

MINUTES

First Junior Woman's Club

September 4, 2018 | 8:30 AM

Executive Board members

Melinda Hickey, President | Sara Genez, 1st VP Programs | Karen Alexander, Michelle Majewski, Terri Stroube, 2nd VPs Ways and Means | Christy Johnson, Rhonda King, 3rd VPs Membership | Tamma Howell, 4th VP Philanthropy | Kenze Beyer, Treasurer | Meka Arend, Recording Secretary | Janet Spann, Technology Secretary | Kim Wood, Parliamentarian & Sustainer Liaison | Leslie Azios, Juniorette Liaison | Karen Miller, Work Crew Liaison | Nancy Cofran, JJ Liaison | Debbie Green, Jr. Work Crew Liaison

Handouts: Agenda, Budget, Scavenger Hunt Icebreaker, Philanthropy/Liaison List, and FJWC Overview

1. Welcome and Announcements Melinda Hickey
 - a. Opened the meeting at 8:35 am.
 - b. Our monthly meetings will take place at the Outreach Center of West Houston.
 - c. Introduction of Director: Jorge Quiñones, Executive Director (Phone: 281-497-7211) spoke about how OCWH (they own the building) is a ministry. They only charge their tenants ½ of the amount it costs to operate the space (not even 1/2 the amount for commercial space). ½ of the building space is used by Family Point Ministries. They also rent space dedicated for recovery – the building's original intent.
 - i. Jorge shared the statistic that for every addict, there are 35 other people impacted by their choices and behaviors. Hundreds of addicts and alcoholics come weekly. Lives are being saved. Other information about recovery: they also house a Palmer drug abuse program (teenage to young adults) and see about 60+ people per week. Out of this group, 78% is the sobriety rate after one year. Without the program the sobriety rate is less than 15%.
 - ii. OCWH provides a safe and welcoming place.
 - iii. Jorge feels that if the community knew about OCWH, they would help more. There is an opportunity to help...Art Reach Show on Sunday, September 8th from 3 -7 pm. There will be food trucks and music for all to enjoy.
 - iv. Leadercast is a leadership training offered May 4th. Incarnate Word usually sends 15 girls to participate. They are also offering a course for women on October 26th and Jorge said there is currently a discounted rate of \$70 (usually \$150). All are welcome to come to volunteer as well.
 - d. Melinda thanked Meredith Lamberton for the coffee, drinks and cookies she provided for the meeting. Please take home some cookies to your kids.
 - e. Thank you to Janet Spann for all your work, organization, and efforts on the website, including a seamless membership form. All information will be located there for access when you need it. She encouraged everyone to visit the website.
 - f. Melinda announced our goal this year is to get "back to basics." We plan to spend time educating members and their children on our purpose and how we can volunteer. Melinda encouraged everyone to volunteer with a new charity this year and not just select the few

you have always done. HERO is a great one to try. The symphony is a great way to see how they work with all the children.

2. Treasurer Report Kenze Beyer
 - a. Melinda said the audit committee met this summer, the Executive Board approved the budget, and Kenze has provided an updated budget. Melinda called to approve the budget.
 - i. Tamma Howell made the motion to approve the budget
 - ii. Christy Johnson 2nd the motion
 - iii. Verbal vote – having no “nays” the motion was approved.
3. Recording Secretary Meka Arend
 - a. Meka asked for the April 2018 minutes to be approved. They have been posted on the website for review.
 - b. Karen Miller made a motion to approve the April minutes.
 - c. Debbie Green 2nd the motion
 - d. Verbal vote – having no “nays” the motion was approved.
4. Icebreaker Sara Genez
 - a. Mobile Phone Scavenger Hunt
5. Membership Rhonda King/Christy Johnson
 - a. JOIN!!
 - b. Provisional memberships – it is not too late (last date to join is Friday, February 7th).
 - c. 29 Provisionals have joined so far.
 - d. After the Friday deadline, Rhonda and Christy will put each Provisional on a committee. Not a lot of members want to chair a committee, but think about it and you get 3 service hour credits for being a chair.
 - e. Happy Hour – this is an opportunity to meet the Board and each other. The happy hour will be at Rhonda King’s house on September 25th from 7 -9 pm. All members are welcome but especially want Provisionals to attend. Have some fun!
6. Philanthropy Tamma Howell
 - a. All volunteer opportunities will be listed on the website or on Facebook for signups.
 - b. Handout: Philanthropy and Liaison Sheet
 - i. Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack (Michelle Putnik)
 1. Pack food on Friday mornings and delivery
 2. 3rd Thursdays (evenings) are opportunities for kids
 - ii. CanCare (Debbie Green)
 1. Survivors help those now going through treatments.
 2. October 1st is the CanCare golf tournament at Lakeside Country Club.
 3. CanCare welcomes any Provisional to visit anytime.
 4. Liaison will set up a formal visit for Provisionals as well.
 - iii. HERO
 1. Drive elderly to grocery store, errands, doctor appointments.
 2. For your Provisional visit – please do a ride.
 3. If you have driven for HERO before and don’t want to any longer, please call them to let them know to take you off the list.
 4. When you call to sign up, give them the days that work best for you so they will only call you on those days.
 - iv. AYAM (Kathy Goss)
 1. Located at Westchester.
 2. All 2nd graders in SBISD take a field trip here in the fall.
 3. Kathy Goss asked for additional help the week of September 16th.
 4. In the spring, they hope to take some of the museum out to 1st graders.

- v. Houston Symphony (Kaci Guy)
 1. Accommodates approximately 2,700 children per show.
 2. Your job is basically to usher the kids to and from their seats. Please wear a white blouse, black pants, and comfortable shoes.
 3. Check-in is at 8:30 am and if you stay for 2 shows, you will be done by 12:30 pm and earn 8 service hours.
 4. Current dates for shows are October 3rd, 7th, 9th and December 4th.
 - a. Signup genius will go out this week.
 5. Park underneath Jones Hall and get your ticket validated (no cost).
- vi. Literacy Advance (Joci Moss)
 1. They host classes and are always looking for teachers and special event helpers.
 2. Learning how to read helps the ESL students in every aspect of their lives.
 3. Volunteer opportunity on September 21st from 10 am – 12 pm to bundle books. (5 volunteers signed up so far.)
 4. Provisional visit is set for September 25th 12 – 1 pm at their location.
- vii. Family Point Resources (Deborah Weitzel)
 1. They offer after-school homework help and tutoring.
 2. Older sons and husbands are great for helping with coaching sports teams.
 3. Deborah will send out the signup for helping/snacks/playing and any other volunteer opportunities (on Facebook and website).
 4. Fundraising luncheon is on September 28th – Deborah will get the link up on FB and Website too.
 5. FPR is at OCWH, so you all know how to get here! (FJWC General Meeting at same location.)
- viii. JDRF (Tara Loud)
 1. JDRF Walk is on November 3rd at NRG.
 2. FJWC volunteers help with water stations, packing food, and cheering walkers on.
 3. In the spring, we can help with setup and tear down of the Gala.
- ix. Houston Ronald McDonald House (Melinda spoke for Debbie Ballard)
 1. Planning to meet next week to discuss and brainstorm options for our younger members. Currently they only allow those 16 and older to help.
 2. Deborah will send out signups for those opportunities. Usually they only need a few volunteers at a time.
- c. Handout: FJWC Overview
 - i. Please read through the overview sheet.
 - ii. A few additions to the handout:
 1. Service Hour Requirements:
 - a. Provisionals will visit 6 of 9 charities – some of the visits will be actual meetings that are set up by the liaison.
 - b. High school student service project examples: Pumpkin unloading at MDUMC and Big Day at Stratford.
 2. Other ways to earn FJWC hours: No additions
 3. How do I report hours?
 - a. Hours need to be completed and logged by May 31st of 2019.
 - b. Updated the website to www.fjwc.org.
 - c. A monthly report of logged service hours will be available on the website to check your service hours.
 4. How are hours calculated for FJWC charities?: No additions

5. General Meeting and Committee Requirements:
 - a. Must attend 6 of the 9 meetings which include fall and spring luncheons and the auction.
6. Financial Requirements:
 - a. Auction tickets – includes 4 tickets (1 for each member and 3 to invite friends).
 - b. Auction donation – donate 3 items valued at \$50 each or donate \$150 cash to auction committee to purchase items.
7. Auction Karen Alexander/Michelle Majewski /Terri Stroube
 - a. Auction date: Friday, February 1st.
 - b. This is the only fundraiser for scholarships for our seniors. Last year (2018) there were 16 scholarships awarded.
 - c. During the May luncheon, our charities are awarded checks from our fundraising during the year.
 - d. 3 guests / 3 items (\$50 each) or \$150 cash – ask for donations or pick up gift cards at places you like (not due until early December).
 - e. Be thinking of possible guests for the auction.
 - f. Auction committee chairs receive 3 service hours for helping.
 - g. 50 year celebration for FJWC
8. Work Crew/Junior Work Crew Karen Miller/Debbie Green
 - a. Board has met to review year.
 - b. Joint gathering is on Sunday, September 23rd at 4:30 pm.
 - i. Blessings in a Backpack assembly
 - ii. Go over plans for the year
 - c. Debbie stated there are 19 Junior Work Crew currently.
 - d. Will keep the same shirt.
 - e. Not required to have hours, but encouraging them to do 12 hours.
 - f. Thanks to Janet Spann for sending the lists of the members for Work Crew and Junior Work Crew.
 - g. Looking for other ways for the boys to help, will review expectations
 - i. Maybe chemo care packages – Ronald McDonald House
 - ii. Blessings in a Backpack
 - iii. May be creating a new t-shirt.
9. Junioresettes/JJs Leslie Azios/Nancy Cofran
 - a. Junioresettes
 - i. Will be meeting on Monday night (monthly) – first meeting is September 17th at the Refuge.
 - ii. Board has met and planning a new t-shirt.
 - iii. 33 Junioresettes are registered.
 - iv. Gathering all the groups together in October at Family Point Resources.
 - v. Also working to get club meetings going as a new component.
 - vi. Will work to enhance the social aspect of the group with pot luck and an outing with moms.
 - b. JJs
 - i. Hours are not required but will encourage them to complete the 12 hours.
 - ii. 17 JJs are registered.
10. Sustainers Kim Woods
 - a. Kim announced that a member may go Sustainer after 5+ years, but are welcome and encouraged to still volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

Dates to Note:

Sept. 11-13, 18-20, and 25-27	AYAM volunteer opportunities 9:15 -11:15 am or 11:45 am - 1:45 pm
September 17	Juniorettes planning meeting
September 21	Literacy Advance volunteer opportunity 10 am - noon
September 25	Provisional meeting at Literacy Advance noon – 1 pm
October 1	CanCare Golf Tournament at Lakeside Country Club
October 3	Symphony volunteer opportunity (two shows)
November 3	JDRF One Walk at NRG
November 7	Symphony volunteer opportunity (two shows)
November 8	Symphony volunteer opportunity (two shows)
December 4	Symphony volunteer opportunity