

# MINUTES

## *First Junior Woman's Club*

*September 15, 2020 / 8:30 AM*

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### 2020-21 Executive Board members

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Tamma Howell, President | Maria Schick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs | Sally Everett, Laura Stevenson, & Debbie Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs Ways & Means | Pam Ferworn, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Membership | Dana Weatherly, 4<sup>th</sup> VP Philanthropy | Cathy Blundell, Treasurer | Diana Bates, Recording Secretary | Joci Moss, Technology Secretary | Melinda Hickey, Parliamentarian | Christy Johnson, Sustainer Liaison | Karen Alexander, Juniorette & JJ Liaison | Meka Arend, Work Crew & Jr. Work Crew Liaison

The meeting started at 8:38 am and took place along the bayou near 14403 Twisted Oak Lane.

- 1) **Welcome and President Announcements:** Tamma Howell thanked everyone for joining FJWC this year and explained how the year may be different due to the pandemic, but that our charities still need us to help them. She reminded everyone that the Board has decided there will be no hour requirements for members or students this year, but that all are still strongly encouraged to participate as they feel comfortable and support our philanthropies. Then Tamma introduced the 2020-21 Executive Board members (see listing above) except for Christy Johnson, who was not in attendance.
- 2) **Approval of 2019-20 General Meeting Minutes:** Joci Moss made a motion to approve all of last year's minutes, and Maria Schick seconded. The motion was approved.
- 3) **Membership:** Pam Ferworn welcomed everyone, especially the new members. She stated that the Provisionals will have virtual philanthropy visits to "get to know" each charity. Pam estimated that there were approximately 102 members that had joined FJWC for the year so far. (Update: As of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, there are 123 adult members.) She explained that the Standing & Special Committees and Auction Committees had not yet been decided and to be on the lookout for an email and/or Facebook post where members can submit their top 3 committee preferences. (Update: The Committee Preference Survey was sent out on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> via email/Facebook/website and submissions are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.)
- 4) **Philanthropy:** Dana Weatherly introduced our philanthropies and each gave a brief presentation:
  - a. **Bayou City Blessings (Blessings in a Backpack):** The charity liaison, Michelle Putnik, stated that there are volunteer opportunities on Fridays at 8:30 am, and you must sign up through SignUp Genius, which can be found on our website. They will still collect food items each month and those will be announced. Monthly Thursday night community events, where the students can also volunteer, are still under consideration but not happening for the month of September.

- b. **CanCare:** The charity liaison, Debbie Green, said that CanCare would not be using volunteers when they host their golf tournament this year and that our only opportunities to help them this year might be stuffing envelopes for their luncheon in the spring and then writing the thank you notes like we have in years past.
  - c. **Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM):** MAM contact, Stephanie Tippitt, said that they are in desperate need of volunteers on Saturdays. There are two shifts: 9 am - noon and 1 - 5 pm. There is a SignUp Genius, which can be found on our website. She explained that to work alone, students must be 16 or older and that there is a dress code that is strictly enforced: Close-toed shoes; no short athletic shorts; and that if leggings are worn, a shirt must cover your backside. MAM is having a virtual fundraising event on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with Bob Goff as a speaker.
  - d. **Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum (AYAM):** There is a new curator at AYAM this year, Mary Tavares. She was introduced by Meka Arend, the AYAM liaison. Mary stated that there are no volunteer opportunities yet per SBISD guidelines, but that they are planning an art auction in the spring and they are also asking people to join the museum to help support it.
  - e. **Houston Symphony:** Kaci Guy, the charity liaison, was not in attendance at the meeting, so Dana Weatherly informed the membership that all the fall school Symphony events have been cancelled due to the pandemic.
  - f. **SBISD Sister School, Westwood Elementary:** Jenny Koithan, the liaison, was not in attendance, so Tamma stated that with the SBISD guidelines for no volunteers going into the schools at this time, she would be passing around a basket for donations at the meeting to raise money for a teacher appreciation luncheon. She explained that Westwood Elementary does not have a PTA and that FJWC needs to help them as a PTA would. "We are their PTA." **(Update: We collected \$278 at the meeting! Thank you! If you want to donate to this fund, cash app to \$FJWC. Be sure to indicate the donation is for Westwood Elementary Teacher Appreciation.)**
  - g. **Family Point Resources (FPR):** Annabell Oritz, a FPR representative, spoke about how FPR really became her family in a time of need and that she chose to work there to help pay it forward. Deana Haygood, FPR liaison, stated that they are currently collecting new board games to give to families. Games can be dropped off at FPR Monday through Friday during working hours or at Deana Haygood's house anytime. They are also collecting flash cards to help their students that can be dropped off at Meka Arend's (Work Crew/ Jr. Work Crew Liaison) or Karen Alexander's (Juniorette/JJ Liaison) house up to October 4th. Meka and Karen will send out instructions for the flash cards to the student groups. There are also volunteer opportunities through SignUp Genius, which can be accessed on the the FPR website, <http://www.familypointresources.com/volunteer>.
- 5) **Juniorettes/JJs/Work Crew/Jr. Work Crew:** Karen and Meka reported that the Juniorettes and Work Crew (high school groups) will combine with the JJs and Jr. Work Crew (middle school groups) this year. Current volunteer opportunities include those

mentioned above for FPR, MAM (for 16 and older, 12 and younger must come with a parent), and the upcoming MDUMC pumpkin unloading dates for their annual Pumpkin Patch: Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (10 am); Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (1 pm); and Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (1 pm). There is no sign-up, just come.

- 6) **Auction:** Debbie Green from the Auction Committee reported that they are still planning an Auction, but do not know exactly how it will look yet. Members were told to save-the-date for the Auction: February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 7) **Website/Facebook:** Joci Moss reported that the website ([fiwc.org](http://fiwc.org)) has been updated and you can probably get almost all your questions answered by going there. She stated that the password will be changed soon after the meeting. She also encouraged members to join our private Facebook group and stated that any member can post to Facebook (not just admins) to get information out about volunteer opportunities, etc.
- 8) **Sustainers:** Melinda Hickey (for Christy Johnson) reported that there will be a Sustainer happy hour coming soon and that information about the event will be forthcoming.
- 9) **Miscellaneous:** As members were packing up, Tamma announced that the next general meeting would be in the evening on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm since we have quite a few Professional working members who would also like a chance to attend meetings.

The meeting ended at 9:40 am.

#### **Upcoming Dates to Note:**

September 24<sup>th</sup> – MAM Virtual Fundraising Event

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to complete Committee Preference Survey

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pumpkin Patch Unloading (Students) at MDUMC at 10 am

October 4<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to turn in flash cards for FPR to Meka or Karen (Students)

October 6<sup>th</sup> – October General Meeting at 7 pm at Wilchester Pool

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Patch Unloading (Students) at MDUMC at 1 pm

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Patch Unloading (Students) at MDUMC at 1 pm

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – FJWC Auction