

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

AGENDA

September 19, 2023

6:30 PM

First United Methodist Church

2800 Fourth Ave. North

- President – Barbara Hogg
- Co-Presidents Elect – Marsha Hotchkiss & Peggy O'Brien
- Secretary – Ellen Smith
- Treasurer – Karin Green
- Member at Large – Kathy Broyles
- Parliamentary Advisors – Gayle Carter & Kristen Stewart

~~ Note: Please bring your own beverage, hopefully in a recyclable container ~~.

GENERAL MEETING OPENING 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts - Civic Engagement Committee

REGULAR MEETING OPENING 7:00 PM

Call to order by Presidents Elect Marsha and Peggy

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- CLUB COLLECT
- INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS –

MINUTES: Ellen Smith , Minutes from May were e-mailed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Current Treasurer's report is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE: To be shared by members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Meals for Tumbleweed – Judy and Barb B

Raffle tickets for CARE Project – Marsha P

Discuss Ideas for after meeting activities – recorded by secretary &, sent to Barb H.

Discuss Volunteer of the Year - Karin & Marsha P

NEW BUSINESS:

Table decorations for Fall Meeting – Marsha's H & P

Leadership Report – Florence

Candidates for State Office – Marsha P

Coming Events! Dates and Assignments to Remember

September 9, 2023, Regular Meeting --- Civic Engagement

September 29 – 30 State Fall Meeting, Butte

September 30 – GFWC National Day of Service

October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting--- Domestic Violence

November 21, 2023. Regular Meeting--- Education

December 19, 2023, Christmas Party --- Membership

January 16, 2024, Regular Meeting ---Environment

February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting --- Health & Wellness --- Nominations for 24-26 officers

March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting --- Advocates --- Annual Meeting --- Election of New Officers

April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting --- Arts

May 21, 2024, Spring Dinner --- Membership, Installation of New Officers, Initiation of New Members, Volunteer of the Year

** 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 ???

---Items to donate to YEP

*See attached list in Civic Engagement Committee Report

---Barbies ready for Fall Meeting

---Used Cellphones for Secure the Call ,

*See Aug '23 Montana Woman for details

-*-*- No plastic collection at this meeting – take your plastic to the **Blue Truck, 1615 Clark Ave.**

Treasurer's report - September
2023

	23-24 Budget	Current Balance
Advocates	\$6,750	\$6,303.09
Arts & Culture	\$3,200	\$3,200
Books for Babies	\$3,500	\$3,500
Building and Grounds	\$30,000	\$27,784.01
Civic Engagement	\$500	\$500
Communication and PR	\$1,200	\$1,200
Document Organization	\$0	\$0
Domestic Violence	\$3,200	\$3,200
Education	\$1,000	\$1,000
Environment	\$3,500	\$3,500
Health & Wellness	\$1,500	\$1,500
Leadership	\$10,000	\$6,691.20
Membership/ Hospitality	\$1,750	\$1,728
Scholarship	\$10,200	\$10,200
School Medical	\$2,500	\$2,500
Operating Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,148

Checking Account

Balance	\$22,895
Savings Account	
Balance	\$35,244.17
Children's Foundation	
Checking	\$10,993.79
Books for Babies	\$9,707.93
Investment Account	
January 1, 2023	\$179,724.01
July 31, 2023	\$192,038.34
August 31, 2023	\$187,821.29

Committee Reports

Arts and Culture

Chairmen: Karen Durfey & Kathy Broyles

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

September 2023

No activity to report.

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

September 2023

No activity to report.

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.

No report submitted.

Scholarship

Chairman: Linda Baker

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

September 2023

No activity to report.

ESO

Chairman: Marsha Hotchkiss, Kain Green

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

June/July/August 2023

ESO met through the summer with an average of eight members each time. This group continues to have a lively meeting with many books reported on.

Volunteer Hours: 46

Club Money Used: 0

In-Kind: 0

Environment

Chairman: Bev Silkwood

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

September 2023

Many members brought items for animal shelters to our May dinner at the Rib and Chop House. On May 18th we donated \$150 in member donated items and \$150 cash to Help for Homeless Pets. Then in July, Gayle donated several large items, and they were delivered to The Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. The staff was amazed and very pleased. The estimated in-kind value was \$350. A blanket and towels were also given in August.

Our plastics program is going great guns! On May 17th we were interviewed by Ren Wadsworth for KULR8 TV's NonStopLocal program. The tv coverage showed us bagging plastic and explaining the process of getting a bench for every 500 pounds gathered. We

received our bench from NexTrex and Bev delivered it to Zoo Montana. It required assembly, but they were very grateful.

On June 20th we had a Summer University at Albertsons, and they explained their commitment to recycling efforts. Nine members attended.



On Aug 7th Bev met with Kristen, Barb H., and Barb's very helpful granddaughter to weigh and bag 176 pounds of plastic. Barb then delivered it with her family's help to Albertsons.

Remember the famous blue truck sits at 1615 Clark Ave., and we are still collecting! We would like to have another bench to donate in December. Here is a reminder of what types of plastic are needed.



Total for Summer
Volunteer Hours - 32
Guest Hours - 10
Club Dollars Used - \$150.
In Kind Donation - \$535.

Health and Wellness

Chairman: Deb Willis

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

September 2023

No activity to report.

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

September 2023

Blanket Project

We continue to monitor the blanket needs for the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Dept. We have about 18 blankets ready to deliver when they are requested. We will let you know when we need more blankets cut and tied.

Volunteer hours: 1

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 into an introduction session or check the website for dates and times.

<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 can buy books at an amazingly low price.

Family Tree Nurturing Center

Festival of Trees in well into the planning as November is just around the corner. Watch for ways v

Plan USA

Our new child is an 8-year-old girl from Ecuador.

Volunteer hours: 0

Club dollars used: \$446.91 PAID July 2023

School Medical

Chairman: Barb Hogg

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

September 2023

Head lice treatment supplies have been requested. They will be ordered and delivered.

Building and Grounds

Chairman: Marsha Price

Members: Gayle Carter, Florence Diede

Summer 2023

1. Continue to Replace Playground carpet squares.

Number of members 1

Volunteer hours 8

Club dollars \$58.

In Kind Donation \$75.

2. Dishwasher Repair

Number of Members 1

Volunteer hours 2

Club Dollars -0-

In Kind -0-

3. Misc. Repairs including Ballast replacements, door handle replacement, outlet replacement, sink drip.

Number of members 1

Volunteer hours 3

Club Dollars \$90.

In Kind Donation \$24.00

4. Baby room sink clog; had to work back through the entire building!

Number of members 1

Volunteer hours 1

Club Dollars \$430.00

In Kind -0-

5. Fire alarm main panel alarm box defective. New one ordered.

Number of members 3

Volunteer hours 3

Club Dollars – Estimate \$5,360.00

In Kind -0-

6. Outlet replacement in nap room

Number of members 1

Volunteer hours 1

Club Dollars – 0 –

In Kind Donation \$5.00

7. Toilet leaking

Number of members 1

Volunteer hours 1

Club dollars ?

In Kind -0-

8. Light tube replacement and leak in basement wall

Number of Members 1

Volunteer hours 2

Club dollars -0-

In Kind -0-

9. Garage door replacement

Number of members 3

Volunteer hours 3

Club Dollars \$1670.00

In Kind -0-

TOTALS

Number of Projects 9

Number of Members 3

Volunteer hours 24

Club dollars \$2,248

In Kind \$104.00

Leadership

Florence Diede

Members: Gayle Carter, Marsha Price

September 2023

GFWC Convention Billings Junior Woman's Club was represented by Florence Diede at the GFWC Convention June 10-12 in Louisville, KY.

Signature Program activities: Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee did two presentations of virtual walk-thru of a survival in domestic violence situation. The committee has a member from each of the eight regions. Florence represents Western States on the Signature Program Committee for 2022-2024.

LEADS

Not too early to begin making plans to become the LEADS candidate for Montana 2024. June in Chicago is the next opportunity to participate.

Western States Region Conference

Twenty-two members from Montana were in Redmond Oregon August 24-28, 2023. Our own, GFWC Montana, Sandi Conrady is WSR President. Florence Diede presented a report for the Signature Program and served on the Credentials Committee. Officers for 2024-26 were elected.

August 2024 WSR will be held in Washington.

GFWC of Montana

GFWC Montana Fall Meeting is September 29-30. Hoping you have seen the Call to Convention and are planning to attend. Remember! BJWC will help with your expenses. Many BJWC members are on the program to present awards and workshops.

Eastern District Convention

Eastern District will be holding their next meeting at the Fall Meeting.

GFWC Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors, 160 strong, met in Denver September 7-9. Florence Diede serves on this board via the Signature Program and attended. Watch for new information coming out soon. AND the website and Member Portal are in the process of being changed or updated. We are in good hands with Deb Satoransky as President. Mary Beth Williams of Colorado represents WSR and serves as Secretary.

Volunteer hours: 150

Club Dollars Used: \$3,308.80

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

Membership

Chairmen: Marsha Hotchkiss, Peggy O'Brien

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

May 2023

On May 16th 24 members attended our Spring Dinner at the Rib and Chop House. We all enjoyed an excellent meal and each other's company.

Initiation of four new members was held.

Volunteer hours: 48

Club Money used: \$590

In-Kind: 0

The week before the Spring Dinner 3 club members met with three of the new members for coffee and to share information about GFWC and Billings Junior Woman's Club as an orientation.

Volunteer hours: 12

Club Money used: \$36.77

In-kind: 0

History and Resource

Chairman: Judy Senteney

Members: Gayle Carter, Carolyn Spector,

September 2023

May 16 saw the erection of a plaque for Hazel Hankins, a suffragette from Billings. The Ceremony took place on the site of the Lincoln Center, where Hazel attended and graduated valedictorian. We worked 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.

Number of Projects: 1

Members in attendance: 10

Volunteer Hours: 40

Club Monies: 0

In-Kind Monies: \$65.

Communications/PR

Chairman – Gayle Carter

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

Summer 2023

Project – Maintain Website

Prepare website for fall.

Project – Maintain Facebook and send Email.

Add club activities for the summer and send out information to members.

Grand total for (3 Months)

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 4

Number of Programs: 3

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

September 2023

Tumbleweed: We continue to supply a hot lunch monthly, with supplemental lunches and supplies donated. It was decided that if more Club members volunteer for this

activity, we will increase lunches to twice a month. We are currently preparing for 50 individuals.

Grand Total for September:

Number of Programs: 1

Volunteer Hours: 110

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: 310

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Chairman: Barb Barrett

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

May 2023

May 24 - Hosted craft day at Casey's Dream, planting flowers in patio and hanging pots on the patio and pool area. We planted flowers in the large barrels by the front entrance and added the large foam to these pots that we had made the previous month. It was a beautiful day and those who participated enjoyed planting and getting ready for summer!

Volunteer hours: 7

Club Dollars Use: \$103.04

Non-Club Dollars or Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$10

Club Members Involved: Barb Barrett, Ellen Smith

July 2023

July 13 - We made an on-campus visit to MSU-B with Parker Scott, Community Engagement Coordinator, Katie Moffatt to discuss their current Initiative to provide pantry items to promote healthy eating and food Insecurity for students who are attending MSU-B. They currently have a pantry that students and faculty can utilize to assist with this, as well as snack 'bins' located throughout campus, offering a free snack/food item to any student who needs a quick snack. In the Library, they are in the process of setting up a family room, where mothers can nurse and babies can be

changed in a quiet, clean environment, as well as a pantry 'corner' offering, a fridge, microwave, and a list of food items available to anyone at no charge.

We also shared our current recycling project of collecting plastic film for benches and they expressed an interest in helping us collect plastic as well as the possibility of placing a bench on campus.

We have invited them to address our membership at our September BJWC meeting.

Volunteer hours: 4.5

Club Dollars: \$0

Club Members Involved: Barb Hogg, Barb Barrett, Joan Sleeth

Sept 2023

Sept 8: CE Committee Meeting

We discussed and planned this next year's activities as well as coordinated hosting our BJWC Sept meeting. We will have Parker Scott from MSU-B as a speaker.

Club Members Involved: Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg, Ellen Smith, Marsha Price, Joan Sleeth

Yellowjacket Emergency Pantry Campus Needs Ongoing & One Time

Below is a list of needs across our programming spectrum all directly tied to the support of our students and campus community. Current needs are listed below, starting with our most needed items. Anything on this list provides direct and often immediate support for our students and are very grateful for any donation(s) that can be provided.

1. Funds to cover the cost of Formula in our Student-Parent Spaces. (We are not allowed to accept physical formula of any kind but must purchase it ourselves. This donation is the only one that cannot be in-kind and would have to be monetary.) Powdered formula can vary in cost from \$20 a can to >\$60 Our estimate is that 30-80 cans would stock us for one academic year.
1. Funds for/ In-kind donations of ready to eat microwavable meals, Paper or plastic silverware and flatware or Funding or material support for additional portions of the community fridge area in the library.

2. Funds/ In-kind donations for the Snack Box Program, we stock 30 snacks in each of 5 boxes once every two-weeks which definitely adds up over the course of a year.
3. Funds/ In-kind donations for our Student-Parent spaces like blankets or anything that would make the spaces more usable, comfortable, and beneficial to our campus community.
4. Funds/ In-kind donations for our Yellowjacket Pantry, below is a list of our most commonly used items but anything shelf stable far from its expiration date is greatly appreciated. We also generally like large packs of small individual containers as we want to get as much variety to as many people and we do have limited space In the pantry so large containers can present a problem but are still very much accepted.

- Chicken Breast Tins
- Mac & Cheese
- Cup of noodles
- Cereal
- Nuts
- Fruit cups
- Pasta Sauce
- Breakfast Bars
- Protein Bars
- Canned Peaches
- Dried Fruit
- Canned Chili
- Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Popcorn
- Condiments
- Tuna Tins
- Pickles
- Mouthwash
- Hygiene Kits
- Diapers
- Baby Wipe

School Supplies:

- Folders
- Pens
- Pencils Hygiene:
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

Document Organization Committee

Chairman: Marsha Price

Members: Judy Senteney, Kathy Broyles, Barbara Hogg

September 2023

1. Organizing Documents from GFWC MT

Number of Members 1

Volunteer hours 1

Club Dollars -0-

2. New file cabinet

Number of members -1

Volunteer hours 1

Club dollars -0-

In Kind Donation \$75.00

3. Organizing BJWC Documents

Number of Members 1

Volunteer hours 3

Club Dollars -0-

In Kind -0-

Totals

Projects 3

Members 1

Club Dollars -0-

In Kind Donation \$75.00

Revised: September 2023