

# 2021-22 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## *First Junior Woman's Club*

**Nottingham Forest Club (NFC)**

**November 2, 2021 / 8:30 AM**

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### 2021-22 Executive Board

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Darcy Martin Gagnon, President | Debbie Green, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs | Laura Stevenson, Wendy Covington, Jennifer Hall, & Sharidan Lippold, 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs Ways & Means | Kathy Douglass, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Membership | Summer Burke, 4<sup>th</sup> VP Philanthropy | Shelley Hatcher, Treasurer | Amy Hines, Recording Secretary | Joci Moss, Technology Secretary | Tamma Howell, Parliamentarian | Christy Johnson, Sustainer Liaison | Kaci Guy, Juniorette Liaison | Cathy Blundell, Work Crew Liaison

**President: Darcy Gagnon** called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

- Darcy introduced herself as the President and thanked the members for their flexibility in the last-minute location change.
- Darcy introduced the guest speaker, Liz Sullivan.
- Darcy recapped our recent accomplishments:
  - a. Over 1500 bags packed for Blessings in a Backpack in just 45 minutes!
  - b. Helping Buffalo Creek Elementary reorganize/inventory their library
  - c. RCE complimented our kids on a professional, well-done job at their Fall Festival.
  - d. FPR Halloween party was a success!
- Darcy reminded members that AYAM still has open spots and needs our help.
- Darcy informed members that Blessings in a Backpack has requested that we wear masks when packing the bags.

### **Approval of the General Meeting minutes from Oct. 5th, 2021:**

- Amy Hines asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve from Kaci Guy. Motion seconded by Karen Conticello.

### **Juniorettes/Work Crew: Kaci Guy/Cathy Blundell**

- We had approximately 30 volunteers at the FPR Halloween party, and the FPR staff/kids were extremely grateful.
- Juniorettes will have a Blessings packing on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> for Sherwood Elementary and are asking for grocery bags to be donated.
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> is the FPR Holiday party.
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> will be the wrapping party for Spartan Share at the Refuge. This will be for Juniorettes only this year.

- Work Crew will be making Thanksgiving bags for Buffalo Creek Elementary. Asking Sustainers to donate HEB/Walmart gift cards to include in the bags.
- Looking for opportunities for our Work Crew to help in the MAM warehouse.
- All T-shirts have arrived. Please contact Kaci Guy or Cathy Blundell to pick up.

**Membership: Kathy Douglass**

- Spring Luncheon will be May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Junior League of Houston.

**Philanthropy: Summer Burke**

- Aimee Beach is working on a December date for Work Crew to work in the MAM warehouse and possibly another date in March. Kids do not need to be 16 or over to work in the warehouse unaccompanied.
- Aimee thanked the Provisionals that attended the training and asked for more slots on the MAM SignUp Genius to be filled.
- Summer announced that the FPR Turkey Trot on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> will need volunteers. Members do not need to have had the FPR training to help with the Turkey Trot. A sign-up will be posted on Facebook by Helen Pierce (one of the Turkey Trot organizers).
- Debbie Green reminded members of the CanCare Golf Tournament and dinner on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Debbie if you can help on Monday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Christy Floeck said that AYAM needs our help more than usual due to one of the workers there missing many field-trip events due to doctor's appointments.

**Spartan Share (Christmas gift-buying): Liz Manual**

- CIS at Stratford to determine the family/families we will be supporting. Mr. Barnes sent out an email blast asking to discreetly identify those families that might need help.
- Funds will be collected. Each \$25 donation buys 1 service hour (a maximum of 3 hours for \$75 can be bought). Please make your donations by Friday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- All contributions are tax deductible.
- Moms will do the shopping, and Juniors will have a wrapping party on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Programming: Debbie Green (Darcy announced for Debbie since she lost her voice!)**

- Holiday party is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at Nottingham Forest Club in the evening.
- A request was made for a volunteer willing to open their home for the February wine tasting and earn 2 service hours. Brooke Vescovo volunteered to host the event.
- Paula Phillips won the drawing for the free book from Blue Willow Bookshop.
- Guest speaker Liz Sullivan was introduced and gave a review of several books that would make great gifts for the holidays and were available for sale on-site at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.