

First Junior Woman's Club General Meeting Minutes September 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

Meredith Lamberton welcomed everyone.

Jorge Quinones, Executive Director of the Outreach Center of West Houston wanted to introduce himself to the membership. He stated that the Outreach Center provides space for nonprofit agencies to conduct meetings. Right now they have 34 groups utilizing the facility for a total of 400 community hours. Family Point Resources is the prime organization that is supported along with 15 Alcohol Anonymous meetings each week. Palmer Drug Abuse is also one of the agencies, and it has a great success rate. The Outreach Center is making an impact in our area. The Outreach Center offers a low-cost, clean, safe place for agencies to do their work. ESL classes were started up for recent refugees. Providing a space is funded through events such as the Poker Tournament, Golf Tournament and May 5th *Leadercast* Event. *Leadercast* is good for the kids with leadership potential. The Outreach Center is a hidden gem. He needs help getting the word out about the center.

President – Meredith Lamberton

We have a busy year ahead of us. We will be doing more service this year. We will help out Blessings in a Backpack this year by bringing food donations at each meeting. Please check out our Facebook page for the latest news. The password for our website: service1968

1st VP Programs – Karen Alexander

Karen announced that we were breaking up into small groups to play an icebreaker game. Each group had to determine who had the most unusual story about herself and then find one thing that everyone in the entire group shared in common.

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

Nancy and Rhonda passed out cute "Save-the -Date" goodie bags for the auction. This year's theme is "Branching out in Service." Rhonda and Nancy stated that each member must donate three auction items with each having a \$50 value or donate outright \$150 for the shopping committee. They also reminded members that the \$140 cost of the auction tickets is already paid with our dues for most members.

3rd VPs Membership – Terri Stroube and Kim Wood

Terri and Kim reminded members to pay dues ASAP so we get an online directory together soon. Standing Committees are listed with the handouts, but are still being finalized - including the Auction Committees. We have 30 Provisionals this year. All the Provisionals present at the meeting came up and

introduced themselves. If new Provisionals weren't at the cocktail party, Terri and Kim asked them to meet after the meeting for forms. May, summer, and September birthdays were celebrated with goodies.

4th VP Philanthropy – Diane Fishman

Diane presented the Overview Form and reminded everyone to report service hours online now. Now members and students can independently log their monetary donations and service hours. Each philanthropy liaison introduced herself and talked about their philanthropies.

CanCare – Debbie Green. CanCare Golf Tournament will be on October 3rd.

HERO – Susan Smith. Office work help on Fridays is needed.

Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum – Kathy Goss. AYAM needs help for 2nd grade field trips.

Houston Symphony – Jennifer Bradshaw. Fall concerts will be starting soon, and she passed out flyers.

Literacy Advance – Wendy Powell. LA helps adults learn English. There will be lots of opportunities this fall with a book drive and an international event with craft-help needs.

Family Point Resources – Debbie Weitzel. Family Point helps with lower income kids and offers wonderful after-school programs. We will have a SignUp Genius. Family Point is looking for moms to clean off iPads and to download apps. The Family Point Luncheon is October 4th and they may have upcoming needs for that.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Cindy Stein. JDRF Walk will be on Saturday, October 22nd from 6 am to noon. JDRF will need about 30 volunteers from Work Crew, and they will also need adult volunteers. May 13th is the JDRF Ball. JDRF has set fall tour dates for Provisionals – Nov 15th-17th, 10 am - 4 pm and then in the spring March 21st-23rd, 10 am - 4 pm.

Ronald McDonald House – Cindy McGinty. For 21 years, Ronald McDonald Houston functions as a mini hotel for 21 years and younger patients at the Med Center and has 50 rooms for patients and families. RMH helps out 3,500 families a year. Children must be 16 years old or older to volunteer at RMH.

Blessings in a Backpack – Melissa Peter. Melissa thanked everyone for all the oatmeal donations brought to the general meeting. Blessings is a weekend food program. About 57% of SBISD is at risk of going hungry. Volunteers pack bags of food every 3rd Thursday from 7-8 pm at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Palmer Hall.

Treasurer - Allison Moak

Allison reviewed the budget that was handed out at the beginning of the meeting. A motion was made by Kim Wood to accept the budget as presented. Karen Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Technology Secretary – Beth Cole

Beth demonstrated to the membership how to log hours on and navigate the new website. Beth also showed members how to post on the website and send out reminders or information to the membership.

Recording Secretary – Debbie Green

Minutes from the April General meeting were posted on the website and on the door of the meeting. Kathy Goss made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Karen Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Work Crew Liaison – Robin Howell

Work Crew will meet this Sunday at Cain's at 5 pm. They will assemble food bags for Blessings in a Backpack. Robin still needs T-shirt sizes for the boys. There will be a SignUp Genius for JDRF Walk. Students and parents need to sign an online permission form for Family Point.

Juniorette Liaison – Patty Moses

Patty announced that there would not be monthly meetings on Mondays as in the past. Parents and Juniorettes will get an email from Patty with more details. She needs T-shirt sizes for the girls and will be setting up a Remind 101. This Sunday there is a kickoff meeting at 4:30 pm at Patty's house. Juniorettes will meet for one group project a month. September's project will be for Blessings in a Backpack charity. October's project will be working with Literacy Advance for craft day.

JJ Liaisons – Joci Moss and Kaci Guy

The first JJ meeting will be September 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Green, Recording Secretary