

# MINUTES

## *First Junior Woman's Club*

**November 10, 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 was held outside at the Nottingham Forest Club park, 325 Kickerillo Drive. The meeting started at 8:32 am and was brief due to a noisy yard crew working in the vicinity. We collected canned chili with meat to donate to Blessings in a Backpack.

- 1) **Welcome and President Announcements:** Tamma Howell welcomed members to the meeting and announced the following:
  - a) Our Holiday gathering, which is traditionally a luncheon held at AYAM will now be a happy hour in the evening at the Wilchester Pool grounds. This will help us cut costs this year, while still allowing us to gather safely. Personal charcuterie boxes can be ordered for the event from FJWC member, Candy Fichtner, by sending \$25 to Candy's Venmo, @Candy-Fichtner. Details will be forthcoming. **(Update: Holiday Happy Hour will take place on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.)**
  - b) The Executive Board voted unanimously to donate \$500 of FJWC funds to the Spring Branch Education Foundation (SBEF) to go toward a Thanksgiving meal/celebration for our sister school, Buffalo Creek Elementary. We were able to afford this by forgoing the traditional Holiday Luncheon meal and instead donating those funds.
- 2) **Meeting Minutes Approval:** Diana Bates asked for approval of the October meeting minutes, and the minutes were approved by the membership.
- 3) **Philanthropy:** Dana Weatherly shared the following information about our philanthropies:
  - a) **Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum (AYAM):** They are not currently doing anything that requires volunteers. One way to help them is to become a member of the museum, supporting them financially.
  - b) **Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM):** They are always in need of volunteers and would love to have moms and students volunteer during the day the week of

Thanksgiving, since that week there is no school.

- c) **CanCare:** They will be doing some care packages. There will be more information about this opportunity next month.
- d) **Blessings in a Backpack:** They need food! For November, they are collecting canned chili with meat (15 oz) and for December, they are collecting canned chicken noodle and/or tomato soup (10.5 oz). Dana announced that the need for food this time of year was up 76% due to the hardship caused by the pandemic.
- e) **Family Point Resources (FPR):** They need volunteers for the Turkey Trot Run on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Nottingham Forest Club. They also still need after-school help (SignUp Genius is empty!) as well as donations and volunteers for the Christmas Store taking place on Saturday, December 12th.

#### 4) **Juniorettes/Work Crew:**

- a) T-shirts for both groups are ready to be picked up. Both sets of T-shirts were brought to the meeting. Shirts not picked up at the meeting can be picked up at Karen Alexander's house (Juniorettes) or Meka Arend's house (Work Crew). **(Update: Juniorette shirts were delivered by Katy Murphy and Kara Moss.)**
- b) The Work Crew Board met and is working on planning the next meeting. It is challenging for them to come up with a plan to meet that still maintains social distancing because there are 88 boys in Work Crew.
- c) The Juniorettes met outside in October and will meet again Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. **(Update: The Juniorette meeting was moved to Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to encourage quarantining before Thanksgiving gatherings.)**
- d) There is a plan for both Work Crew and Juniorettes to support their own Spartan Share families, and they will both also help Blessings in a Backpack with Christmas meal packets.

5) **Sustainers:** Melinda Hickey spoke for Christy Johnson, who was not in attendance at the meeting. The Sustainers will support their own Spartan Share family. They are planning an outdoor happy hour in December as well. More information coming soon.

#### 6) **Auction News:**

- a) The Auction will be held at Club Westside on Thursday, February 18th, from 5-7:30 pm.
- b) Your item donation or \$150 Auction item fee is needed ASAP. You should have received a notification via email about your payment status and need to pay if you are

outstanding so the Auction Committee can buy/plan Auction items. This donation is due no later than the Holiday Happy Hour on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

c) Contact Debbie Green with any questions regarding the Auction.

- 7) **Speaker:** Wendy Andreen, college aficionado, was introduced, distributed a handout, and spoke about COVID-specific changes to the college application process this year and in the next few coming years. She gave detailed information regarding what each grade level should be doing to plan for college and provided many helpful tips for your student to stay on track throughout high school. It is highly recommended that you follow her on Facebook for important reminders and helpful information, especially as your kids get closer to graduation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Family Point Resources Turkey Trot Run at Nottingham Forest Club at 8 am

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline to order personal charcuterie box from Candy Fichtner for Holiday Happy Hour

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Juniette meeting at Karen Alexander’s house at 3 pm

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Work Crew meeting at Meka Arend’s house at 3 pm

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Happy Hour at Wilchester Pool grounds from 6-8 pm (moved from December 1<sup>st</sup> Luncheon at 11 am)

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to pay \$150 Auction item fee or donate Auction items (moved from December 1<sup>st</sup>)

December 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to drop off donated items and gift cards to 725 Bateswood for Family Point’s Christmas Store

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Family Point’s Christmas Store at 725 Bateswood from 9-12 am

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – January General Meeting at TBA at 8:30 am

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – FJWC Auction at Club Westside from 5-7:30 pm

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – March General Meeting at TBA at 8:30 am