

BJWC Billings

May 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

President: Barbara Hogg

Co-President Elect: Marsha Hotchkiss, Peggy O'Brien

Secretary: Ellen Smith

Treasurer: Karin Green

Member at Large: Kathy Broyles

Parliamentary Advisors: Gayle Carter, Kristen Stewart

Members Present: Harriett Brandon, Frances Sprengelmeyer, Rena Bucher, Beverly Silkwood, Florence Diede, Linda Baker, Gayle Carter, Lynn Ehresman, Kristen Stewart, Barbara Hogg, Peggy O'Brien, Karin Green, Debbie Willis, Judy Senteney, Kathy Broyles, Marsha Hotchkiss, Amanda Weber, Barbara Barrett, Karin Durfey, Jody Schofield, Nancy McManus, Mary Huffmaster and Cheryl McCall.

Announcements: Barbara Hogg-Karin Gufertson needs names, emails and phone numbers of the new officers. Please indicate if you'd rather not share yours.

Minutes from April approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

Correspondence:

Scholarships have been changed, instead of inviting the families to meet us we now give a \$50 gift card for the winners to use in any way they want. There are many thanks from the winners and their families.

The Arts committee received thanks from Yellowstone Art Museum.

Domestic Violence committee received thanks from Angela's piazza and Family Promise.

Health and Wellness received thanks from Shot at Life.

Civic Engagement received thanks from Tumbleweed.

Environmental Committee received thanks from Audubon Society, Dogtag Buddies, Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter, Montana Zoo, TrailNet and Heifer International.

Family Nurturing Tree Center sent thanks for the Babies behind bars program support.

Young families have a read to your buddy program.

From Barbara Barrett, Debbie Willis' sister's memorial was donated to Northwest College.

Unfinished Business:

Florence Diede reported on the new state president's 5 points of light project:

1. National Day of Service
2. Double the involvement of the club members in the legislature.
3. Support GFWC programs
4. Shout out your story
5. Raise \$6,000 to combat the rise of Fentanyl in our communities.

The GFWC International person, Wendy (Carrilk???), is now Vice President.

Ride for a Woman is a program in Uganda that rents bikes to tourists and uses the proceeds to support victims of domestic violence.

Easter District: Big Timber and Billings, decided to use budget to get \$500 to address food insecurity for local kids.

Inspiration Leader from Florence Diede, for a memorial service they did a “Bumblebee” story about that person.

We received the outstanding efforts in Membership award.

Special projects chair, Debbie Willis, we can order pins to support the 5 points special project.

Easter District will have their Fall meeting in September.

From Barbara Barrett, Tumbleweed care packets and baskets are doing well. With Joan Sleeth’s help there are 22 ready now for delivery to Tumbleweed. More donations are great, be on the lookout for cups/plates/silverware in sets of 4.

Summer University: If you’re on the list, you’ll receive a notification before the event, if you can no longer attend please reply so that waiting list members can be shuffled in.

Installation of New Members:

Amanda Webber and Susan Lovers were installed in person.

Judy Fisher, Laura Fisher and Carrie Egan couldn’t attend the meeting, but are installed.

New Officers for 2024-2026:

Co-Presidents: Peggy O’Brien and Marsha Hotchkiss

President Elect:

Secretary: Kristen Stewart

Treasurer: Karin Green

Member at Large:

Parliamentary Advisors:

Many thanks to Barbara Hogg for her service, a gift of a windchime and flowers were given.

Adjourned 8:15pm