

Remember: Donations for Animal Shelter and Youth Works

Information included in committee reports

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

AGENDA

May 16, 2023

6:00 PM

Rib and Chop House

1849 Majestic Lane

- President - Barbara Hogg
- Co-Presidents Elect - Marsha Hotchkiss & Peggy O'Brien
- Secretary - Ellen Smith
- Treasurer - Karin Green
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GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Hosts - Membership

Regular Meeting opening

Call to order by President Barbara Hogg

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- CLUB COLLECT
- INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

MINUTES: Ellen Smith , Minutes from April are attached.

TREASURERS REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE: To be shared by members

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Summer University
2. Dues

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Membership Pins
- 2.

Coming Events! Dates to Remember

May 16 - Hazel Hunkins Memorial Plaque Dedication, 3:30. Lincoln Center

May 16, 2023 - Spring Dinner, 6PM, Rib and Chop House

May 16, 17,19 - Book bagging at the garage 9-12am

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June 2 & 3. Casey's Dream Garage Sale, 1536 Mallowney Lane, Billings

June 10-12 - 2023 GFWC Convention - Louisville, KY

August 24, 2023 - Western States Region Conference - Redmond, OR

September 19, 2023 Regular meeting

** All regular meetings begin at 6:30 with a program lasting approx. 30 minutes. Business meeting begins at 7:00.

** Meeting Hosts will plan speakers/program and refreshments.

** Ideas for after meeting activities can be suggested by any member in coordination with meeting host.

??? What to Bring to this meeting ???

~ Check for Dues. \$35.00 made to BJWC

~ Plastic for the recycling project.

The blue pickup will be parked at the restaurant entrance.
Bring what you have been saving.

~ Donation for Animal Shelter. See info. in committee report.

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April 18, 2023

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2800 4th Ave N, Billings MT

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Members Present:

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Drawing Winner: Cheryl McCall – potted Primrose plants

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by: Marsha Price, Acting Secretary

Committee Reports

April 2023 Minutes are attached to this document.

Arts and Culture

Chairmen: Karen Durfey & Kathy Broyles

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

No report.

Education and Libraries

Karin Green Coordinator

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, Jody Schofield, Jude Russell, Karin Green, Linda Altwine, Linda Wheeler, Lisa Hansen, Lynn Ehresman, Debbie Willis, Marsha Price

May 2023

Delivery of Books For Babies to the hospitals.

One member, one guest.

Volunteer Hours 4

Club Dollars used 0 In Kind Donation 0

One member picked up printed materials from Ultra Graphs for our book bagging.

Volunteer Hours 2 Club Dollars to be billed In Kind Donation 0

Reminder, bagging of books for Books For Babies to be held May 16-19, 9:30 to 12:00, at the garage. Thank you all who can make it. We have 3000 books to label and bag

Grand Total for May

Volunteer hours: 6

Club Dollars Used: To be billed

Non-Club Dollars or Donations Used (In Kind Donation): 0

Scholarship

Chairman: Linda Baker

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

May 2023

Project – Scholarship

All of the students returned their information for their individual colleges. Letters were written to the colleges that included their names, and student ID's. All of the information has been given to the treasurer to write the checks. She will then put the check and the letter in a stamped addressed envelope to the individual schools. The checks are made out to the student and the college. The student will need to check at the financial aid office to sign their check.

Volunteer hours: 6

Club Dollars Used: \$7500.00

Project – Graduation Cards

The winners' will each receive, in the mail, a graduation card and an included \$ 50.00 Visa gift card. It also has a note written to each student congratulating him or her on their achievements and wishing them a successful college experience.

Club Dollars Used: \$305.54

Volunteer hours: 2

Grand total for May:

Volunteer Hours: 8

Club Dollars Used: \$7805.54

In Kind Donation: 0

ESO

Chairman: Marsha Hotchkiss

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

No report

Environment

Chairman: Bev Silkwood

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

May 2013

Marsha H. and Bev S. had a wonderful meeting with the managers of Albertsons at 1212 Grand Ave. They are excited to help BJWC in our quest to gather 500 pounds of plastic to get a Trex bench. Kristen Stewart and her dad gathered all the plastic in the club's garage and are storing it for us and we'll deliver it soon. The people at Albertsons are

proud of their recycling process and have invited us to have a firsthand look. So set your calendars for June 20th at 10:00 for a Summer University opportunity. We'll still need lots of plastic to be collected over the summer months - remember the famous blue truck sits at 1615 Clark Ave. Here is a reminder of what types of plastic are needed.



We are wanting to continue our support of animal shelters and request that you bring supplies that you have or are willing to purchase to our May dinner meeting, or to the club's garage when you help with bagging Books for Babies. Food, toys, leashes, cleaning supplies etc. are all great; they do ask, however, not to donate rawhide chews. I will be in the parking lot of the Rib and Chop House to collect the items.

Total for April

Volunteer Hours 4

Dollars \$0

In Kind Donation \$0

Health and Wellness

Chairman: Deb Willis

Members: Ellen Smith, Jody Schofield, Lynn Ehresman, Florence Diede

May 2023

Volunteer hours: 2

Club Dollars Used: \$50.00

Non-Club Dollars or Donations Used (In Kind Donation): 0

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

May 2023

All City Graduation Party

A \$500 check was sent to help the graduation seniors celebrate from Skyview, Senior and West High Schools.

Volunteer hours: 1

Club dollars used: \$500

Easter Egg Drop

Thanks to the sharp eyes of Karin Green, we have purchased several hundred eggs for next year for \$9. As we have lots of fun items remaining from this year, we will only need to purchase a bit of candy

for 2024. Watch for families who would benefit and enjoy a day of hunting eggs for their children.

Volunteer hours: 1

Club dollars used: \$9.

Blanket Project

Thank you for your hard work and I am so hoping we have enough blankets in our stock to hold out through the summer. I will collect completed blankets at the May meeting and have just a few lengths of fabric to still be cut and tied.

Volunteer hours: 10

Club dollars used: \$?

CASA

Did you know? Advocates Make a Difference!

Children in foster care who have a volunteer Advocate experience better outcomes and increased resilience.

Less time in foster care

Less likely to re-enter protective custody

Improved educational outcomes

Receive more services while in foster care

Higher rates of permanency

The May Small Group discussion materials were on incarcerated parents of children in foster care. Ask one of our CASA members to share what we learned.

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.

Family Tree Nurturing Center

Five members attended the Open House from 6-8 on April 26. The Center has been updated and offers amazing classes and opportunities for young families. Thank you Jody Schofield for serving on the Board of Directors.

Since 1985 The Family Tree Nurturing Center has been meeting the needs of families in Yellowstone County and the surrounding area by supporting and strengthening parents and children through programs and services.

The Family Tree Nurturing Center strives to foster a community where all families have the support and resources they need to provide safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments.

Plan USA

Our new child is an 8 years old girl from Ecuador.

Volunteer hours: 0

Club dollars used: \$0 due July 2023

School Medical

Chairman: Barb Hogg

Members: Gayle Carter, Florence Diede, Jude Russell, Ellen Smith.

We will be replenishing our usual supplies, head lice treatment supplies, hygiene supplies and other incidentals as in the past. This will be done using the current budget monies.

Youth Works is a project run by the CLDI (Community Development Leadership Inc.). One of their offerings is after school programs for Orchard School 5th grade and Riverside Middle School students, held at a facility at 316 Jefferson St. This program needs donations of

~baby wipes/body wipes/face wipes

~ Chapsticks

~ snacks (they provide snacks 2x a week)

I will be collecting your donation as you come into the Dinner on May 16. Marsha Price has donated deodorant and bar soap. They have also asked for Head Lice treatment. I will borrow this from the school stash, as they only want a few bottles.

I donated 10 “Period Packs” consisting of;

a small, cute zipper bag, filled with new underwear, a small plastic baggie, feminine supplies, chapstick, hand lotion (motel size), individual wipes, and Jolly Ranchers.

I visited the Afterschool program for 5th graders. It was an enthusiastic group of about 12-15 kids. They are interested in craft sessions, such as Friendship Bracelet making. This will need to be planned with Jackie, their leader.

Leadership

Chairman: Florence Diede

Members: Gayle Carter, Marsha Price

May 2023

GFWC Convention Early registration closed and less than one month away. 2023 GFWC Convention will begin June 10-12 in Louisville, KY.

Florence will be presenting two workshops with the Signature Program: Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee.

LEADS

Our very own BJWC LEADS Graduates did a leadership presentation at the Eastern District Convention. Deb Willis, Marsha Price, Marsha Hotchkiss and Barb Hogg were present.

Western States Region Conference Please put this event on your calendar!

Redmond Oregon beginning August 24, 2023. This will be close enough for a days' drive and loads of time with good friends. Our own, GFWC Montana, Sandi Conrady is WSR President. Let's give our full support. You each received an email with registration information or reach out to Barb Hogg or me for an additional copy.

GFWC of Montana

Here are a few upcoming dates:

June 1 Jennie Award entries due to Susan Macartney

MAY 31 Photos of Montana taken at any time are due to Judy Senteney. They will be judged and placed into a Montana Calendar for 2024 as a GFWC Montana fundraiser.

Eastern District has been assigned the months of February, March, June and October.

Eastern District Convention

Eastern District Convention was held on Saturday, April 29 at Lockwood Fire District, 501 Johnson Lane, in the meeting room. Sixteen BJWC

members attended along with three members from Big Timber, GFWC MT President, Lynn Foreman and President -Elect, Karen Gustavsen. Eastern District Officers planned a great day filled with speakers, music, a tour of the fire department and art work. Jean Carroll Thompson's family were present to receive her 50-year membership pin. Jean Carroll was GFWC Montana President 2002-2004.

Oh! Of course, we held our meeting. Officers for 2024-2026 were elected. Gayle Carter, President, Marsha Price, President-Elect, Nancy Bruce, Secretary and Bev Silkwood, Treasurer.

Volunteer hours: 125

Club Dollars Used: \$320

Non-Club Dollars or Donations Used (In Kind Donation):

Building and Grounds

Chairman : Marsha Price

Members: Gayle Carter, Florence Diede

No report

Membership

Chairmen: Marsha Hotchkiss, Peggy O'Brien

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

May 2023

The membership committee hosted a gathering for new members and their mentors at City Brew at 9:30 on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

Members present were Peggy O'Brien, Marsha Hotchkiss, Karen Durfey, Marsha Price, Harriette Brandon, and new members, Nancy McManus,

Betty Mullette, and Joyce Christensen. Cheryl McCall was not able to attend.

Each new member has been given the three-ring binder which includes information on the Club Collect, the history of the Montana Federation of Women's Club, a history of the Billings Junior Woman's Club, the by-laws, general information, and a brief explanation of the committees of the club.

Peggy reviewed the various committees, and talked about what activities and organizations each committee supported, so that new members would be able to select committees that they might be interested in joining.

New members will be initiated at the Tuesday, May 16 dinner at the Rib and Chop House.

Volunteer hours: 6 hours

Club Dollars Used: \$31.00

Non-Club Dollars or Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$0.00

History and Resource

Chairman: Judy Senteney

Members: Gayle Carter, Carolyn Spector

May 2023

Two members continue to work on the local erection of a plaque for Hazel Hunkins, a suffragette from Billings. We are working with the Billings League of Women Voters. The Plaque is part of the National Votes for Women Trail, and is funded by the William G. Pomeroy

Foundation. The dedication will be held May 14, 2023 at 3:30, at the Lincoln Center, where Hazel attended, participated in the debate team and graduated class Valedictorian.

Volunteer Hours: 40

Club Monies: 0

In-Kind Monies: \$45

Communications/PR

Chairman – Gayle Carter

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

May 2023

Facebook

Karen Durfey posted many pictures of events. Please send her a picture and include a narrative if your committee wants something posted.

Volunteer hours:1

Website

Summer University was posted on the website. Members interested in adding their names to a class need to send request to gfwcbill@aol.com

Volunteer hours: 2

Email/AOL

Messages for many activities are send to members on gfwcbillings@aol.com .

Volunteer hours: 1

Summer University

Clipboards were sent around at the April meeting with the class listings and an email was sent out after the classes were listed on the website. Five summer events are now listed on the website.

Grand total for May

Volunteer hours: 4

Club Dollars Used :

In Kind Donation:

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention:

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

Committee Chairman – Judy Senteney

Tumbleweed: We continue to supply a hot lunch weekly.

Guests: 0

Volunteer Hours: 20

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: 170

We will be meeting to decide next year's budget and to use the remainder of this year's monies.

Grand Total for May

Volunteer Hours: 20

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: \$170.00

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Chairman: Barb Barrett

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

May 2023

April 12 - Hosted craft day at Casey's Dream, Spring and Spring flowers was the focus of our creativity! We made beautiful flower table arrangements using foam flowers, bamboo skewer sticks for stems and recycled nut and fruit cans for pots. Attendees made enough for us to use at our May year-end meeting for table décor and door prizes! We also made larger foam flowers to add to the large pots out front of Casey's Dream along with annual flowers and plants we will be planting there in a few weeks. And, we were able to use quite a bit of Joan Sleeth's craft supply collection!

Volunteer hours: 31

Club Dollars Use: \$17.96

Non-Club Dollars or Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$30

Club Members Involved: Barb Barrett, Joan Sleeth, Peggy O'Brien, Barb Hogg

Document Organization Committee

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No activity this month.

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