

First Junior Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes October 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.

Meredith Lamberton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Karen Alexander introduced our special guest speaker, **Kathryn Bauchelle**. Kathryn is the Program Director for Literacy Advance. FJWC has been working with Literacy Advance for 11 years. Literacy Advance is transforming lives and communities through improving illiteracy. Through trained volunteers, Literacy Advance sets up small-group English classes that prepare people for things they are doing already. These classes help people fit into Houston. For basic reading help, LA matches adults one-on-one with a tutor for personalized learning and attention. LA has a group called Family Literacy, which is trying to get parents involved at home. They are trying to help empower parents to be a part of their children's learning. At the Family Literacy gatherings, every child goes home with a free book. On Tuesday, November 15th from 10-11 am, Literacy Advance will hold a Provisional group meeting.

President – Meredith Lamberton

Meredith announced that FJWC has won a Spring Branch Good Neighbor Award. The award will be given out on Thursday, November 3rd between 6-8 pm. In other award news, Christy Johnson won the Facebook award. Meredith also announced that a Chair was needed for our Adopt-a-Family program. Sarah Tyler volunteered to take on this position. Lastly, Meredith stated that the Board will review the charities that we want to support.

Treasurer - Allison Moak

Allison reported that currently FJWC has \$59,383 cash on-hand. Allison also reported that the audit was completed on the FJWC books and everything was in good order. She thanked the Audit Committee: Claudine Wright, Karen Miller, Michele Foster, and Susie Harsley for their hard work.

1st VP Programs – Karen Alexander

Karen announced that next month's speaker is Liz Sullivan from Random House, and Blue Willow Bookshop will also be here to sell Liz's recommended books.

2nd VPs Ways and Means – Nancy Cofran and Rhonda King

Nancy reminded everyone that the auction is February 10th. She then passed out cards to have everyone list what items they might be interested in buying at an auction and any contact idea for solicitations they might have.

3rd VPs Membership – Terri Stroube and Kim Wood

Terri stated that committees are completed and are listed on the website. She asked that Provisionals please pick up their folders if they haven't already. Terri next announced the October birthdays.

4th VP Philanthropy – Diane Fishman

Diane explained to members that she would have a list of hours volunteered at every meeting. The list will be at the front table next to the sign in-log. Diane also reminded the membership that it would cost a member at the end of our calendar year \$25 for every hour they are short of the required hours for their membership type. This money collected can be targeted to the member's selected charity. Charity liaisons reports:

CanCare – Debbie Green. The Provisional group meeting this Friday, October 7th has a time change to 1 pm.

Family Point Resources – Debbie Weitzel. They will need help checking in people at the luncheon today.

JDRF – Cindy Stein. Cindy reminded members that the JDRF walk is on October 22nd, from 6 am – noon. They need at least 30 volunteers, with one parent for every 3 students. She also reminded Provisionals of the group meetings scheduled for this fall: Nov 15th-17th, 10 am - 4 pm.

Technology Secretary – Beth Cole

Beth demonstrated how to log service hours using her phone.

Recording Secretary – Debbie Green

The minutes from the September General Meeting were posted on the website for review. Kathy Goss made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Allison Moak seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Work Crew Liaison – Robin Howell

Work Crew T-shirt pick-up is in the lobby after the meeting. Mason Lamberton designed this year's T-shirts. Work Crew had a good turnout at the September 11th meeting at Cane's. On the calendar for Work Crew is the Pumpkin Patch pumpkin unloading on October 15th and 23rd and the JDRF walk on October 22nd.

Juniorette Liaison – Patty Moses

Juniorettes and moms went to Literacy Advance on Saturday, October 1st and made a lot of decorations for LA's *Around the World Dinner*. The Juniorettes' T-shirts are in. Patty also has some of the Ronald McDonald House T-shirts from last year still available for sale for \$20. All proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House.

JJ Liaisons – Joci Moss and Kaci Guy

T-shirts are not in yet because Joci and Kaci are still working out the pricing on the shirts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Green, Recording Secretary

Useful Information and Upcoming Dates to Note:

Website and Service Hour Login: www.fjwc.org

PASSWORD: service1968

October 3rd – CanCare Golf Tournament at Lakeside Country Club

October 4th – October General Meeting at 9 am at West Houston Outreach Center

October 4th – Family Point Resources Luncheon 11:30 am – 1 pm

October 15th – Pumpkin unloading for Pumpkin Patch at MDUMC at 10 am

October 20th – Blessings in a Backpack Community Night at 7 pm at Holy Spirit

October 22nd – JDRF Walk 6 am – noon

October 28th – MWE Carnival 4-7:30 pm

November 1st – November General Meeting/Auction Kick-Off at 9 am at West Houston Outreach Center

November 4th – RCE Fall Festival 3-7 pm

November 5th – Visit to Family Point Resources at 4 pm (Juniorettes, JJs, and Work Crew)

December 6th – Holiday Luncheon at AYAM

February 10, 2017 – Auction at Norris Conference Center