

First Junior Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes November 3, 2015

Missy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

All November birthdays were celebrated.

1st VP Programs - Robin Howell

Robin announced that we were all excited to have Liz Sullivan and Blue Willow Bookshop with us. She announced that the Holiday Luncheon will be held at AYAM on December 8th. The cost for the luncheon has already been covered in our dues. Robin announced that those serving on the Social Committee will be responsible for drinks and desserts and that the Hospitality Committee will be decorating the tables. Robin also encouraged the membership to vote in the election today!

2nd VPs Ways and Means - Meredith Lamberton and Debbie Green

Back from their Russian adventure, Meredith and Debbie awarded Russian prizes for the Facebook competition. Maurine Richter won this month, and Kathy Goss was awarded a consolation prize! They announced to everyone that the auction packets were ready to take home today and that they are collecting checks for \$150 or items for auction at either of their houses.

3rd VPs Membership - Kim Wood and Michelle Airola

Membership is now officially closed.

4th VP Philanthropy - Adriana Read

Adriana asked for any charity liaison announcements:

CanCare - a Provisional meeting at CanCare's office has been set up for Thursday, November 12th at 10 am. Contact Karen Carr at k.woods.carr@sbcglobal.net

HERO - Kelly Baker made a plea that HERO desperately needs drivers. Kelly spoke from her heart and told us all how rewarding it can be.

Literacy Advance - Volunteers are needed for their event coming up Thursday, November 5th.

Family Point Resources - Two visit days for Provisionals have been set up for Friday, November 6th at 4 pm and January 15th, 2016 at 4 pm. Homework help is needed every day 3:30-4:30 pm or 4:30-6:30 pm. There is a SignUp Genius page under Judi Campbell's name.

JDRF - The walk was cancelled due to weather. Another service opportunity will be helping set up for their Gala in the spring. More information to come.

Treasurer - Allison Moak

Our current balance is \$50,289.25, ahead of budget. Allison announced that she is working on aligning the Stripe payment mechanism to our website.

Recording Secretary - Karen Miller

Karen gave her apologies for the October General Meeting minutes not being available to vote on. We will approve the October and November minutes at the December meeting. Both meetings' minutes will be available on the website under *Resources*.

JJ Liaison - Beth Dean

Beth stated there would be a Buddy Walk November 14th at Minute Maid Park to cheer on kids with Down Syndrome. Sign up on their website to volunteer. New date: November 15th at Nancy Thornton's house to make no-sew blankets for RMH.

Juniorette Liaison - Jennifer Barker

Jennifer stated that at the Junioresettes' last meeting, Melissa Peter with Blessings in a Backpack had come to talk to them, and they assembled food bags for the Friday delivery. The JJs also participated. It was good to hear about a local charity and their impact on our neighborhood. Jennifer has a SignUp Genius for the Buddy Walk coming up November 14th at Minute Maid Park. She has registered 25 volunteer spots. Jennifer announced a great mother/daughter project opportunity for Literacy Advance: they need volunteers to check in people attending their programs at various elementary schools. An email was already sent out. The Junioresette Board has been working hard on a project idea for RMH. They have decided to sell long-sleeved T-shirts as a fundraiser. The cost of the T-shirts will be \$20. The funds raised will go to purchase items on the RMH wish list. They also plan to host a cookie-decorating party at RMH on December 20th. Volunteers must be 16 years old and 15 slots are available. More details to come.

Work Crew Liaison - Anne Hachtman

New service opportunities for Work Crew are listed on the agenda for today. Both MDUMC and Family Point need barely-worn or new shoes for all ages. Both places have bins for collection at their entrances. MDUMC bins are at the youth entrance. The *Elves and More* bicycle building project is not going to work for us after all. It is a fundraising effort and you have to pay a fee to volunteer. Work Crew is working with SHS and Family Point Resources on the possibility of adopting families in our community with specific needs over the holidays.

Robin introduced our fabulous and always entertaining speaker, Liz Sullivan with Random House. Liz gave us a great presentation of her favorite new releases. Each member donating to Literacy Advance today will receive 3 hours of service. Blue Willow Bookshop was on-hand with all the books in Liz's presentation available to purchase. They will be donating a percentage of the proceeds from book sales today to Literacy Advance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Miller, Recording Secretary