

Placentia Round Table Women's Club

May 20, 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, Laurie Arroyo, Carol Peterson, Anne Guse, Mary Kay McMahan, Heather Barth, Arlene Hall, Carol Downing, Nancy Melton, Sherri Dahl, Loree MacMurtrie, Marilyn Pike, Jeanne Artim, Sheree Santos, Linda Emrick, Kim Deweese, Jeannie Webb, Vicki Depsky, Susan Hirzel and Sally Bontrager.

Brief Introductions

After calling the meeting to order President, JoAnn Sowards asked each member in attendance to take a few minutes to introduce themselves and share their history with PRT.

Recording Secretary

Annie Smith confirmed that minutes of April 15, 2026, Board Meeting minutes were read, approved, and published.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Deposits - Mary Kay McMahon

April 2026

Rentals	\$19,896.00
Coin March	200.00
March Luncheon	1,240.00
Membership	1,540.00
District Convention	300.00
Fiesta Friday	800.00
Tommie Scholarship	10,000.00
FOT-Tree Sponsors	262.50
Mah Jongg Tournament	1,450.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$35,688.50

May 1 through May 20, 2026

Rentals	\$23,882.00
Coin March	750.00
March Luncheon	1,140.00
Fiesta Friday	525.00
Tommie Scholarship	250.00
FOT-Sponsors	175.00
FOT-Tickets	3,040.00
Mah Jongg Tournament	700.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$31,012.00

Treasurer's Report – Loree MacMurtrie

May 1, 2026 – May 20, 2026

Brower Investment Account:	\$563,881.67
(as of May 20, 2026)	

Chase Checking Account	\$156,044.46
(as of May 20, 2026)	

Total	\$719,926.13
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Change in Brower Account
May 20, 2026

Net increase of	\$5,199.99
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Expenses

May 1 – May 19, 2026,	\$72,159.81*
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*Loree provided a line-item report of all expenses paid during this time.

Financial reports were accepted as presented.

New Business

Scholarships – Loree MacMurtrie

It came to Loree's attention that one of our scholarship applicants was a girl who is part of the National Charities and has volunteered her time for the last two years helping with the Soup workshops. Sherri Dahl shared that his GPA was a little lower than other applicants' and her letter of recommendation was a little weak. Loree asked if we would make an exception and award one more scholarship.

Anne Guse made a motion that we award Katelyn Agrelius a \$1000 Scholarship.
The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed unanimously.

Memorial Fund - Eileen Stangl

Eileen Stangl, a member of PRT for the past 13 years, passed away on May 6, 2026. In accordance with our Standing Rule 14 the club will donate \$200 to a charity in her name. Eileen's family would like us to donate this money to one of the Veteran's organizations we support. The family would also like to donate money in their mother's name. It was discussed that we could create an Eileen Stangl Memorial Fund which would include the club's contribution and any monies donated by the family. The funds would be used for Veteran scholarships.

Annie Smith made a motion that we create a Memorial Fund in Eileen's name for Veteran scholarships. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st VP/Dean

Upcoming Conferences

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, 2026 – Karen Mangold

63 paid attendees.

Total income - \$1,575.00

Total expenses - \$1,341.00

Total profit - \$234

There was a discussion concerning how to increase attendance for next year's End of the Year Party – some ideas:

- Make it a no-charge thank you party for members.
- Make it more engaging, more fun for more members.
- Band?
- Casino night?
- Photo booth?

Mahjong Tournament – Susan Powers

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

All monies raised will be donated to Casa Theresa for their anti-domestic violence efforts.

Festival of the Trees – Deb Whiteford

There will be a meeting on May 28th at 1 PM to discuss Silent Auction and all that we need to do to make this activity successful. Members welcome, all ideas welcome.

This will be our 40th Festival of Trees and we need to aggressively promote it. We want to make it a fantastic gala event for our membership and the community.

As we prepared for this year's FOT the question was raised, "should we have a Festival of Trees" next year, 2027?" How can we increase attendance?

A vigorous discussion was held and here are some of the comments/questions:

- Is our FOT getting to be "been there/done that?"
- People are getting rid of stuff, they do not want more stuff.
- Our ticket income was 41K and our expenses were \$32K. The money we donated to our supported organizations came from the money we raised selling raffle tickets, \$ 11,225.
- HIS held a live auction and raised thousands of dollars.
- Can we change venue?
- We held our first Festival of Trees here at the clubhouse.

- Did we have any complaints about driving to Garden Grove?
- Live Auction – not our audience
- Would the Bingo client put up a tent on the patio for us?
- Something that we can bring our husbands to.
- All organizations are having trouble selling tickets to their fund-raising events.
- Bakersfield has a Festival of Trees and raised \$100K.
- The clubhouse could be turned into a winter wonderland; it would be a great place
- Bakersfield is geographically different than Placentia.

At the end of the discussion, it was decided that we would wait until January 2027, after we have final results from our 2026 FOT, to make any final decisions.

3rd VP/Programs – Linda Emrick

Previously the board discussed making each month's Coin March be given to each month's program's organization. At this meeting we discussed the possibility of the club matching the Coin March monies.

Linda Emrick made a motion that we match our monthly Coin March doubling the amount donated. And the Coin March will be designated for the organization that is speaking at our monthly General meeting.

The motion was seconded, voted on and passed unanimously.

4th VP Membership- Heather Barth

New Member Orientation Meetings

Heather extended a thank you to the board members that attended and participated in the Orientation Meetings on Wednesday, April 29th.

2025-2026 New Members - 9

Leaf – Evelyn Johnson

Remember Leaf articles are due to our new editor, Jess Johnson, by August 24, 2026.

Rentals Arlene Hall

The rental team, as always, is busy – we have at least one function every day, except for Monday which is the day that scheduled maintenance will occur.

Our internet has been boosted and should be working better/faster.

Our year-to-date numbers are – Income - \$260,816 Profit - \$195,923

Our parking lot is still coveted by our neighbors (Presbyterian Church, Valencia High School, HIS House and Christian Church) when they have special events. We need to be mindful because we have clients every day and must take care of their needs.

Members discussed this issue and asked if we could have a contract or at least a letter of understanding that outlines the days, dates, times and the dos and don'ts of using our parking lot. Arlene will research and make recommendations to the Board.

Juan's estimate to repair the roofs on our two storage sheds is \$1,795. According to our by-laws, all non-budgeted items costing over \$1,000 we need to take to the General membership for approval.

Our next General meeting is in September! In lieu of taking this item to the General Membership the Board of Directors were polled and approved of this expenditure.

House Inside – JoAnn Sowards for Gerry Carnevali

Cleaning Estimates

Cleaning upholstery and carpet in bridal room - \$250

Deep cleaning kitchen floor - \$500

Deep cleaning all floors - \$2,500

We are still waiting for painting estimates.

Rachel Drayer asked what did we do about the portable defibrillator we purchased. JoAnn to look into this.

House Outside – Sheree Santos

We have our Home Depot grant money in the bank! The remodel committee will be meeting with Home Depot. More information to come on what projects we can complete with this grant. Sheree also shared with the board that Home Depot employees may donate their time.

We are not happy with the “new” gardener, and we are starting to work with a new gardener. Monthly fee will be \$475.

JoAnn is getting estimates for trimming trees located around the parking lot and on the patio.

Exit(s)

Carol Downing brought it to the attention that even though we have an exit to Madison this exit is chained locked so technically we only have one exit that we share with the Presbyterian church onto Bradford. Should we open this exit as a matter of course during the days and nights we have events?

Where is the key? Arlene shared that the key to front door should work on the lock. She will take care of this and make sure all keys work, are identified and hung in place that is accessible to members.

Scholarships - Sherie Dahl

Scholarship checks have been generated – Sherie and committee members will be participating in High School Award events to represent PRT and hand out checks to scholarship recipients.

Our Special Needy Family Uncovered During our Scholarship Process

Nancy Melton shared with the board that the monies we raised for this family with our May Coin March, which was a total of \$1,500 (\$750 donated by our generous members and a \$750 match from the club) was spent on Sam's Club and Amazon gift cards. We were also able to purchase a gift card for Olive Garden so that the family can celebrate.

Special Request – Arlene Hall

Valencia High School's award-winning Color Guard previously used our clubhouse for a Celebration of Life for a sudden death of one of their teammates. During our interaction with the Color Guard, we became aware of their fund-raising efforts.

Arlene Hall made a motion that we donate \$700 to the Valencia High School's Color Guard. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed unanimously.

Community Outreach – Laurie Arroyo

As we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and the City of Placentia's 100th Anniversary the Placentia American Legion Post 277 has embarked on an aggressive fundraising project to raise \$500,000 to retrofit their existing building.

American Legion Mission is "To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Laurie Arroyo made a motion that the Placentia Women's Round Table become a sponsor and that we donate \$1,000 to the American Legion's Post 277 Building Retrofit Fund.

The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed 11 Yays and 4 Nays.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

Annie F Smith
Recording Secretary

Date

Next PRT General Meeting – September 2, 2026

Next Executive Board Meeting – August 19, 2026

Documents to file:

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

Motions

That we accept financial reports as presented.

That we award a \$1000 Scholarship to Katelyn Agrelius.

That we set up a Memorial Fund in the name of Eileen Stangl.

That we match our monthly Coin March doubling the amount donated and that the Coin March will be designated for the organization that is represented at our monthly General meeting.

That we donate \$700 to the Valencia High School's Color Guard.

That the Placentia Women's Round Table become a sponsor and that we donate \$1,000 to the American Legion's Post 277 Building Retrofit Fund.

Board Approvals

The Board approved the expenditure of \$1,795 for roof repairs on our two sheds on the north side of our property.