

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB
1st Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St West
October 15, 2024

AGENDA

Officers:

President - Marsha Hotchkiss
President Elect - Peggy O'Brien
Secretary - Kristen Stewart
Treasurer - Karin Green
Member at Large - Amanda Webber
Parliamentarian - Gayle Carter

Program 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts : Advocates for Children
Speaker: Tom Jacques - Aid Spirit

General Meeting Opens 7:00 PM

Call to order by President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
CLUB COLLECT
INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Minutes: Kristin Stewart
Treasurer's Report: Karin Green
Correspondence:
Announcements:

Unfinished Business:

1. Did everyone receive the donation lists sent out by email on a couple of weeks ago
Remember this is a list for you to use as you find bargains throughout the year.
2. Club Directory - Gayle Carter

New Business:

1. GFWC MT Fall Meeting Reports - Florence Diede, Marsha Hotchkiss, Marsha Price, Deb Willis
2. Raffle Tickets - Deb Willis, Marsha Hotchkiss
3. Zoom Reporting Workshop, November 14, 7:00 pm
4. Calendar Sales - Marsha Price
5. GFWC Gateway Webinar: Celebrate Child Advocacy Week, Oct 5, 5:00pm
6. Legislation Action Center Sign-up (after adjournment)

Coming Events! Dates to Remember

October 20-26, 2024 GFWC Child Advocacy Week

February 5, 2025 Club Reports due to State

April 20-26, 2025 GFWC Volunteers in Action Week

April 26, 2025 MT Eastern District Convention, Big Timber

June 7-10, 2025 GFWC International Convention, Atlanta, GA

**September 11-14, Western States Regional Convention,
California**

September 26-28 GFWC MT Fall Meeting, Great Falls

Donation bins will be available at each club meeting to bring items for the various non-profits that we support. A note pad will be in each tote to make note of what you have brought and the dollar amount associated with it. You do not need to put your name with the information. We need this information for our monthly reports. Thanks so much for your donations and reporting help!

Members wear your vests and name tags!!

(new members - vests will be given to you at meeting)

September Committee Reports

Committee: Arts & Culture

Chairmen: Karen Durfey & Kathy Broyles

No report this month

Committee: Education & Libraries Chairman: Karin Green

The High Plains Book Award ceremony was held on October 5th. BJWC is the sponsor for the Children's Middle Grade book category. Karin Green presented the \$500 award to Jessica Vitalis for her book *Coyote Queen*. Susan Lubbers, also a BJWC member, sponsored the Children's Picture Book category and presented the \$500 award to Sneed B. Collard III for his book *Border Crossing*.

Books for Babies Chairman: Joan Sleeth

Outgoing B4B chair Bev Silkwood met with incoming chair Joan Sleeth and co-chair Lynn Ehreshman to go over duties and the committee binder she had put together. One member picked up pamphlets from ECI and Family Tree Center for the Books for Babies and you! bags. Two members researched grant and donation opportunities and also wrote 1 grant and 2 donation requests. Also, one member and another volunteer delivered 50 packets each week to the two hospitals to be given to mothers for their babies.

Volunteer Hours

Packet Delivery- Pamphlet- 2

Meet with B4B chair Number of Members: 3 Hours: 3

Apply for grant/donations Number of Members: 2 Hours: 1

Total - 22 hours Club dollars used- 0

In Kind Donations- 0 Grants/Donations Received- 0

Scholarship

Chairman: Linda Baker

No report this month

ESO

Chairmen: Karin Green & Marsha Hotchkiss

This month we again had seven members meeting on the first Monday of the month. We reported on 9 books. Hours: 17 hours

Health & Wellness Chairman: Deb Willis

Project – Delivery of 3 bags of comfort pillows to Deaconess Billings Clinic

There was no cost and 1 hour

This committee will be meeting on October 25th to plan some projects for the coming year

Environment

Chairman: Bev Silkwood

We are still collecting plastic, and I'll take yours if you bring it to our meeting. Members this month have stitched 17 dog bones to be delivered to the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. I'll bring denim, stuffing and squeakers to our October meeting if you'd like to help make more.

Total for September Volunteer Hours 17 Guest Hours 5 Dollars

In Kind Donation

Civic Engagement & Outreach Chairman: Barb Barrett

Casey's Dream

Sept 18 - Hosted craft day at Casey's Dream, making a Fall pumpkin door hanging using a wood pumpkin cutout, paint, ribbon, fall leaves and pinecones. There were 15 participants who had fun making the craft.

Volunteer hours: 8

Club Dollars Used: \$43.75

Member Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$10

Club Members Involved: Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg, Joan Sleeth, Ellen Smith, Amanda Webber

Donations were made by Karen Durfey; magazines, craft supplies, 2 large suitcases. Volunteer hours: 1

Club Dollars Used: \$

Member Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$300

Club Members Involved: Karen Durfey

Tumbleweed

Lunch - 2 Meals Donated in September by member Volunteer hours: 8

Club Dollars Used: \$0

Member Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$400

Club members Involved: Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg, Marsha Price, Peggy O'Brien, Kristen Stewart

MSUB - Yellowjacket Food Pantry

Club members donated Back to School and food items to help with re-stocking the Yellowjacket food pantry on the MSUB college campus. Items also went to re-stock food in the library and other locations on campus to help with food insecurity for students. The Club also gave a check in the amount of \$500 for the pantry, to purchase baby formula and other necessary items.
School Supply items – 36 (\$22.50)

Food items – 58 (\$130.00) Hygiene items – 14 (\$15.00)

Volunteer hours: 2

Club Dollars Used: \$500

Member Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$167.50 Club members Involved: Joan Sleeth and 1 volunteer

Salvation Army

Eight members and 1 guest spent 2 hours making up 648 meals and 90 fruit cups at the Salvation Army on September 24th for the National Day of Service. Salvation Army takes hot meals to two low income retirement homes as well as to locations where homeless gather.
Volunteer hours: 23

Club dollars used: 0

In-kind donations: 0

Club members Involved: Judy Senteney, Florence Diede, Marsha Hotchkiss, Ellen Smith, Barb Barrett, Marsha Price, Karin Green, Harriette Brandon. Vicki Hert - guest

Domestic Violence Chairman: Judy Senteney

Crisis Center: 5 of our members have been donating time each week organizing client files so they may be scanned into their computer system. Coordinator Mar-Cee McNeary has been trying to accomplish this task for many months, and staff at the Center simply do not have time to do it. Members have also donated clothing for the clients.

Volunteer Hours: 118 Club Dollars Used: 0 In-Kind Donations: \$ 145

Advocates for Children Chairman: Florence Diede

Blanket project

Will have some yard lengths ready to tie to distribute at the October meeting. Yellowstone Country Sheriff's are so pleased to have a supply of blankets. But currently do not need more. We do have about 10 ready to go.
Volunteer hours: 0

Club dollars used: \$

CASA

Barb Hogg, Deb Willis, Joan Sleeth and Florence Diede continue their work with Yellowstone CASA.

Deb works with the Family Advocates Court. Barb is now working with the Native American Family Court. Florence is helping with previewing Continuing Education Materials.

Joan continues to work with her very first case. Ideally a child is reunified within 15-22 months. Our experiences have not found this happening often.

yellowstonecasa.org.

We have a couple of random sized blankets that will be delivered to the CASA office. Volunteer hours: 80. Always a guess.

Club dollars used: \$00

Plan USA

Hoping some of you will be willing to write to Genesis from Peru. Volunteer hours:

Club dollars used: PAID July 2024

Pillowcase Dresses

Plan to take a bag prepared to make a few dresses on your own. Each bag will contain the pillowcase, elastic, possible trim AND DIRECTIONS. If you choose to only make the dress, Florence will trim them with the wonderful embellishments you have donated. Tom and Jean from Aid Spirit will take them to Uganda in the spring.

SCHOOL MEDICAL Chairman: Barb Hogg

Using end-of-year monies we purchased Head Lice Shampoo and Feminine products to provide products to start the school year..

Coupons and rebates from CVS were used to get free Sunscreen for Tumbleweed.

Donation of Feminine products from. Gratitude in Action were used to complete 18 already started "Period Packs" . These Packs consist of: A cute bag, everal pads of different sizes,

new underwear, plastic bag,candy,individual Wipes,a list of "period" resources. Number of Members: 1

Club Dollars Used: 0

In Kind Donation: \$75.00 (Gratitude in Action)

More head lice shampoo and Robi Combs have been requested by school secretaries. These will be purchased soon. Currently using from our supply. They are always in need of feminine products.

Yellow Jacket Pantry and Senior High are looking for socks. GIA will donate for both.

Senior High has requested feminine products. Will use those donated by GIA last month. All of these requests will be taken care of.

Number of Members: 1
Club Dollars Used: Head Lice products will be purchased.

Communications & PR Chairman: Gayle Carter

Project – Maintain Website

Please sent pictures of your October events so your committees events can be appreciated.
Website updated and a page was added for Community Sponsors

Number of Members: 1 Club Dollars Used: 0 Volunteer hours: 1

Project – Maintain Email

A variety of Information for the club was sent during September/October

Number of Members: 1 Club Dollars Used: 0 Volunteer hours: 2

Project – Club Directory

The club directory was printed and will be delivered at the October Meeting. New members joining after the printing will be added to the digital copy and digital updates will be sent during the next two years. Stickers will also be printed and so the new member information can be added to your printed booklet.

**Number of Members: 1 Club Dollars Used: \$48 for the printing/ \$15 for labels
Volunteer hours: 8**

Project- Committee Membership List

The Committee membership list is posted on the **Officers/Committee** page of the website.

Number of Members: 1 Club Dollars Used: \$0 Volunteer hours: 3

Project – Pooh’s Too - Thanksgiving Books

One hundred twenty books were ordered for Pooh’s Too. When they arrived they were labeled, put in bags and boxed preparing them for a November delivery. The committee had to work a little harder this year as each book was tightly wrapped in plastic.

Number of Members: 2 Club Dollars Used: \$600 Volunteer hours: 7

Grand total

Volunteer Hours: 14 Number of Programs: 5 Club Dollars Used: \$ 663

Building & Grounds

Chairman: Marsha Price

Outlet replacement and continuing Ballast removal Number of Members – 1
Volunteer Hours – 6
Club Dollars - \$565.50

In Kind – \$4.

Replacement of 1 furnace and AC completely Number of Members – 3
Volunteer hours – 3
Club Dollars - \$12,200.

In Kind – 0

TOTALS

Number of projects = 2 Number of Members – 3 Volunteer hours – 9
Club Dollars - \$12,765.50 In Kind - \$4.00

Leadership

Chairman: Florence Diede

GFWC

Watch for the weekly News & Notes. Keep up with the happenings of International.

GFWC of Montana

GFWC Montana Fall Board meeting was held September 20-21 in Anaconda. President Karen Gustavsen conducted the meeting events.

Marsha Price had an informational display on Health and Wellness and Marsha Hotchkiss had an informational display on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Deb. Willis, chairman of President's Special Project, explained the Five Points of Light Challenge.

Marsha Hotchkiss gave her Club President's Report for BJWC.

Marsha Price, President of (PDQ's) Past District Queens, lead that meeting.

Gayle Carter, Eastern District President, conducted the district meeting and hosted a reception. Spiritual Values Chairman, Florence Diede, delivered a thought each day and arranged blessings for the meals.

About 50 members from across the state attended and we encourage all to attend.

Membership

Chairman: Peggy O'Brien No report this month

History & Resource Chairman: Deb Willis

No report this month

Documents Organization

Chairman: Marsha Price

No report this month