

**Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**January 20, 2022**

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance were voting members: Amy Peffley, Deb Crum, Jemry Small, Carla Russo, Sue Redmond, Elaine Weinert, & Lori Griffin. Non-voting members in attendance: Kathy Gates & Carol Staz.

Amy welcomed and thanked Board members for attending the special meeting held to discuss membership application of non-local resident, Megan Swope.

Amy gave synopsis of the issue at hand. An out of state resident applied to become a member of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey. Reviewed that the proper process was followed for the applicant. Discussed that the Membership Committee voted to allow non-local folks to submit applications. Research through ZI regarding the matter produced no evidence in writing that a member is required to be local. ZI's information stated that a member must be engaged actively.

Amy then opened up the floor for discussion. Great discussion followed.

Sue Redmond made a motion to accept Megan Swope as a member of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey.

Elaine W. seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members voted yes but one was opposed.

Yeses – Carla, Amy, Elaine, Jemry, Sue, Lori

Nos – Deb

Lori said she would forward minutes to Amy Peffley Friday morning so that she could send timely responses to the few members who had objections, which were Heather Jackson and Karen Shirey.

The reason the Board decided to allow a non-local resident was:

- No black and white writing stating that members of ZI must be local; the ZI information states that the members must be engaged actively.
- Megan Swope had a connection to the area with her Non-Profit Organization.
- Active in person vs. non active in person who pays dues.

Amy also agreed to email Nancy Fodor with the Board decision.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Peffley