

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB MINUTES

January 18, 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 McCartney

MEMBERS in Attendance- Marsha Hotchkiss, Lynn Ehresman, Diane Hooker, Judy Senteney, Bev Silkwood, Barb Hogg, Kristen Stewart, Cindy Patterson, Barb Barrett, Florence Diede, Peggy O'Brien, Marsha Price, Gayle Carter, Kathy Broyles, Deb Willis, Karin Green, Elery Polkow, Linda Baker, Karen Durfey

Speaker- M.H. VanKeuren, author- "Trash: A love Story"

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 - "Trash" by MH VanKeuren - presentation sponsored by Environment Committee. M.H. reviewed his book, the impact of plastics use in society and how it affects the oceans, and us inland. A river clean-up project is also being put together, to stop some plastic from getting to the ocean. One huge prototype is a rig with booms and nets to scoop up plastics. Members reviewed the book very positively. It is available on Amazon, and This House of Books. A great story, characters, and summary of the environmental impact.

Minutes: The Minutes were sent to you via e-mail on 1/18/2022 a couple typos to be corrected

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Barrett

The Treasurer's report was sent to you via e-mail on 1/18/2022. Treasurer's report to be placed in archive

CORRESPONDENCE:

Judy S- Thank you from Emily A from Angela's Piazza. They could not have the Christmas party in person so had a "Party in a Box". A full dinner, our bags, gifts for children, treats were sent with each of the ladies. They really appreciate our support.

Florence D- Family tree Center (Director, staff and families), thank us for the Rustic Birdhouse tree.

Stacy sent a separate note expressing thanks for the wonderful tree and our support.

Opal- Festival of trees- again thanking us.

Health and Wellness- an email from Tabitha Williams, who expressed sincere thanks for the comfort pillow included in her pre-surgery packet. A pillow "she didn't even know would be so helpful".

Kathy B- Alberta Bair and BST, thanking us for support last year, and encouraging continued support this year.

Barb H- Youth Services Center- thanking us for the \$300 to be used for field trips, from Val Weber. She is also willing to meet with us to discuss the things they do, if we would like.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Karin Green - Snow Themed prize- Winner MARSHA H!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Reports due by end of January- the template is on the Montana website.
You may include up to 10 projects, but it is recommended to focus on one, or a

few. Include just a few sentences about each of the other projects. Please include the summary of members, costs (the numbers, folks!)

2. Nominations for Officers- A committee to include the President-Elect and appointed members. Barb H will lead this, along with Marsha H and Lynn E. Barb did ask if anyone would LIKE to hold an office, please contact her. Florence pointed out by-law 5.4 names the three positions to be nominated: President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The rest are appointed by the President.
3. Elery Polkow - presentation on Cyber Security - during Feb Meeting or separate event. A LOT of interest! The majority of members were most interested in holding this as part of Summer University. Elery and a friend (in another state), will host this. Date will be suggested later to Summer University.
4. Barb H- February will have a membership meeting. Katie Love, a baker at Town and Country Bakery, will show how to frost and decorate Valentine's cakes. There will be three flavors (vanilla, chocolate and Red Velvet)- she supplies the round cakes, frosting and decorating supplies. Cost- \$20, bring a bowl and 2 knives. Barb promised no frosting fights! Watch your email!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Children's Foundation Meeting was called to order. Barb B noted the agenda is usually provided (she had notes from last February meeting.) Florence noted we are to give members three days' notice, at least. Barb did not have all the materials and information handy that she would need to provide for the meeting, so the consensus was to hold this meeting after the February regular meeting. Loof for an agenda for

that regular meeting, as well as the Children's Foundation meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Coming Events! Dates to Remember

January 18, 2022 - Nominations due. Annual Children's Committee Meeting (moved to February 15).

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

Committee members met to plate cookies and candies for the hospitals and organizations involved with our Books 4 Babies Program as a Christmas Thank You.

Plates were delivered to St. V's Hospital, Billings Clinic, St. V's Foundation. Clinic Foundation, Jan Osborne, Casey's Dream, Friends of the Library, and Youth Services. Number of Members: 9 Guests: 2 Volunteer Hours: 27 Club Dollars Used: 0 In Kind Donation: \$161.47

3 programs to report this month

Grand total for (Month)

Number of Programs: 2

Number of Members, 11 no duplicates: 3 Guests

Volunteer hours: 52

Club Dollars Used \$50 gift certificate

In Kind Donation: \$161.44

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club

Committee - Advocates

Committee Chairman – Florence Diede, Barbara Hogg

December 2021

Youth Service Christmas

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Barb and Karin delivered the gifts as well as a big cookie tray complete with hot drink mixes and candy canes. This year 4 clients were treated to a \$35.00 shopping trip at Target. Members and husbands helped the shoppers. The kids were excited and everyone enjoyed the activity.

Number of Members: 5 Guests: 2 Volunteer hours: 22 Club Dollars Used: \$437.15 In Kind Donation: \$100.00

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Family Tree Center hosted the Festival of Trees Fundraiser December 2-5 at Metra Park Pavilion.

“Rustic Christmas Birdhouse Tree” was the delight of many viewer. Julie Brown, Mary Huffmaster, and Jody Schofield formed a team dedicated to making us proud and they did! A multitude of hand painted miniature birdhouses, charming birds, and Spanish moss appeared under an old-fashioned birdhouse. 100 enchanted storybooks adorned the base of the tree. Be sure to
Our tree sold for \$1000 and was on display at Yellowstone Dental.
You can see this beautiful tree on our Facebook page for December 1.

Number of Members: 5 Guests: 0 Volunteer hours: 100 Club Dollars Used: ? In Kind Donation: many

CASA

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Number of Members: 4 Volunteer hours: 35

Grand total for (Month)

Number of Programs:

Number of Members, no duplicates:

Volunteer hours:

Club Dollars Used

In Kind Donation:

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Grand total for (Month)

Number of Programs: 3

Number of Members: 10

Volunteer hours: 157

Club Dollars Used: \$437.00 + FOT

In Kind Donation: \$100.00 + FOT

Monthly Report – January 2022

Civic Engagement & Community Outreach

Committee Chairman: Judy Senteney/Barb Barrett

Casey's Dream

Craft Days

We hosted 2 craft day sessions for the residents/day program attendees at Casey's Dream.

October Craft Day - Fall Floral Hat Décor'

November Craft Day - Fall Welcome sign

We worked with and assisted attendees to explore and enjoy crafting on 2 fall projects.

Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg, Ellen Smith

Number of members: 3

Volunteer Hours: 16

Cost: \$55.15

In-kind: \$35.00

Attendees: 10 – Casey’s Dream Residents

Serving Lunch

We assisted with Casey’s Dream holiday lunch for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, helping to serve lunch and clean up. Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg, Ellen Smith

Number of members: 3

Volunteer Hours: 10

Cost: \$0

Attendees: 50 – Casey’s Dream Residents & Staff

Christmas Gift

A nylon drawstring bag was filled and provided for each resident of Casey’s Dream as a gift from BJWC. Colorful bags were ordered from Amazon, Casey’s Dream logo was heat pressed to the front of the bag and bags were filled with the following items: Winter hat, winter gloves, 2022 calendar, craft or puzzle, small stuffed animal, candy cane. These were distributed at Casey’s Dream Christmas Party. Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg, Marsha Price

Number of Members: 3

Volunteer Hours: 20

Cost: \$232.18

In-kind: \$10.00

Recipients: 35 Casey’s Dream Residents

GFWC Billings Junior Woman’s Club

Committee - Domestic Violence Prevention

Committee Chairman – Judy Senteney

January 2022

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. Angela’s Piazza: 35 Holiday Gift Bags were donated.

Number of Members: 15

Guests: 0

Volunteer Hours: 85

Club Dollars Used: 798.86
In-Kind Donation: \$1250.00

Grand total for December/January

Number of Programs: 2
Number of Members: 21
Volunteer Hours: 105
Club Dollars Used: 798.86
In-Kind Donation: 1390

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club
Committee – History and Resource
Committee Chairman – Judy Senteney
January 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 September

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

Committee - Leadership Committee Chairman – Florence Diede

January 2022

**Taken from the GFWC Club Manual/Leadership 2020-2022
DELEGATING AND SHAPING NEW LEADERS**

Sharing responsibilities keeps members interested and enthusiastic about your club. You might be reluctant to delegate because you want to make sure the job is done "right." However, your way is generally only one of a variety of ways that a job can be done well. If club members are not asked to take on responsibility, they may feel unimportant and become apathetic.

CREATING A PLAN OF SUCCESSION

An orderly transition of officers is the glue that holds an organization together. It implies stability, confidence, and continuity of operation. We must also be prepared for unexpected vacancies with a written succession plan in place. This can help the club handle the inevitable challenges of leadership transition.

GFWC 2022-2024 Orientation

Florence Diede has been appointed to the GFWC Signature Project Committee for next term. Florence attended a training meeting in Washington, DC January 6-9. Great plans and ideas are upcoming. BJWC Standing Rules 11.d provides for travel and lodging expenses to be covered. Meals and registration are covered by appointee. Additional meeting and presentations: GFWC Convention June 2022, New Orleans, Meeting in Albuquerque, August, Western States Region Conference Anchorage, AK, August and GFWC Convention Louisville, KY June 2023.

Number of Members: 1 Guests: 0 Volunteer hours: 49+ Club Dollars Used: \$789. In Kind Dollars: \$325 +

Upcoming:

April 29-30 GFWC of Montana Convention in Bozeman

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club

Committee - Membership

Committee Chairman – Barbara Hogg, Karin Green

November/ December, 2021

On November 18, 13 members and 2 guests gathered for a soup and cinnamon roll dinner. After dinner activities consisted of re-packaging a rice mixture to be donated to various community centers, preparing the Hygiene items for the Tree at YSC, making pinecone gnomes, and key snowmen and women. Food donations were collected and taken to Tumbleweed's Pantry.

Number of Members: 13 Guests: 2 Volunteer hours: 45.5

Club Dollars Used: \$54.88

In Kind Donation: \$50.00

December 22, was the night of our yearly Christmas celebration. Authentic Mexican food, rice, beans, enchiladas and a fabulous tre-leche dessert were enjoyed by all. Several Christmas themed games were played, finishing up with a paper airplane race. \$302.00 was collected from members and donated to the Youth Service Center field trip fund.

Members brought cookbooks to exchange. Everyone went home with a new-to-them cookbook.

Members: 22 Guests: 2 Volunteer hours: 69 Club Dollars Used \$415.02

In Kind Donation: \$ 13.00 + +

Grand Total Nov. – Dec. 2021

Number of Programs: 2

Number of Members: 22. Guests: 4

Volunteer hours: 114.5

Club Dollars Used: \$469.90

In Kind Donation: \$63.00

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club
Committee - Scholarship

Committee Chairman - Linda Baker

Month January 2022

Scholarship envelopes which include a letter to the counselor advertising our scholarship so each school can add it to their list of online scholarships, a poster advertising our scholarship which includes our web site, and a club brochure have been sent out to all Billings Schools and County Schools. Envelopes were also sent to the Career Center and the Talent Search/Trio program.

The scholarships have also been updated on our club website.

**Number of Members:2 Guests: Volunteer
hours:8 Club Dollars Used: \$12.24**

In Kind Donation:

Grand total for (January 2022)

Number of Programs: 1

Number of Members, no duplicates: 2

Volunteer hours: 8

Club Dollars Used: \$12.24

In Kind Donation:

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Committee – _Building and Grounds

Chairman – _Marsha Price

January 2022

Activities:

1. Main entry door was not closing.

Number of members:3

Volunteer hour: 3

Club Dollars Used: \$76.45

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2. Floor Drain cleanout.

Number of Members:3

Volunteer Hours: 1

Club Dollars Used: \$. 100.00

In Kind Donation: \$ 0

3. Furnace transformer replaced.

Number of Members:3

Volunteer hours: 1

Club Dollars Used: \$225.

In Kind Donations:0

4. Electrical Work – _replace 8 outlets, retro-fit LED fixtures, run power to 2 outdoor security cameras.

Number of Members:3

Volunteer hours: 6

Club Dollars Used: \$1,196.

In Kind Donations: \$0

Grand Total for January 2022

Number of Programs: 4
Number of Members: 3
Volunteer Hours: 11
Club Dollars Used: \$1,597.45
In Kind Donations: \$0