

## GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB AGENDA

January 19, 2021

6:30 PM

Via ZOOM

### Officers:

President - Debbie Willis

President Elect - Barbara Hogg

Secretary - Lynn Ehresman

Treasurer - Barbara Barrett

Member at Large - Karin Green

Parliamentarian - Susan McCartney

GENERAL MEETING OPENING 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts -Marsha Hotchkiss Zoom Administrator

Speaker - Allynne Ellis, Children's librarian, Billings. Public Library

Regular Meeting opening

Call to order by President Debbie Willis

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CLUB COLLECT

- INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes: The Minutes were sent to you via e-mail on January 18, 2021. Note; Minutes contain committee reports from previous month. Current Agenda contains current Committee reports.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Barrett

The Treasurer's report was sent to you via e-mail on January 18, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE: Please bring up if you have any correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from Children's Committee
2. Agenda/Minutes clarification
- 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Directory, Gayle
2. Collections for February
3. Year-end reports to MT GFWC

Coming Events! Dates to Remember

January 19, 2021 - Regular meeting (Education Committee)

February 16 - Regular meeting (Domestic Violence)

March 16 - Regular Meeting (Leadership Committee)

April 20 - Regular Meeting (Building/Grounds and PR)

May 18 - Regular Meeting & End of Year banquet (Scholarship Committee)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Education and Libraries

Members: Linda Altwine, Sandy Mueller, Linda Pickard, Linda Wheeler, Lisa Hansen, Lynn Ehresman, Diane Hooker, Nicki Broch, Janet Cole, Jody Schofield, Jude Russell, Cindy Patterson, Becky McGill, Ellen Smith, Karin Green, Mary Huffmaster, Sylvia Jensen, Marsha Hotchkiss, Bev Silkwood, Peggy O'Brien, Kathy Broyles, Linda Baker, Gayle Carter, Judy Senteney, Rena Bucher, Barb Barrett, Deb Willis, Diana Wohler

### Books for Babies and... You!

Chairwomen: Linda Altwine & Sandy Mueller Members: Linda Altwine, Sandy Mueller, Linda Pickard, Linda Wheeler, Lisa Hansen, Lynn Ehresman, Diane Hooker, Nicki Broch, Janet Cole, Jody Schofield, Jude Russell, Cindy Patterson, Becky McGill, Ellen Smith, Karin Green, Mary Huffmaster, Sylvia Jensen, Marsha Hotchkiss, Bev Silkwood, Peggy O'Brien, Kathy Broyles, Rena Bucher, Barb Barrett, Deb Willis, Diana Wohler

In 2020, 2,211 babies born at Billings Clinic and St. Vincent's Healthcare each received a touch- and-feel board book, and their parents received information about the importance of reading.

A Memorial Donation of \$10 has been given to Books for Babies.

Members: 1. Bev. Hours: 4. Deliver book bags to hospitals.

Guest: 1. Harold. Hours: 4. Deliver book bags to hospitals.

### Preschool Screening

Members/Co-Chairwomen: Becky McGill, Bev Silkwood, Linda Altwine

ESO

Chairwoman: Marsha Hotchkiss Members: Karen Durfey, Kathy Broyles, Linda Altwine, Bev Silkwood, Becky McGill, Judy Senteney, Diana Wohler, Cindy Patterson, Marsha Hotchkiss, Karin Green

Three people met on Monday, January 4, 2021 via Zoom.

Books discussed were:

Murder on a Midnight Clear - Sara Rosett

Mary and the Captain - Nancy Lawrence

Poppy Redfern and the Fatal Flyers - Tessa Arlen

This is how it always is - Laurie Frankel.

My Name is Mary Sutter - Robin Oliveira

The Foundling - Paul Joseph Fronczak

You belong to me - Mary Higgins Clark

## Scholarship

Chairwoman - Linda Baker. Members: Gayle Carter, Diana Wohler, Kathy Broyles, Lisa Hansen, Linda Baker, Rena Bucher

### December 2020

The Scholarship committee has been busy getting the applications ready for January. This year the students will be filling out the applications out on line, thanks to Gayle and her sister Cheryl. The members will also be reading the scholarships online and doing an online evaluation of each student.

Hours: 6 Members 4 Guest 2

### January 2021

The Scholarship committee has sent out all the scholarship applications posters, and a brochure about our club to Skyview, Senior and West in the Billings school district. The county schools that received applications are Broadview, Huntley, Custer, Laurel and Shepherd. Applications are also sent to the Career Center and Upward Bound.

The applications this year are all done on line, thanks to the help of Cheryl, Gayle Carter's sister.

Applications are uploaded and ready to be filled out. It is always so inspiring to read all the good things our students are accomplishing.

Hours: 12 Members: 2 Guest: 1 Expenses: \$12.00

## Advocates for Children

**Co-Chairwoman: Barbara Hogg, Florence Diede:** MEMBERS: Jody Schofield , Julie Brown, Mary Hufmaster, Gayle Carter, Cindy Patterson, Ellen Smith, Barb Hogg, Florence Diede, Karin Green, Janet Cole , Sylvia Jensen, Lynn Ehreshman, Linda Baker, Deb Willis, Marsha Hotchkiss, Barbara Barrett

December 2020

**SCHOOL MEDICAL:** There have been several requests for lice shampoo and Robi combs. The previously ordered stock of shampoo and Robi combs has been delivered to Jessica at Riverside.

**CASA:** Florence Diede, Barb Hogg, Debbie Willis, and Judy Senteney  
CASA volunteers are able to pick up gifts for their families at the CASA office. A local Farmers Insurance Agent has donated gift cards for the older kids. Florence continues to host the monthly small group meeting via Zoom. The holidays are a difficult time for many kids in Foster care. CASA volunteers are especially crucial at this time.

Members: 4 Non-members: 0 Hours: 37 Spent: \$0

**Advocates for Children:** Clients and staff at Youth Services Center were treated to beverages from the Rail Link on 12-5-2020. This is in place of the usual Saturday morning Tree Decorating and Christmas Treats with the kids. Ellen Smith shopped and delivered items for the hygiene tree. Mary Huffmaster created 20 beautiful stockings. First Interstate Bank, Wendy's, Legacy Smiles, Western Security Bank, Billings Fire Department, Marsha Price, and the Army Recruiters all donated items to "stuff" the stockings. Advocates purchased candy, stuffed toys, puzzle books, colored towels. Previously donated novels were also included. The stockings were filled (really full) and delivered to YSC.

Because of social distancing, Marsha Hotchkiss, Jude Russell and a friend used the individual lists from the kids in Shelter Care to do the traditional shopping. These are the kids spending Christmas at YSC. The gifts were wrapped and delivered. A \$300. donation was made to the YSC incidental field trip fund.

Members: 5 Non-members: 1 Hours: 37 Spent: \$903.26

#### Festival of Trees

Julie Brown created a lovely basket that was sold at the on-line Auction. She used items from the garage and donations.

Members: 1 Non-members: 0 Hours: 20 Spent: 0

#### Pillowcase Dresses

Peggy O'Brien has done the initial work on 35 dresses. They are now all ready for embellishments.

Members: 1 Non-members: 0 Hours: 35 Spent: 0

#### Tumbleweed Runaway Program

Barb Barrett, in conjunction with staff from Tumbleweed, have begun offering Financial Education as a part of their Life Skills program via Zoom. They are starting slowly and hoping to involve more clients.

Members: 1 Non-members: 1 Hours: 6 Spent: 0

#### December 2020 Total:

Members: 12 Non Members : 1 Hours:129 hours Donations: \$903.26. +

#### January 2021

School Medical - Robi Combs have been delivered to Jessica, she will distribute them as requested.

Pillowcase Dresses - Peggy O. continues to sew furiously. Florence is putting on pockets and adding embellishments, Gayle has been painting on the solid cases. We have two new sewers, Darlene Selby and Dianne Hooker. Family Service is saving printed pillowcases for us. The Pillowcase Dress production line is in full operation.

Members: 6 Hours: Impossible to count!

## Building and Grounds

Chairwoman: Marsha Price Members: Florence Diede, Gayle Carter

No report

## Communications/PR

Chairwoman: Gayle Carter Members: Florence Diede, Karen Durfey, Barb Hogg, Linda Baker, Karin Green, Marsha Hotchkiss

December 2020

Participating #-4 - 12 Hours - 5 Gifts-in-Kind - \_\_\_ Cost -

The Newsletter has become our club's scrapbook. Send articles and pictures to [gfwcbill@aol.com](mailto:gfwcbill@aol.com) by January 10<sup>th</sup>. A new newsletter will be published in January. Committee members will be asked to write an article and send pictures for their committee.

Send pictures and information to Karen Durfey for Facebook.

Communication/PR/Advocates delivered book bags (book, bookmark, treat) to Pooh's Too November 20<sup>th</sup>! Mittens were in a basket for each child.

Deb Willis wrote a thank you letter to the community for the Billings Gazette. It was published December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The BJWC Club Directory is complete and will be printed and distributed in January.

Zoom meetings were held on November 14 & 16 @ 11:00 am for members wanting to learn more about Zoom. On Sunday, January 3 @ 6:00 pm a tour of GFWC headquarters will be offered on Zoom. Marsha Price will send an invitation January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Members: 4 - 12 Hours: 5

## Communications and PR:

January 2021

The newsletter was sent out Monday, January 11. The club directory was emailed, printed and mailed Friday, January 15, 2021. There are some corrections and a new member to add to the printed directory at the meeting Tuesday meeting. After corrections are made to the club printed directory an emailed version will be sent. No hard copied will be reprinted.

Members: 3 Hours: 15 Cost: \$133.00

## Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

Chairwoman: Judy Senteney Members: Marsha Price, Barb Hogg, Karen Durfey, Ellen Smith, Darlene Selby

December 2020

Tumbleweed

We have resumed our monthly hot lunch delivery with Tumbleweed.

One member made several pairs of mittens out of old wool sweaters and donated them.

Angela's Piazza

Thank you for all the items donated for the Christmas gift project! We were able to donate 35 bags for the clients!

National GFWC Program for Veteran's Baby Showers

12 blankets were sewn by Barb Hogg for this project.

Volunteer Hours: 80 Cost: \$753.89 In-Kind Donations: \$400

## Leadership Program:

Chairperson: Florence Diede Members: Gayle Carter, Marsha Price

GFWC

GFWC Holiday Open House was held via BIG MARKER on Dec. 16 with nearly 400 in attendance. What a wonderful evening we had as we pondered the Holiday



decorations and were excited to see GFWC Montana's decoration, owl, painted by Gayle Carter.

GFWC of Montana

The GFWC Montana invites all club members to join us for a viewing of the GFWC Headquarters Open House on January 3 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Watch for the link to be shared with every member from our club president.

GFWC Photography Contest is for your photos taken in 2020. What can you submit? I know we have several club photographers who have photos to submit. GFWC Writing Contest is for children and adults. How about getting your own grandchildren to submit a short story or poetry. Any of you happen to write? You, too, can enter.

Check out the GFWC of Montana website for the latest information.  
[gfwcmontana.org](http://gfwcmontana.org).

### GFWC of Montana - Eastern District

Members: 3 Hours: 4

#### Membership

Co-Chairwomen: Barbara Hogg, Karin Green Members: Marsha Price, Marsha Hotchkiss, Karin Green, Karen Durfey, Deb Willis

December 2020

New/rejoining members this month are Sylvia Jensen and Harriette Brandon.

Total members 39.

For our yearly Christmas party we played Christmas Bingo via Zoom. 23 members participated, including several state officers, a former member, a new member, and members who were currently out of state.

8 different Bingo configurations were played, with prizes for each game. Karen Durfey managed the cash cards, by purchasing, awarding and distributing .

Each participant was entered in the Poinsettia drawing. Karin Green managed this fun activity, including purchasing, caring for, and delivering 10 poinsettias.

Karin Green also made 4 treat buckets. Deb choose the winners for most unique markers, best Christmas outfits, best snack, and best Zoom background. Karin G. delivered these as well.

Deb and Gayle created, printed, and mailed the invitations with help from Karen Durfey. Karen also designed the reminders.

Barb Hogg created the Bingo cards and the directions. Marsha Price took photos and Marsha Hotchkiss was the Zoom moderator.

Members: 23 Non-members: 1 Hours: 89+ Spent: \$255.50

January 2021

We have a new member, Carolyn Spector, she recently moved to Billings. She is interested in volunteering for an organization that serves our community. Her committee interests are; Education, Advocates and Women's History. She is an experienced grant writer, data collector, and analyst.

Welcome Carolyn!

### History & Resource

Chairwoman: Judy Senteney. Member: Gayle Carter

### International Outreach Community Program

Chairwoman: Linda Pickard

Since international was done away with I haven't been writing reports but I have stayed in touch with Ruth. Our sponsorship goes through this May so then the Club will have to decide if it wants to continue. I write to her once a month sending holiday cards or just personal notes about school, family, etc.

### Environment

Chairwoman: Bev Silkwood Members: Kathy Broyles, Rena Bucher, Karen Durfey, Karin Green, Marsha Hotchkiss

Nothing to report from the Environment/Conservation Committee.

### Health and Wellness

Chairwoman - Kelly Smith Members: Janet Cole, Ellen Smith, Jody Schofield, Linda Wheeler, Lynn Ehersman

December 2020

GFWC Affiliate Partner March of Dimes will be thrilled to receive 9 baby blankets made by a club member. These were shipped but rest assured we will be very excited to receive many more. Blankets may be sewn, knitted, crocheted or quilted. They can even be the no-sew type of blankets for babies. Blankets cannot be larger than 4 feet by 4 feet. Please join in on this project while you are at home wondering just how to spend your time. Baby Hats and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Mom Care Packages are also being collected by March of Dimes. If you would like more information, reach out to Kelly at share900@aol.com .

February is fast approaching. We will be collecting bras, panties and socks. Watch for those after Christmas sales. If you just happen to be out, pick up a few to donate to those in need. These can be dropped on Florence Diede's patio at 535 Johnson Lane anytime.

Members: 3 Hours: 11 Dollars Spent: \$38 for UPS

### Read to Your Bunny/ Reading Ladies

Co-Chairwomen: Mary Huffmaster & Sylvia Jensen

No report

### Arts Community Service Program:

Co-Chairwomen: Karen Durfey, Kathy Broyles Members: Marsha Hotchkiss, Gayle Carter, Bev Silkwood

The Photography entries should be sent to GFWC of MT Chairman Jo Campbell by April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are planning to enter a photograph check out the requirements on the GFWC website. Linda Baker has entered photographs in two categories.