

# MINUTES

## *First Junior Woman's Club*

**March 2, 2021 / 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 at the park at Nottingham Forest Club and began at 8:40 am. While attendance was low, there was a quorum present.

- 1) **Welcome and President Announcements:** Tamma Howell welcomed members to the meeting and reported the proposed 2021 changes to the By-Laws. Members present voted to approve the changes. The changes, which were posted online for a month beforehand for membership to view and voice concerns before the vote, included extending the deadline to become a paid member to the October meeting, awarding 15 service hours to all members of the Executive Board regardless of membership type (with the exception of President, who receives all required hours), and removing the requirements for written permission to become a Sustainer or Interim Member.
- 2) **Meeting Minutes Approval:** The minutes from the February meeting were approved.
- 3) **Special Projects/Scholarship Committee & Philanthropy News:**
  - a) Dana Weatherly, the Special Projects/Scholarship Committee Chair, announced that scholarship applications will be open before Spring Break, which starts March 13<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship deadline is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Members were reminded that students do NOT need to be FJWC members to apply. The scholarship announcement will be posted publicly in the Stratford eBlast, on the FJWC website, and on the FJWC Facebook page. Members were encouraged to let their friends with seniors know.
  - b) Dana also reported that there were no updates on volunteer activities for our philanthropies. She encouraged members to continue to look for opportunities to serve.
- 4) **Nominating Committee News:** The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Diana Bates, presented the following nominations for the 2021-2022 Executive Board:
  - **President:** Darcy Martin Gagnon
  - **1st Vice President, Programs:** Debbie Green

- **2nd Vice Presidents, Ways & Means:** Laura Stevenson, Sharidan Lippold, Wendy Covington, & Jennifer Hall
- **3rd Vice President, Membership:** Kathy Douglass
- **4th Vice President, Philanthropy:** Katie Fields
- **Treasurer:** Shelley Hatcher
- **Recording Secretary:** Amy Hines
- **Technology Secretary:** Joci Moss
- **Parliamentarian:** Tamma Howell
- **Sustainer Liaison:** Christy Johnson
- **Juniorette, Jr. Juniorette, Work Crew, & Jr. Work Crew Liaisons:** To be determined

The proposed nominations will be posted for a month for membership to view and offer any other nominations. The new Board will be voted on at the April General Meeting/Auction.

- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cathy Blundell was unable to attend the meeting. Tamma Howell announced that we have a balance of \$29,000.
  
- 6) **Auction News:** Darcy Gagnon reported that the Auction will take place on our next General Meeting date, Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Nottingham Forest Club from 6 – 8 pm. Each member can now bring a guest/potential new member. Please make sure that you and your guest RSVP to attend since the food will be packaged individually due to COVID recommendations and ordered ahead of time. No extra food will be ordered.
  
- 7) **Juniorettes/Work Crew:**
  - a) Work Crew Liaison Meka Arend announced that Work Crew and Juniorettes are still volunteering at Family Point Resources after school and MAM on Saturdays and Thursday evenings.
  - b) Meka is looking into doing another event on April 24<sup>th</sup>, either the Restoration Team or Big Day at Stratford.
  - c) There will also be an opportunity this month to stuff Easter eggs with fruit snacks for Blessings in a Backpack. Look for a SignUp Genius soon.
  - d) In April, all student members will be encouraged to write a teacher appreciation note for Stratford teachers and staff. There will be specific instructions provided to students at that time.
  
- 8) **Sustainers:** Sustainer Liaison Christy Johnson announced that she will encourage Sustainers to donate money toward the Auction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10 pm deadline to drop off Easter eggs stuffed with fruit snacks for Blessings in a Backpack to Karen Alexander's house

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Auction/April General Meeting at Nottingham Forest Club from 6 – 8 pm

April 13<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm deadline for seniors to drop off their scholarship applications to Dana Weatherly's house

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Spring Celebration at Nottingham Forest Club from 3 – 4:30 pm