 2026)

Chase Checking Account \$132,447.34
(as of March 31, 2026)

Total \$659,799.48

Change in Brower Account
March 31, 2026

Net **decrease** of -\$21,151.02

Expenses

March 1 – March 31, 2026, \$14,838.63*

*Loree provided a line-item report of all expenses paid during this time.

Financial reports were accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarships – Sheri Dahl and Nancy Melton

Sheri shared that forty students have identified for scholarships this year. There are another 5 to 10 scholarships that will be awarded to students applying to medical schools. These scholarships will be funded by our Gerry Carnevali in memory of Tommie Kalman.

Sheri and Nancy Melton shared with the board that during their evaluation of scholarship applications they became aware of two applicants that have families sharing their living environment with other families. Their families have basic needs, food, clothing, etc.

Both students are in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program.

A little bit about the AVID program.

College education can be a contentious subject in this country. It's certainly not the only valid path for high school graduates, and it's important that we support all career options when we talk to teens about their future. A college education should be an option for any student who wants to pursue it. That's where the AVID program comes in. But what exactly is AVID, and how does it help prepare students for their future?

What is AVID?

A lot of kids assume college is off the table. It's too expensive, and they may not have the grades or smarts to get in anyway. So, they give up on the dream, and their schoolwork trails off in response. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) aims to help more students see college as a realistic goal. This nonprofit organization helps schools build a culture where college is possible for anyone who is willing to put in the work. Participating schools learn how to support students through the college-prep courses they need, while teaching them important skills like problem-solving and critical thinking.

Nancy read the students' heart-felt application essays.

Sheri asked the board to change our May Coin March recipient from the Fullerton Community College Veteran's Resource Center to these families.

Loree MacMurtrie made a motion that we make these families our recipients of money collect at our May Coin March.

The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed unanimously.

El Dorado Golden Hawks Bank & Color Guard

JoAnn shared that the Booster Club of the El Dorado Golden Hawks Bank & Color Guard sent PRT a letter asking for a donation for their Color Guard.

Mary Kay McMahon made a motion that we donate \$200 dollars for the support of El Dorado's Color Guard

Arlene Hall amended the motion to increase the donation to \$300.

The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed unanimously.

Placentia Police Department's Canine Unit

JoAnn shared that the Placentia Police Department reached out to PRT for a donation for a purchase of a new bite suit for their canine unit.

Loree MacMurtrie made a motion that PRT donate \$1000 toward the purchase of a new bite suit for the Canine Unit at Placentia Police Department.

The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st VP/Dean

District Meeting – Heather Barth

10 PRT members attended the April 10th Orange District CFWC Convention

PRT received two (2) Second Place Awards - Intermediate Club for:

- Educational
- Arts & Culture.

Kathi Baldwin purchased Christmas themed dresses and Christmas tree tiaras for the ladies

Heather made a motion that we reimburse Kathi Baldwin for the purchase of the dresses and head bands. Amount not to exceed \$250. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed unanimously.

JoAnn showed the members the centerpiece that Diane Provenzano created for the District Meeting. Diane is donating the centerpiece to the club to use as a centerpiece at our 40th Festival of Trees.

Heather said she will have more information concerning upcoming conferences at our May General Meeting.

Upcoming Conferences

May 13-15 California Federation of Women's Clubs - CFWC in Ontario, CA

June 26-29 General Federation of Women's Clubs – CRWC in Scottsdale, AZ

2nd VP/Ways & Means Chairperson – Susan Hirzel

End of Year Party – Fiesta Friday – May 15, 2016 – Karen Mangold

We have forty-nine members who have signed up and 39 have paid. Ticket price - \$25

B&C will be providing a Taco bar and dessert.

Bryon Lovering will be providing recorded music, and Patrick Smith will be providing live music.

We will be playing Left/Right/Center.

Karen is working with Arlene on the floor plan.

Mahjong Tournament – Susan Powers

Wednesday, May 27th – Entry fee is \$50.

Members can sign up at the May General Meeting and/or pick up an entry form.

Festival of the Trees – Deb Whiteford

Deb gave an analysis of the hotel/food cost for the 2025 FOT and a forecast for our 2026 40th FOT Anniversary.

2025 – PRT guaranteed 350 plates at \$58.86 a plate based on an expectation of 400 attendees which we had at the 2024. FOT. However, we only sold 311 tickets, so we needed to pay for the thirty-nine plates/tickets we did not sell for an additional cost to our bottom line of \$2,296.

In 2025 we attempted to lower the dollar amount under the Christmas trees from \$100 to \$50, but it was voted down. Therefore, the amount remained at \$100. Due to the fact that the Club did not receive enough cash or gift cards, we had to make up the difference of \$3070.

Our profit for the hotel/food cost was \$1209.

2026 - PRT has guaranteed 300* plates at \$60.19 (an increase of 2.25% from 2025). Our projected profit for hotel/food cost is \$5843.

*We will be able to increase our guarantee as needed

Open discussion concerning FOT –

- Deb Whiteford believes that we should reduce the cash/gift cards in the baskets back to \$50.
- Diane Provenzano asked if we could revisit raising the ticket price, but it is not possible this year as tickets have already been printed.
- Deb answered “yes” to Arlene Hall’s question when she asked if we were going to have a Silent Auction.
- Loree MacMurtrie asked if the state raffle regulations would apply to a silent auction. JoAnn said yes, we will need to report to the state how we spent any money raised by the silent auction.
- Karen Mangold, who is coordinating the team to sell tree sponsors, said that they have letters hyping our 40th ready to send to targeted companies. The team will follow up with a call or visit. They will be working over the summer.

Loree MacMurtrie made a motion to reduce the cash/gift card amount in the baskets to \$50. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion passed unanimously.

3rd VP/Programs – Lin Baesler and Linda Emrick

No report.

4th VP Membership- Heather Barth

New Members

Heather Barth presented Kelsey Calhoun and Alma Wagner to the Board for consideration and acceptance into the Placentia Round Table Women's Club.

Anne Guse made a motion to accept Kelsey Calhoun and Alma Wagner as members of PRT.

The motion was second, a vote was taken, and Kelsey Calhoun and Alma Wagner were accepted.

New Member Orientation Meetings

Orientation Meetings have been set for Wednesday, April 29th, 1:30 – 3:30 pm at our clubhouse.

Membership Update

106 Renewals – Includes 7 new members and 1 pending for a total of 118 members.

Resignations

- Sandi Johnson
- Moniker Linzer
- Evelyn Johnson
- Cindy Lucido

Non-Responses

- Barbara Hemmerling
- Ursula Freeman
- Elinor DeGennaro
- Jean Redman
- Judith Andruss

Deceased - Lyn Selvius

Moved – Tracy Ramirez

Michelle Hardy requested that we change her membership status to Sustaining.

Annie Smith made a motion to approve Michelle Hardy's request and change her membership status to Sustaining.

Motion was seconded and voted on. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that we should remove Elinor DeGennaro and Judith Andruss from the membership rolls. Because of their long-standing membership and their many contributions to PRT Barbara Hemmerling, Ursula Freeman and Jean Redman will be kept on our membership roll.

Leaf – Evelyn Johnson

Remember Leaf articles are due to Evelyn by Monday, April 20th.

Rentals Arlene Hall

Robust discussion was held concerning the condition of the tabletops in the clubhouse, especially after bingo. Players use daubers and there are colorful smudges on the tables. Raj's team is responsible for cleaning the clubhouse at the end of a bingo session. Arlene has spoken to Raj about this and will speak to him again. Raj gave his crew a two week notice to improve the quality of their work, or he will get a new crew.

Juan was at the clubhouse on Sunday night and did some cleaning, this is not Juan's responsibility. Juan is our handy man and our event set up/break down guy. Juan has been working on some touch up painting, fixing doors, etc.

Arlene shared again that we are no longer renting the clubhouse on Mondays. We are using Mondays to perform regular and unplanned maintenance.

Rental Activity

- Coordinating the needs of our neighbor, Presbyterian Church, for their parking needs during their April/May Music Festivals.
- We had some burnt out parking lot lights – Juan fixed.
- Still waiting for estimates to fix leaky roof on sheds. In the meantime, Juan put tarps on sheds to protect them from forecast rain.
- We need to change internet provider. AT&T is not very fast and buffers frequently. Arlene is getting estimate cost from Spectrum. Laurie Arroyo gave Arlene the name and number for Kelly Grady with Logic. Logic is a member of the Placentia Chamber and will conduct a free audit of our Internet needs.
- Should Bingo be a section and have a Chairperson? Maybe we could have a Bingo fundraiser. We need to have more discussion concerning this matter before we make any decisions. We will discuss this at a future meeting.

Arlene shared that we are renting our clubhouse next Thursday to Valencia High School Band's Booster Club for a Celebration of Life event for a band member that died suddenly in March. Arlene charged only \$200. After some discussion it was decided that we would refund the \$200.

Mary Kay McMahon made a motion that we refund the rental fee of \$200 to the Valencia High School Band Booster Club.

The motion was seconded and voted on. Motion passed unanimously.

House Inside

JoAnn will investigate where we are in the process of getting bids on a week cleaning schedule and twice a month cleaning schedule bids from commercial cleaners. Also did we receive any bids from painting companies to paint interior of the clubhouse.

House Outside

We need to have our back lot cleaned and tree trims. Sheree Santos received a bid for \$5,150 and this amount is in our approved budget for this fiscal year.

JoAnn Sowards made a motion that we approve the expenditure of \$5,150 from the lowest bidder to trim trees and clean the back lot.

Motion was seconded and voted on. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Outreach – Laurie Arroyo

1. Farmer's Market can no longer use Mr. Dee's parking lot for their weekly event and asked if they could use our lot on Tuesdays. After review, the Board must decline due to prior commitments affecting our parking and Club House availability. We also felt we did not meet all their needs.
2. 5K Walk on Saturday, June 27th, 6 am till 10 am. Beginning at Tri City Park Ending at Kraemer Park - More information - www.placentia.org/1185/5K-Run
3. Best of Placentia - Voting is now open and PRTWC is listed under Best Banquet Facility & Best-Non-Profit Organization. - www.bestofplacentia.com

One More Thing – Parking Lot – Arlene Hall

Arlene wanted the board to know that our parking lot is a hot commodity and in high demand. Between HIS House OC, Revere Church, and the Presbyterian Church and sometimes the city of Placentia we are continuously asked to share our parking lot for their special events. We want to be good neighbors. However, we need to make our customers/members' needs a priority which we do with great diplomacy.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM

Annie F Smith
Recording Secretary

Date

Next PRT General Meeting – May 6, 2026

Next Executive Board Meeting – May 20, 2026

Documents to file:

Sign in sheet
Meeting Agenda
Deposits Report
Brower Account Report
Line-item Expense Report
Section reports

