

FJWC General Meeting

Outreach Center of West Houston

August 27, 2023

Sharidan Lippold called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

- Sharidan introduced herself as the new President. The main purpose of the first meeting is to go over the basics of the organization.
- New Board Members were introduced.

Philanthropy: Shira Lonsford

- Shira gave an overview of the 9 charities we will be supporting this year. She reminded everyone to sign up through SBISD to be allowed to volunteer at our sister schools and AYAM. She also went over how to earn hours at each volunteer location. We are still in need of a food pantry liaison. She did discuss there are additional opportunities to earn 3 volunteer hours outside of our charities.
- AYAM art museum liaison – Brooke Vescovo
- Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack liaison – Julie Bryant
- Buffalo Creek Elementary sister school liaison – Nicole Phillips
- CanCare liaison – Erin Fry
- Family Point Resources liaison – Tisha Kurtin
- Houston Symphony liaison – Tonya Leonard
- Memorial Area Ministries (MAM) liaison – Heather Willard
- Spring Branch Blessings liaison – Summer Burke
- Food Panty liaison (in need of liaison)

Programming: Wendy Covington

- General Meetings scheduled as follows:
 - August 27th Outreach Center of West Houston
 - September No meeting
 - October (TBN) PepperLou Gifts
 - November 7th Blue Willow bookstore
 - December 5th Nottingham Forest Club – Holiday
 - January 9th Speaker TBA (OCWH)
 - February 15th Lakeside Country Club – Auction
 - March (TBN) Mexican Dinner (Los Tios/Ninfas)
 - April (TBN) Joint event with Work Crew & Junioresettes
 - May (TBN) Spring Luncheon

Technology: Kirstin D'Amico

- Every Monday there will be a weekly eblast with information from FJWC sent out.
- If you need information added to the eblast send it to Kristin at (kirstindamico@gmail.com) by Friday at 5:00.
- The Sign-up Genius for each Charity is included on the FJWC Facebook page to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Treasurer: Kari Wallace

- Discussed how to submit receipts to get reimbursed.
- Could take 2 weeks to receive a reimbursement check.

Auction Update: Mariana Diaz & Michelle Enszer

- Discussed that the Auction this year will once again be at Lakeside Country Club.
- Valentine's Theme.
- Save the Date February 15th.
- Sign up will be in October.

Work Crew & Junioresettes: Kathy Douglass & Shyla Funk

- The Work Crew and Junioresettes have decided to join forces and will no longer be two separate groups.
- 120 total combined Junioresettes and Work Crew currently.
- 9/24 is the Kickoff meeting at MDUMC in Wesley Hall at 4pm.
- T-shirts and food drive at the upcoming meeting.
- Bring all 8th graders to join.
- New Instagram will be put together.
- Pumpkin Patch will be starting up in October.
- Volunteer hours are given for each meeting attended.
- Discussed rainbow requirement sheet with group.
- Students can earn up to 3 hours at a charity of their choice.
- Training required to attend parties and after-school events at FPR.
- Work Crew text 81010 with this message @wc232
- Work Crew new Instagram page @workcrew.fjwc
- Junioresettes text 81010 with this message @fjwc23
- Junioresettes join the Instagram page @fjwc.junioresettes

Sustainer: Melinda Hickey

- Discussed with the group “what is a Sustainer”.
- Answered questions concerning if you could become a Sustainer if your child graduated and you had no more children in the program you could become a Sustainer in 4 years instead of 5 years.

Membership: Candy Fichtner

- Candy discussed each committee and that today you must sign up for a committee.
 - Steering Committee - Darcy Gagnon
 - Auction Committee - Michelle Enszer & Mariana Diaz
 - Spring Luncheon - Shira Lonsford & Candy Fichtner
 - Senior Celebration - Kathy Douglass & Shyla Funk
 - Hospitality - Kathy Oxspring
 - Audit Committee - Suzy Sachez
 - Holiday Party – Erin Fry
 - Holiday Outreach Committee (Spartan Share) - Tonya Spell
 - Nominating Committee - TK Harrison
 - Board Member - Mariana Diaz
 - Special Projects/ Scholarship - Tara Hemmer
 - Board Member - Julie Crawford
- Logging of hours.
- How each member must sign up for a committee today and that was how they were marked present for the meeting today.
- Had an overview of purchasing hours throughout the year for such things as Spartan Share.
- Discussed FJWC Financial Requirements.
- What amazing things FJWC has to offer such as:
 - Spring Luncheon, Christmas Celebration, Auction Party at Lakeside Country Club and Scholarships for Seniors.
- SBISD volunteer background check required to sign up at AYAM and any of our sister school volunteer opportunities.
- Discussed the FJWC Overview sheet (Rainbow Requirements) for 2023-2024.
 - Volunteer hours
 - How to log hours
 - General meeting and committee requirements
 - How are hours calculated for FJWC charities
 - Other ways to earn FJWC hours
 - Financial requirements

2023 – 2024 FJWC Board

President	Sharidan Lippold
VP Programs	Wendy Covington
VP Ways & Means	Mariana Diaz & Michelle Enszer
VP Membership	Candy Fichtner
VP Philanthropy	Shira Lonsford
Treasurer	Kari Wallace (<i>replaced Shelly Hatcher</i>)
Recording Secretary	Julie Crawford
Technology Secretary	Kirstin D'Amico
Parliamentarian	Darcy Gagnon
Sustainer Liaison	Melinda Hickey
Juniorette Liaison	Shyla Funk
Work Crew Liaison	Kathy Douglass

Wrap Up:

- The last day to join FJWC is Friday, September 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.