

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB AGENDA

February 15, 2022

6:30 PM (tune in at 6:00 PM to visit)

Via ZOOM

Officers:

President – Debbie Willis

President Elect – Barbara Hogg

Secretary – Lynn Ehresman

Treasurer – Barbara Barrett

Member at Large – Karin Green

Parliamentarian – Susan Mcartney

GENERAL MEETING OPENING 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts –Marsha Hotchkiss Zoom Administrator

Regular Meeting opening

Call to order by President Debbie Willis

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CLUB COLLECT
- INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS – Kevin Koistra from The Western Heritage Center will be presenting and introduced by Judy Senteney.

Minutes: The Minutes were sent to you via e-mail on February 14, 2022

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Barrett

The Treasurer's report was sent to you via e-mail on February 14, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE: Please bring up if you have any correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Karin Green – raffle prize

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Leadership training
2. Nominations for Officers
3. Policy on sending cards/flowers (attached)

## Membership – Guidelines for Flowers and Cards

### **FLOWERS**

BJWC members

Surgery

Hospitalization

Death in family

Funeral – single rose?

### **CARDS**

BJWC members

Sick

Thinking of you – We care

BJWC family members

Accident

Hospitalization

### **Coming Events! Dates to Remember**

January 18, 2022 – Nominations due. Annual Children’s Committee Meeting

February 15, 2022 – Additional nominations. Election of officers for 2022-2024 term

March 15, 2022 – Business Meeting

April 19, 2022 – Business Meeting

May 17, 2022 – Spring Dinner, Installation of new officers

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS – February 2022**

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club

### **Domestic Violence Prevention**

Committee Chairman – Judy Senteney

1. Tumbleweed: We continue to supply a hot lunch monthly.

Number of Members: 6 Guests: 0 Volunteer Hours: 20 Club Dollars Used: 0 In-Kind Donation: \$140.00

2. Billings Area Family Violence Task Force: Membership dues paid for the year.  
Club Dollars Used: 50

#### **Grand total for February**

Number of Programs: 2

Number of Members: 7

Volunteer Hours: 20

Club Dollars Used: 50

In-Kind Donation: 0

### **History and Resource**

Committee Chairman – Judy Senteney

February 2022

1. Liaison with Billings League of Women Voters. One member has been involved in obtaining a grant to place an historical marker at the Lincoln Center to commemorate Hazel Hunkins, a leader in the fight for women's suffrage.

Number of Members: 1 Guests: 0 Volunteer Hours: 15 Club Dollars Used: 0 In-Kind Donation: 0

#### **Grand Total for February**

Number of Programs: 1 Number of Members: 1 Volunteer Hours: 15 Club Dollars Used: 0 In Kind Donation: 0

### **Communications/PR**

Committee Chairman – Gayle Carter

**Website/Facebook/AOL**

Karen Durfey posted many pictures of events. Check out ESO and Cake Decorating this month. Wonderful comments. Great job Karen!

The website is updated each month.

Four High School scholarships for 2022-2023 have been received to date.

Messages for many activities are send to members on [gfwcbillings@aol.com](mailto:gfwcbillings@aol.com) .

Number of Members: 2 Guests: 0 Volunteer hours: 3 Club Dollars Used: In Kind Donation:

Number of Programs: 1 Number of Members, no duplicates: 2 Volunteer hours: 3

### **Civic Engagement & Community Outreach**

Committee Chairman: Judy Senteney/Barb Barrett

#### **Casey's Dream**

##### **Craft Days**

We hosted a craft day session for the residents/day program attendees at Casey's Dream, making Valentine's Day cards.

Barb Barrett, Peggy O'Brien, Ellen Smith

Number of members: 3 Volunteer Hours: 8 Cost: \$12.98 In-kind: \$10.00 Attendees: 10 – Casey's Dream Residents

#### **Birthday Party**

We hosted a birthday party for the Casey's Dream residents who had a birthday during the month of February. We decorated table with all the birthday trimmings, played Bingo, gave out prizes, sang happy birthday and served cupcakes and soda to participants.

Barb Barrett, Peggy O'Brien, Marsha Price

Number of Members: 3 Volunteer Hours: 8 Cost: \$33.75 In-kind: \$5.00 Recipients: 20 Casey's Dream Residents

### **Scholarship**

Committee Chairman – Linda Baker

**Project – Scholarship- We have received 4 scholarship applications so far. We also have sent a letter announcing the MSU- Non-traditional scholarship to**

**MSU- Billings. The foundation will give us some qualified applicants and we will choose from them.**

Number of Members: 2 Club Dollars Used: \$0 Hours: 8 hours

Grand total for (Month) 8 hours Number of Programs: 1 Number of Members,2 Volunteer hours: 8 Club Dollars Used: \$0  
In Kind Donation: \$0

### **Health and Wellness**

Committee Chairman – Kelly Smith

Socks for Tumbleweed were collected at the Cake Decorating Membership Event.

Thank you club members for donating 58 pairs of warm sock for the youth at Tumbleweed.

Number of Members: Guests: 0 Volunteer hours: 8 Club Dollars Used: 0 In Kind Donation: \$110

### **Leadership Committee**

Chairman – Florence Diede

GFWC of Montana: Leadership Seminar will be held using Zoom on Wednesday February 23 at 7:00 PM. Please register to learn more about:

Scholarships available to youth in Montana

Protocol

Education & Libraries

Legislation & Public Policy

Registration email invite was sent to you on Saturday. Check your email.

Registration form can be emailed to Marsha Price.

April 29-30 GFWC of Montana Convention in Bozeman at the GranTree Hotel. Elections for GFWC of Montana President-elect, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer will be held. Installation of incoming officers will take place. Judy Senteney will be installed as Eastern District President. Suellen Brazil First-Vice President of GFWC will be our guest. This is a great opportunity to get to know clubwomen from across our vast state.

## Building and Grounds

Committee Chairman – Marsha Price

There were a couple of bathtub issues this month. We are waiting for parts to repair one of them and have ordered a service call for a dripping faucet in another.

**Number of Members: 1 Volunteer hours: 5 Club Dollars Used: 0 In Kind Donation: \$0.**

The insurance premium went up approximately \$5,000. We requested other bids from our agent. She put it out to 6 different carriers and five of them declined. The other one would have accepted; however, they were almost the same cost and much less coverage!

She explained that there are 3 factors involved in the reasons it was declined:

1. Tenant Operation (Daycare)
2. Location (Billings) Frequent hail claims
3. Loss History (recent loss for hail damage)

**Number of Members: 3, Volunteer hours: 4 Club Dollars Used: \$12,581.00 In Kind Donation: 0**

**Grand total for February 2022 Number of Programs: 2 Number of Members (no duplicates): 3 Volunteer hours: 9 Club Dollars Used: \$12,581.00 In Kind Donation: \$ 0**

## 2022 ESO Reports

### January:

9 members met and discussed 16 books.

#### Books Read:

- A Noel Killings - M.L. Longworth
- Small Things Like These - Claire Keegan
- Never - Ken Follett
- Duncan Kincaid/Gemma James series - Deborah Crombie
- Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone - Diana Gabaldon
- A Dog Named Beautiful - Rob Kugler
- The Christmas Menorahs - Janice Cohn
- A Prairie Christmas Collection - Tracie Petersen
- The Code Breaker - Walter Isaacson

The Gift - Cecelia Ahern

A Redbird Christmas - John Grisham

The Four Winds - Kristen Hannah

Yellow Wife - Sadeqa Johnson

One of Us is Missing: 10 Greatest Conspiracies - Brad Meltzer

Members: 9 Hours: 22.5

## **February:**

We had a full house this month! 13 members met to discuss 21 books.

### **Books read:**

The Cardturner - Sachar

A Bespoke Murder - Edward Marston

The Lost Girl of Berlin - Ella Carey

The Last Green Valley - Mark Sullivan

Moonflower Murders - Anthony Horowitz

The Children's Blizzard - David Larkin

Sins of Omission - Fern Michaels

At First Light - Barbara Nickless

A Trick of the Light - Louise Penny

The Beautiful Mystery - Louise Penny

And It Will Be Beautiful Life - Craig Lancaster

Finding the Mother Tree - Suzanne Simard

The Night Watchman - Louise Erdrich

The Reading List - Sara Nisha Adams

Animal Farm - George Orwell

Book of Longings - Sue Monk Kidd

Trash: A Love Story - M.H. VanKueren

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse - Charles McKneg

Red and Green and Blue and White - Lee Wind

The Paris Library - Janet Skeslien Charles

The Dark Hours - Michael Connelly

The Awakening - Nora Roberts

The Beginning - Nora Roberts

Stay Close - Harlan Coben

Members: 13 Hours: 29.25

## **Books For Babies**

Committee Chairman – Bev Silkwood/Becky McGill

First Activity here Members met to look at the selection of touch and feel books available from All About Books. Taylor Tarantello is our contact. A message was left with Taylor to discuss ordering books for our Books For Babies Program. Carolyn Spector reported on several sites she has researched for potential grants

**Number of Members: 3 Guests: 0 Volunteer hours: 6 Club Dollars Used: 0 In Kind Donation: 0**

Second Activity here Two members and one guest went to Kohl's and Barnes and Noble to research availability of any discounts for books for 9-12 year olds.

**Number of Members: 2 Guests: 1 Volunteer hours: 6 Club Dollars Used: 0 In Kind Donation: 0**

Additional Activities as needed Taylor Tarantello forwarded a PDF file to Bev and Becky with the new selections of books from All About Books. Our original selection of books is no longer available, a new set was looked at to meet our needs. It was decided to have a committee meeting to decide which books to order, and to determine which community organizations we wanted to support for books for the 9-12 year olds. The meeting was set for February 3 at Perkins. <sup>3</sup>  
**Members 6 Hours 0 Club Dollars 0 In Kind Donation**

**Deliver books to the hospitals for Books For Babies. 1 Member 1 Guest 4 Hours 0 Club Dollars 0 In Kind Donation**

### **Grand total for (Month)**

**Number of Programs: 4 Number of Members,3 no duplicates:2 Guests Volunteer hours: 22 Club Dollars Used 0In Kind Donation: 0**



Advocates For Children  
Committee Chairman: Florence Diede, Barbara Hogg  
February 2022

### School Medical

Head Lice Treatment Shampoo and Robi Combs were ordered and delivered to Jessica at Riverside Middle School. She will distribute them to other schools as requested. Feminine hygiene products were also ordered and delivered. To be distributed as needed.

Number of Members: 1  
Volunteer hours: 1  
Club Dollars Used: \$120.36

### CASA

#### *Become a CASA Volunteer*

Join CASA for an upcoming Information Session to learn about becoming a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate! Information.

Sessions are usually 45 minutes long, and are the first step for anyone interested in joining the CASA Pre-Service Training class.

- Thursday, February 24 – 10:00 AM (Virtual) [Zoom Link](https://www.yellowstonecasa.org/volunteer/)  
<https://www.yellowstonecasa.org/volunteer/>

**Number of Members: 4**  
**Volunteer hours: 35**

### Festival of Trees

Thank you letter was received for the Willow House items donated to the auction at Festival of Trees.

### Pillowcase Dresses

We are not planning to officially sew pillowcase dresses this year. However, should you want to make a few on your own, happily, we will supply the materials and directions. It never hurts to let a great project rest before it is worn out.

### Total for February 2022

Number of Programs: 2      Number of Members: 5      Volunteer hours: 36  
Club Dollars Used: \$120.36      In Kind Donation: 0