

# First Junior Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes January 12, 2016

Missy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Jorge from the West Houston Community Center spoke to us briefly about the different organizations that use the facility. He wanted the membership to know that Family Point Resources and the Community Center are separate charities, and that they are often assumed to be the same. The building is run on charitable donations, and Jorge is trying to spread the word throughout the communities that it supports. He wanted us all to make sure our HOAs are aware of its existence. He is also exploring fund-raising avenues. Please contact Jorge at (281) 497-7211 to share contact info for HOAs or to discuss any questions. The web address for the Community Center is [www.oc-wh.org](http://www.oc-wh.org).

All January birthdays were celebrated.

## 1st VP Programs - Robin Howell

Robin shared with us all some fundraising figures from previous drives. Our **donations for Casa de Esperanza at our Holiday Luncheon** was hugely successful and they were thrilled with our donations:

**\$475 in checks**

**\$225 in Target gift cards**

**\$375 in diapers and wipes**

At our November meeting, we **donated \$900 in checks and \$200 in books to Literacy Advance**, and **Blue Willow Bookshop donated \$538 from the proceeds of our book purchases**. Holly Brast, Anne Hachtman, and Robin Howell will be demonstrating how to make nosegays (hand-held bouquets) at the end of our business meeting. Kathy Goss will be posting a sign-up for volunteers on Facebook to help docent *The Power of Children* exhibit at AYAM. Our duty will be to help direct the children on field trips through the exhibit. The exhibit will run the month of February. FJWC is invited to tour the exhibit February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am. The exhibit highlights 3 remarkable children: Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges, and Ryan White. Each member in attendance will be credited with 1 service hour.

## 2nd VPs Ways and Means - Meredith Lambertson and Debbie Green

The auction is coming up Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Norris Conference Center from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Please turn in table forms to Diane Fishman. Dress code is "Seasonally Chic." Please make a \$150 check donation to Meredith or Debbie if you have not yet done so. Meredith and Debbie encouraged everyone to bring their shopping attitudes, cash, and credit cards! They also asked everyone to pass along any connections to Pottery Barn or the Rodeo for tickets and discounts. The tables will have fabulous front door decorations (some of which were shown to us) as centerpieces, and it was announced that they would be for sale. Terri Stroube is heading up the Decorations Committee. Last year through *Paddles Up*, we were able to offer 14 \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors, and we hope to award even more scholarships this year.

### 3rd VPs Membership - Kim Wood and Michelle Airola

Kim and Michelle announced the Family Point Resources visit for Provisional Members is Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

### 4th VP Philanthropy - Adriana Read

Adriana asked us to continue to send in our service hours.

### Treasurer - Allison Moak

Allison announced that the \$150 auction donations can be made through PayPal on our website.

### Recording Secretary - Karen Miller

Minutes from the October and November meetings were approved. A motion was made by Meredith Lamberton and then seconded by Robin Howell and Jennifer Bradshaw. Both months' minutes were approved.

### JJ Liaison - Beth Dean

Beth announced that the JJs made and donated 18 no-sew blankets to RMH. In December the JJs participated in our Adopt-a-Family Campaign and made a donation to Family Point Resources. The next JJ meeting will be January 24<sup>th</sup> at Beth's house. They will be planning activities for the Family Point Resources Valentine's Day party.

### Juniorette Liaison - Jennifer Barker

No January meeting for Juniorettes. In February, the Juniorettes will be making Valentines for Veterans. Jennifer is waiting to confirm the Senior Spring Celebration event with MDUMC; it is planned for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer shared that the family we assisted over the holidays was very grateful, and the mom sent photos and a video to Jennifer that she shared with us all.

### Work Crew Liaison - Anne Hachtman

Anne asked whether any Girl Scouts needed help with cookie distribution. Anne had nothing to report, but said she is still planning opportunities for Work Crew this semester. Missy thanked Anne for spear-heading our Adopt-a-Family Campaign, which was a huge success.

Robin introduced our fabulous speaker, Holly Brast.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Miller, Recording Secretary