

**First Junior Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2017**

Meredith Lamberton called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. Meredith welcomed everyone to FJWC for the 2017-2018 year. She thanked everyone for all their hard work, help, and prayers as our community recovers from Hurricane Harvey. She stated that FJWC members have big hearts for service.

Board Reports:

Francine Todes, 1st VP- Programs

Francine kicked off the meeting with an ice-breaker activity. We split into 7 groups and members got to know one another a little bit by answering a set of questions.

Francine then introduced our guest speaker for the meeting. She welcomed Kristen Suleman, the Community Resources and Wellness Counselor at Stratford High School. Kristen is from Communities in Schools, a program that is new to Stratford. She discussed her role at Stratford as a wellness counselor.

Meredith Lamberton- President

Meredith asked that everyone please review the calendar handed out with important dates for FJWC. She also mentioned the list of charities that was provided as well as the Board Member contact information. She stated that members are not yet able to track their hours online, so they should please track their volunteering as best they can for now. She then asked if anyone had experience with BidPal, our new auction system and asked that they please get in touch with our auction chairs. Meredith then stated that Pottery Barn had made a generous donation of beds to flood victims and she needs anyone that may have a need for these items to come speak to her after the meeting.

Melinda Hickey, Karen Alexander, Terri Stroube, 2nd VPs- Ways and Means

The group passed out save-the-dates for the auction that will take place on February 2, 2018. The theme this year will be 'Serving Heart to Heart.'

Rhonda King, Christy Johnson, 3rd VPs- Membership

Rhonda and Christy said they are still taking applications today from new members and renewing members. They are working on the committee lists; they have been waiting to get all the forms in. They will send out the lists next week. They introduced the Provisional members and stated they will host a happy hour for these new members on October 18th at 6:00 pm at Christy Johnson's house.

Diane Fishman, 4th VP- Philanthropy

Diane stated that while some of our members have large burdens because of Hurricane Harvey, our charities still need our organization, and she encouraged members to please volunteer when they can. However, the Board does not want

people to quit FJWC because they don't have time to volunteer, so they will be flexible this year with the volunteer hour requirements. The individual charity liaisons then gave updates.

- **Blessings in a Backpack**- Melissa Peter thanked everyone for the great success of their Harvey Emergency food-packing effort. She said 100s of volunteers showed up on August 31st to help fill bags of food. They were able to distribute these all over West Houston. The next 3rd Thursday to volunteer is October 19th from 7:00-8:00 pm. She also stated that as their numbers in need increase, they could use more help on Friday mornings from 8:00-10:00 am to fill bags and distribute them.
- **CanCare**- Debbie Green stated the annual CanCare Golf Tournament has been cancelled due to the hurricane. She will be putting together a meeting for the Provisionals to visit the charity.
- **HERO**- Susan Smith stated HERO really needs drivers and to please volunteer. She stated it is helpful if members can let them know what days are good for them to drive and they will only call the member on that day.
- **AYAM**- Beth Dean stated there will be an email going out with upcoming dates for school visits to the museum for which they need volunteers. 15 SBISD elementary schools will be visiting the museum this fall.
- **Literacy Advance**- Joci Moss said the Literacy Advance students were heavily impacted by the hurricane. Many need help navigating the paperwork to get relief funds. She stated the charity also needs office supplies donated.
- **Family Point Resources**- FPR needs volunteers for after school activities.
- **Houston Symphony**- Kay Kiker briefly described volunteering for the symphony. The symphony hosts school children from all over Houston for short concerts throughout the year. The October concert was cancelled due to water damage, but they will be ready for their November concerts if anyone wants to volunteer.
- **JDRF**- Tara Loud was not present. The annual JDRF walk is scheduled for October 28th. More details will be coming out soon.
- **Ronald McDonald House**- Debbie Ballard was not present.

Kenze Beyer, Treasurer

Kenze was not able to be at the meeting. Meredith Lamberton provided a copy of the financials to Tamma Howell for the Recording Secretary's records.

Mindy Stephenson, Technology Secretary

Mindy was not able to attend the meeting. Meredith stated that you can submit communications to the website and Mindy will make sure the email goes out.

Tamma Howell, Recording Secretary

No updates.

Erika Harms, Juniorette Liaison

Erika stated the Junioresettes' 1st meeting will be at The Refuge on October 16th at 6:00 pm. They are going to provide dinner from Raising Cane's. The girls will make signs for the JDRF walk and will also be collecting office supplies for Literacy Advance.

Nancy Cofran, JJ Liaison

Nancy will be setting up the 1st JJ meeting in October. More details to come soon.

Kim Selzman, Work Crew Liaison and Debbie Green, Jr Work Crew Liaison

Kim and Debbie stated the 1st Work Crew and Jr Work Crew meeting will be held together on October 22nd at 3:00 pm at Raising Cane's. They are excited to introduce the new Jr Work Crew group this year and are looking forward to the high schoolers being role models for the younger boys. The boys will stuff bags for Blessings in a Backpack at this meeting. They are working on a T-shirt design for all of our student groups. They asked that boys volunteer at the JDRF walk on October 28th. They will arrive early to help with set-up and work a refreshment booth. This is a great opportunity for moms and kids to volunteer together.

Patty Moses, Sustainer Liaison

Patty discussed the role of Sustainers at FJWC and encouraged prior members who qualify to become Sustainers. She will be organizing a Sustainer happy hour sometime later in October.

Meredith Lamberton adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.