

October 2023
Committee Reports

Arts and Culture

Chairmen: Karen Durfey & Kathy Broyles

Members: Marsha Hotchkiss, Gayle Carter, Elery Polkow, Bev Silkwood

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The arts committee donated a signed print and a decorative ceramic container to Family Services to be auctioned off at their annual fundraiser.

Volunteer hours: 2

In kind donation \$250.00

Education and Libraries

Karin Green Coordinator

Members: Linda Altwine, Linda Pickard, Lisa Hansen, Lynn Ehresman, Nicki Broch, Jody Schofield, Jude Russell, Becky McGill, Ellen Smith, Mary Huffmaster, Sylvia Jensen, Marsha Hotchkiss, Kathy Broyles, Bev Silkwood, Peggy O'Brien, Rena Bucher, Barb Barrett, Deb Willis, Linda Baker, Gayle Carter, Diana Wohler

Books for Babies and...You!

Chairwomen: Bev Silkwood, Becky McGill, Carolyn Spector

Members: Barb Barrett, Kathy Broyles, Linda Pickard, Marsha Hotchkiss, Diana Wohler, Nicki Broch, Ellen Smith, Peggy O'Brien, Rena Bucher.

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Delivery of Books for Babies to both hospitals.

Number of Members: 1

Number of Guests: 1

Volunteer Hours: 4

Scholarship

Chairman: Linda Baker

Members: Gayle Carter, Diana Wohler, Rena Butcher, Lisa Hanson

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Project - Non-Traditional Scholarships

Our non-traditional scholarship applications are due on December 1st. One of our members has reached out to *CASA* to see if anyone there would like to apply. Please ask around and see if anyone else you might know is a female non-traditional student, resident of Montana, in their sophomore, junior or senior year in college that might be interested in a \$2,000.00 scholarship. The application can be found on our website.

Number of Members: 3

Volunteer hours: 3

ESO

Chairman: Marsha Hotchkiss, Kain Green

Members: Karen Durfey, Kathy Broyles, Linda Altwine, Bev Silkwood, Becky McGill, Judy Senteney, Diana Wohler, Karin Green

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Seven members met at the downtown Perkins to have lunch and report on 10 books.

Volunteer Hours: 14

Dollars used: 0

In-kind: 0

Karin Green prepared and sent the monthly reading report to the state ESO chairman.

Volunteer hours: 6

Dollars used: 0

In-kind: 0

Environment

Chairman: Bev Silkwood

Members: Kathy Broyles, Rena Bucher, Gayle Carter, Karen Durfey, Karin Green, Marsha Hotchkiss

Health and Wellness

Chairman: Deb Willis

Members: Ellen Smith, Jody Schofield, Lynn Ehresman, Florence Diede
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Project - no projects this month

We received a bin of stuffing for the comfort pillows.

No volunteer hours

No Club dollars used

No In Kind donations

Special Projects:

Advocates for Children

Chairman: Florence Diede

Members: Marsha Hotchkiss, Linda Baker, Barb Barrett, Ellen Smith, Karin Green, Barb Hogg, Mary Huffmaster, Deb Willis, Linda Wheeler Ellery Polkow

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GFWC Advocates for Children Week

October 22-28 Please on your own reach out and help a child or an agency working with children in some way. Here are a few ideas:

Drop off a couple dozen homemade cookies at Tumbleweed or Salvation Army. Just bag them individually. I found little snack bags at Family Dollar that are just the right size.

Offer to help a single parent by watching the kids while they get to the grocery store.

Surprise a little guy football team with treats.

Is your group doing trunk or treat? Participate

Friendship House/ Boys and Girls Club can always use snacks.

CASA and your neighborhood school can always use socks, hats, gloves.

Report your good works to Florence.

Blanket project

We continue to monitor the blanket needs for the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Dept. They still do not have a need for more. We have about 18 blankets ready to deliver when they are ready. We will let you know when we need more blankets cut and tied.

Volunteer hours: 0

Club dollars used: \$

CASA

Barb Hogg, Deb Willis, Joan Sleeth and Florence Diede continue their work with Yellowstone CASA. Interested in becoming a CASA, let us know and we will help you get to an introduction session or check the website for dates and times. Barb was the featured advocate in a recent publication for her 9 years of work with one child.

<http://www.yellowstonecasa.org/>

Volunteer hours: 90. Always a guess.

Club dollars used: \$0

Youth Service Center

Karin Green continues to update the library with the most current books and is able to buy books at an amazingly low price. I'm sure Karin is scouring the upcoming Friends of the Library sale.

Family Tree Nurturing Center

Festival of Trees is fast approaching. Our tree "T'was the Night Before Christmas" v
Please bring the mice you made from the last meeting.

Plan USA

Our child is an 8 years old girl from Ecuador. Judy S. sent her a letter this month.

Volunteer hours: 1

Club dollars used: \$?

SCHOOL MEDICAL

Head Lice supplies were delivered to Riverside middle School for distribution to all School District #2 Schools.

Volunteer hours: 1

Club dollars used: \$ 200.04

Building and Grounds

Chairman: Marsha Price

Members: Gayle Carter, Florence Diede

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1. Continue to Replace Playground carpet squares

Number of members 1

Volunteer hours 6

Club dollars 0

In Kind Donation \$90.

2. Fire alarm main panel alarm box finally replaced.

Number of members 3

Volunteer hours 2

Club Dollars - Estimate \$5,360.00

In Kind -0-

3. Basement leak
Number of members 1
Volunteer hours 2
Club dollars ?
In Kind -0-

4. Toilet in hallway is "wobbly"
Number of Members: 1
Volunteer hours: 1
Club Dollars: \$330.
In Kind: -0-

5. French drain in driveway overflowing
Number of members: 1
Hours: 1
Club dollars: 0
In kind: 0

TOTALS

Number of Projects: 5
Number of Members: 3
Volunteer hours: 12
Club dollars: \$330.
In Kind: \$90

Leadership

Florence Diede

Members: Gayle Carter, Marsha Price

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GFWC Convention 2024 will be held in Chicago June 29-July 1. Would you like to attend and represent BJWC?

LEADS

Not too early to begin making plans to become the LEADS candidate for Montana 2024. Pick up your application at the Oct. meeting from Florence or...

https://gfwcmontana.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/LEADS_Application-Form-2020-2022-.pdf

GFWC of Montana

GFWC Montana Fall Meeting was held September 29-30. Five BJWC members represented you at this meeting. Hear our short reports at the October meeting.

Florence presented a workshop on GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence.

Yes our club received awards!!!

Eastern District Convention

Eastern District meeting was held at the Copper King in Butte. As only two clubs were represented, it was deemed an emergency meeting thus business could be conducted.

A leader is best when
people barely know
he exists, when his
work is done, his aim
fulfilled, they will say:
we did it ourselves.

—LAO TZU



Membership

Chairmen: Marsha Hotchkiss, Peggy O'Brien

Members: Karen Durfey, Marsha Price, Marsha Hotchkiss, Karin Green, Deb Willis, Barb Hogg, Barb Barrett

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The membership committee met at City Brew on Wednesday, October 11, at 9:30. Members present were Peggy O'Brien, Marsha Hotchkiss, Marsha Price, Barb Hogg, and Debbie Willis. Ideas for the Christmas dinner were discussed, and it was decided that this event would be held at Diamond X on Thursday, December 14, at 6:00. It will be a casual, fun night. We plan to have a silent auction and a donation box, to raise money for the Youth Service Center. Some of the Barbies used at the GFWC Montana Fall Board Meeting will be part of the items auctioned.

Also discussed were ideas for social functions for the year.

Plans are to have a Barbie function at Casey's Dream in February where we will watch the Barbie Movie, and enjoy the Barbies dressed by the members. Remaining Barbies will be donated to Angela's Piazza and the Friendship House.

We hope to head to the zoo in the late spring and enjoy a ride on the zoo mobile.

Because of the rising cost of flowers, it was decided that we will make donations to charities instead.

The membership committee will be reaching out to new members prior to club events, in an effort to make them feel more comfortable.

Peggy made five new membership packets. Cost of printing was \$35.44.

There were in-kind donations of binders and dividers.

A \$50 donation was made to the animal shelter in honor of Curt Durfey.

Volunteer hours: 12

Club Dollars Used: \$85.40

Non-Club Dollars: \$10.00

History and Resource

Chairman: Judy Senteney

Members: Gayle Carter, Carolyn Spector,

Communications/PR

Chairman - Gayle Carter

Members: Florence Diede, Karen Durfey, Barb Hogg, Linda Baker, Karin Green, Marsha Hotchkiss

September 2023

Project - Maintain Website

Project - Maintain Facebook and send Email

Number of Members: 2

Club Dollars Used: 0

Volunteer hours: 3

Project - We are Thankful - Pooh's Too!

The committee purchased 120 books from Kohl's, 120 book bags and 120 treats for Pooh's Too. The book bags were assembled at the garage. They will be delivered Monday, November 25th.

Number of Members: 2

Club Dollars Used: \$653.44

Volunteer hours: 7

Grand total

Volunteer Hours; 10

Number of Programs: 3

Club Dollars Used: \$653.44

In Kind Donation:

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention:

Committee Chairman - Judy Senteney

Members: Marsha Price, Barb Hogg, Karen Durfey, Ellen Smith, Marsha Hotchkiss, Linda Wheeler, Kathy Broyles, Bev Silkwood, Kristin Stewart, Carolyn Spector

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Chairman: Barb Barrett

Members: Peggy O'Brien, Marsha Price, Barb Hogg, Ellen Smith, Judy Senteney, Joan Sleeth

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Sept 13 - Hosted craft day at Casey's Dream, being creative by painting rocks with acrylic paints. We had approximately 12 Individuals participate and have lots of fun making a colorful rock to put out in the garden, by the front door, or to leave for others to find on their next adventure!
Club Members Involved: Barb Barrett, Joan, Sleeth, Ellen Smith

Volunteer hours: 7

Club Dollars Use: \$0

In Kind Donation: \$10

What to bring to BJWC October meeting or drop off at Barb Barrett's house - Halloween Candy!

One of our October Activities will be participating in the Special Needs Trunk Or Treat at Casey's Dream, October 31, 2023, 5pm-7pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help that evening let Barb Barrett know.

Document Organization Committee

Chairman: Marsha Price

Members: Judy Senteney, Kathy Broyles, Barbara Hogg

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