

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB AGENDA

October 19, 2021

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

GENERAL MEETING OPENING 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts -Marsha Hotchkiss Zoom Administrator

Members present: Deb Willis, Lynn Ehresman, Karin Green, Barb Barrett, Marsha Hotchkiss, Judy Senteney, Karen Durfey, Carolyn Specter, Linda Wheeler, Harriett B_____, Bev Silkwood, Jody Schofield, Florence Diede, Marsha Price, Gayle Carter, Linda Baker, Ellen Smith, Elery Polkow, Cindy Petterson, Kathy Broyles, Barb Hogg, Peggy O'Brien

Regular Meeting opening

Call to order by President Debbie Willis

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CLUB COLLECT
- INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ANNOUNCEMENTS - Quick review of website by Gayle Carter

MINUTES: The Minutes were sent to you via e-mail on October 18,2021.

No changes, so minutes were accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT: Barbara Barrett

The Treasurer's report was sent to you via e-mail on October 18, 2021. Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file.

Barb noted the Western Security account was closed. She waited for a check to clear, then combined the money in this account with our current checking account at First Interstate, so that accounts for those changes in funds.

CORRESPONDENCE: Karin had the letter from Ruth (goes by Rue) in Peru. Linda Pickard has typically written letters to Rue each month. Brief discussion of how to handle our International Committee, since each committee has an International component (rather than a separate committee.) There is some confusion if the committee was disbanded. No- since it is now part of every committee. The specific money returned to the main fund. Since there is not a specific committee designated, the discussion focused on which committee pays for Rue's yearly fee (\$310, approximately.) Advocates for Children will pay that fee. Heifer International, for example, may fall under the Environment committee.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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2. Zoo Mobile - 10/20 at noon, wear vest

Greetings Ladies!

Join us on Wednesday, October 20th at 12:00 for our zoo tour on our newly purchased Zoo Mobile. Please wear your new vests and wonderful smiles! Let's plan on heading to lunch after our tour. See you there!



3. Art House Movie - 10/26 at 6:30 - reminder that you should please quickly let Karen D know if you plan to attend the movie (Top Gun) next week, at the Art House.

Karen also noted that Billings Studio Theater is showing *All Together Now*, on November 13,14 and Matinee the 15th. This has music rights to many Broadway productions. Tickets cost \$25- call the box office to get rockets.

NOVA also has an Opera with a twist. It is October 23/24. *Pagliacci*- but from the point of view of the Joker (Batman?) Could be interesting.

4. Review of committee report form - Barb Hogg got feedback regarding the report format. She had separate colors, but you can change those. Some clarification that you should not total the total members by adding this together (or you end up with more people than we have club members!) You can total the hours, guests in attendance, and monies, only. Also- "In-kind" donations have been confusing. One suggestion was to look at Salvation Army website- they have an "in-kind" list to give you an idea.

Example- Books for Babies- has donated books previously purchased for preschool screenings (which are on-hold during pandemic.) So that report showed hours filling bags (some hours counted under Communication and some for Books for Babies.) But "O" for money, since the club previously noted the money spent when the books were first purchased. Then you can grand total the money and total hours for the month.

Barb will send out a form without colors. If you have no activity that month, please just return the empty form. But please send those to Deb Willis (president) for your monthly report.

5. Barb Barrett noted that FIrst Interstate donates \$10 for each volunteer hour worked (to that volunteer organization- if there is a project to use with the money.) So, Barb has "earned" \$650 for each of the past three years (total \$1950). Some of this money was spent on the aart project at Casey's Dream.

Casey's Dream is a day program for people with Developmental Disabilities. Our Civic Engagement and Outreach committee did an art project at Casey's Dream (off Mallowney Lane, near Josephine's crossing.) Barb Hogg, Ellen Smith and Barb Barrett all did the "flowers on hats" project, similar to the summer class many folks took last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bylaws rewrite - a portion was emailed on 10/18 to be read prior to meeting on 10/19
. The proposed change focuses on the need to address Zoom meetings, and other virtual platforms, in our by-laws. One question was whether the word "shall" could be replaced by "can", in case meetings can easily return to on-person in the future. The motion was made by presenting the by-laws change to the membership. There needs to be a private option for a vote in online meetings, and that is being worked out. The by-laws change passed.

2. Standing Rules - The standing rules indicates there will be a link to these rules, but as the rules are on the website, there will be a link to the website.

Florence recommended the committee change the word "all" (Section 17.9). Florence made the motion to amend the Section 10 (where $\frac{1}{4}$ of each motel room is paid for attending regional meetings- to $\frac{1}{2}$ of each motel room will be paid.) The motion was, seconded, and passed.

Florence then made a motion the club pay for $\frac{1}{2}$ the rooms fees for the recent Board of Directors meeting, seconded and passed.

3. Gayle Carter and website- Gayle walked folks through the website a little. There are links at the top of the page to reach Eastern District/ International/Mountain states. The minutes for each meeting are listed under the date.

Eastern District Scholarship (and application), can be found there. If anyone needs or wants to look up committees, the description of each committee is there.

Coming soon- Scholarship winners for this year. The agenda for each meeting is there, as well as a template for committee reports. There is also a link to our Facebook page (the little "f" at top of page.)

We can use the One Drive to record history in electronics file, so officers can access it. The Budget and minutes are located there. This might be a better place to for certified items or documents filed with the State of Montana (public documents.)

4. Casey's Dream- this may be a good place for meetings once we resume in-person meetings. There is a very large room, with space to spread out. It has good lighting and parking. All we need to do is provide proof of insurance. Barb Barrett has pictures, and

it looks nice, with room. They are building a second level, but no one is there in the evenings (since Casey's Dream is a day center.) It has an outside patio and pool as well. No decision was made, so no motion needed. The club will consider this as a meeting option as we eventually resume in-person meetings.

DOOR PRIZE- Membership drew the name of this month's winner- ELLEN SMITH! A pumpkin present will be delivered to your home! So to win, only need to attend the meetings. All names are placed in a "hat" and one winner each month is announced. Karin Green noted the next meeting will feature "Thanksgiving things."

No other new business- Meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

Coming Events! Dates to Remember

October 19, 2021 - Business Meeting

October 20, 2021 - Zoo Mobile - noon at Zoo Montana

October 26, 2021 - Art House movie (Top Gun) - 6:30PM

November 16, 2021 - Business Meeting - Gayle will be doing a writing demo along with Marsha

Price December 21, 2021 - Christmas Party

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

April 29-30, 2022 GFWC of Montana Convention in Bozeman

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

The illusion of quick success or a comfortable and easy life is just that, an illusion! The true definition of success and integrity is to keep showing up, living out your calling, and staying true to your convictions, even when no one is looking.

(from SimplyLocalBillings.com)

Committee Reports

Departments:

Arts Community Service Program:

Committee Chairman - Kathy Broyles, Karen Durfey

Art House Cinema & Pub.

We will be attending on October 26 to view a movie as a group. **Number of Members: 15 so far. Sign up still open.**

Guests:

Volunteer hours: 2 so far.

Club Dollars Used: \$150.

In Kind Donation: members invited to contribute \$5 if they wish to do so.

Grand total for October 2021

Number of Programs: 1

Number of Members: no duplicates:

Guests:

Volunteer hours: 2

Club Dollars Used \$150

In Kind Donation: Not sure yet

Education

No reported activity this month.

Books for Babies and You:

Committee Chairman: Bev Silkwood and Becky McGill

Deliver books to the hospitals for Books for Babies program

Number of Members: 1 Guests: 1 Volunteer hours: 4 Club Dollars Used: In Kind Donation:

Checking for grant opportunities for grant writing.

Number of members: 2 Volunteer Hours: 3 Club Dollars Used: 0

In-kind Donations:

Organizing books for delivery to Pooh's Too

Number of members: 1 Volunteer Hours: 1 Club Dollars Used: 0 In-kind Donations: 0

Grand total for October 2021

Number of Programs: 3

Number of Members: 2 Guests: 1

Volunteer hours: 8

Club Dollars Used

In Kind Donation:

ESO:

Committee Chairman - Marsha Hotchkiss & Karin Green

No activity this month.

Environment Community Service:

Committee Chairman - Bev Silkwood

No activity this month.

Health and Wellness:

Committee Chairman - Kelly Smith

No activity this month.

International Outreach Community Program:

No activity this month.

Read to Your Bunny:

Chairmen; Mary Hufmaster and Sylvia Jensen

No reported activity this month.

Scholarship:

Chairman: Linda Baker

No activity this month.

Special Projects:

Advocates for Children:

Committee Chairman - Florence Diede and Barbara Hogg

CASA: Tuesday, September 14, CASA members were treated to Volunteer Appreciation Night at the Zoo. There were Prizes and food trucks, as well as the opportunity to roam the grounds of the Zoo. Yep! We saw the Sloth, sleeping!

Number of Members: 2 Volunteer hours: 5 Club Dollars Used: 0 In Kind Donation: 0

Festival of Trees: The entrance fee has been paid and members are working on decorations. This year's theme is bird houses. There will be books

surrounding the tree as usual.

Number of Members: 3 Guests: Volunteer hours: 10 Club Dollars Used: \$100.

In Kind Donation: 0

Grand total for October 2021

Number of Programs: 2

Number of Members: 5

Volunteer hours: 15

Club Dollars Used: \$100.

In Kind Donation: 0

Building and Grounds:

Chairman - Marsha Price

Members - Florence Diede and Gayle Carter

Activities:

Plumbing:

1. Replaced kitchen faucet parts
2. Replace toilet bolts and reseal
3. Addressed toilet paper issues
4. Basement pipe leak addressed
5. Nursery room 3- part kitchen sink drainage problem

Cabinet Issues:

1. ordered replacement upper cabinet
2. returned trim pieces

Baseboards in Tigger Room:

1. Cleaned baseboards

Front Door:

1. Adjusted door closure issue

Electrical:

1. Ordered replacement light fixture in Tigger Room 2.
- Rewire 3 Ring security food lights
3. Ordered timer for garage upstairs light switch
4. Replace 2 outdoor light fixtures over back nursery doors

Signage:

1. Ordered 2 - 24-hour surveillance signs

Grand Total for October 2021

Number of Programs: 6

Number of Members: 3

Volunteer Hours: 11

Club Dollars Used: \$345.53

In Kind Donations: \$0

Communications and Identity:

Committee Chairman - Gayle Carter

Website/Facebook/AOL

Karen Durfey posted many pictures of fall events.

The website is updated each month. Members can find reimbursement forms, committee members, committee activities and much more on the website.

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

The BJWC Club Directory was updated and will be mailed to members before the October Meeting. The Committee lists were updated with the information received. Any other corrections need to be sent to gfwcbillings.org

Number of Members: 1 Guests: Volunteer hours: 7

Club Dollars Used: In Kind Donation:

Grand total for October 2021

Number of Programs: 2

Number of Members: 2

Volunteer hours: 13

Club Dollars Used:

In Kind Donation:

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention:

Committee Chairman - Judy Senteney

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

Number of Members: 3

Guests: 0

Volunteer Hours: 9

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donation: \$60.00

2. Angela's Piazza: Supplies for future 35 Holiday Gift Bags were donated.

Number of Members: 3

Guests: 0

Volunteer Hours: 10

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donation: \$250

Grand total for September 2021

Number of Programs: 2

Number of Members: 6

Volunteer Hours: 19

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donation: \$210

Leadership

Committee Chairman - Florence Diede

GFWC MT Fall BOD Meeting was held at the Helena Great Northern Hotel on October 1-2. Fundraising items were to let our "members talents, lights, shine." Barb Hogg was in charge of the fundraising donations...nearly \$1800 were raised. Ellen Smith was there to help her. Donated items were in every price range and medium. Linda's mystery bags drew lots of attention and buyers. Gayle's painted chair brought in \$60 in the live auction and Barb's wall hangings netted \$80. Florence's home-canned salsa was gone in minutes. Yes, we scored some lovely

items.

Linda Baker and Barb Hogg both won sizeable 50/50 prizes. Bev Silkwood won a beautiful quilted wall hanging or lap quilt in the President's Special Project Raffle. Tickets are still available for additional prizes.

Marsha Price and Florence Diede were very busy on the Executive Committee. Linda Baker and Judy Senteney helped with registration. Gayle Carter conducted a one-on-one GFWC MT website training center.

Karl Rooston spoke on Suicide Prevention and Shani Henry share information of gun safety. Both speakers and provided new learning and member responded well.

The most fun of all was the alto singers trying to match the high soprano lead singer. Laughter everywhere. A great time was had by our seven attending members

Number of Members: 7 Guests: 0 Volunteer hours: 210 Club Dollars Used: In Kind Donation: \$300

Eastern District Meeting: Three clubs were present: Big Timber, Billings, and Billings Juniors. Seven of our members attended on Friday, October 1 following the BOD meeting. Discussion was held on the scholarship. Officers were nominated for 2022-2024. Judy Senteney for President, Gayle Carter for President-elect, Nancy Bruce for Secretary and Karin Green for Treasurer. Voting and Installation will take place at the April 29 meeting.

Upcoming:

April 29-30 GFWC of Montana Convention in Bozeman

Grand total for October 2021

Number of Programs: 1

Number of Members: 7

Volunteer hours: 210

Club Dollars Used:
In Kind Donation: \$300

Membership Program:

Committee - Membership
Committee Chairman - Karin Green and Barb Hogg

There will be a drawing for a door prize at each monthly meeting. Only members in attendance will be eligible for the prize. Judy Senteney won the prize for September. October prizes have a Halloween theme. Will you be the winner this month?

Grand total for October 2021

Number of Members: 1

Volunteer hours: 3

Club Dollars Used:

In Kind Donation:

History and Resource:

Committee Chairman - Judy Senteney

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

Grand Total for September

Number of Programs: 1

Number of Members: 1

Volunteer Hours: 12

Club Dollars Used: 0

In Kind Donation: 0

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Committee Chairman: Judy Senteney
No activity this month.