

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

1st Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St West

May 18, 2026

AGENDA

May Dinner starts at 6:00 pm, business meeting to follow

Remember to wear your best western duds!

Officers:

President – Marsha Hotchkiss

President Elect – Peggy O'Brien

Secretary – Kristen Stewart

Treasurer – Karin Green

Member at Large – Amanda Webber

Parliamentary Advisor – Gayle Carter

Call To Order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLUB COLLECT

INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Minutes: Kristin Stewart

Treasurer's Report: Karin Green

Correspondence:

Announcements:

Unfinished Business:

- Report from MT State Convention - Deb Willis

New Business:

- Leadership Request - Florence Diede
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Coming Events! Dates to Remember

June 26-29,2026 GFWC International Convention, Scottsdale, AZ

September 22,2026 BJWC Meeting

Committee Reports

Domestic Violence

Chairman: Judy Senteney

Crisis Center:

Work has continued at the Crisis Center organizing files.

Volunteer Hours: 15

Angela's Piazza:

Monthly dinner donations were made September to May for the Daughters of Tradition.

A Gift Card was purchased at Target for Birthday Bags.

Volunteer Hours: 45

Club Dollars Used: 125

In-Kind Donations: 60

Advocates for Children

Chairman: Florence Diede

CASA

What does a CASA do?

A Court Appointed Special Advocate is not an ordinary volunteer position. Advocates come from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences. Volunteer Advocates are committed to being the one constant for a child while their case moves through foster care. Other professionals will change frequently in the child's life, but CASA Advocates provide consistency and stability, which makes all the difference for a child in foster care.

Volunteer hours: 60. Always a guess. Club dollars used: \$300

Fleece Blankets

We have about 15 completed blankets on hand which will likely last through the summer months. If you would like some fleece to work on throughout the summer let Florence know and she will drop it off to you. Thank you each for your hard work in completing blankets this year.

Pillowcase Dresses

AidSpirit has received 10 pillowcase dress packets for their trip in June. Each packet has a dress, tee shirt and panties. Materials to make the dresses are in kits and ready to be delivered, if you would like some for the summer

End of Year Funds

Three members worked on determining the best way to distribute funds to help the most children during the summer.

Wise Wonders	\$100 for tickets
Billings Parks and Rec.	\$300 for summer camps
Education Foundation	\$300 for Reading Rocks and \$300 for Munch Machine (summer food)
Family Tree Nurturing Center	\$200 for parent program
Babies Beyond Bars	\$240 for nursing in prison birth mother's program
Optimist	\$300 for summer camp supplies for handicapped youth
Bitterroot Babies	\$ 49.97 for approx. 300 diapers for city diaper drive
Volunteer hours: 6	Club dollars used: \$1489.97

SCHOOL MEDICAL

Chairman: Barb Hogg

Arts & Culture

Chairmen: Karen Durfey & Kathy Broyles

No report this month

Education & Libraries

Chairman: Karin Green

ESO

Eight members met at Perkins on May 4th and discussed 10 books that they had read in April.

Absent members sent in their April book lists for a total of 73 books read by BJWC ESO members in April.

Volunteer hours - 7

Books For Babies Committee

Joan Sleeth Chairman

In April and May, Bev and her husband delivered 200 bags of books to iHealth and 100 bags to Billings Clinic. iHealth reported that they gave out one bilingual book in April. iHealth recorded 148 babies born and Billings Clinic recorded 66 babies born in April.

Joan wrote donation requests to the Billings Clinic Foundation and iHealth Foundation, requesting funding for Books For Babies.

Carrie E. picked up Imagination Library brochures and Karin G. picked up brochures from the Public Library and took them to the garage. Joan will be picking up brochures from The Family Tree Learning Center.

Joan and her husband loaded up 23 boxes of books and delivered them to the garage

Joan was notified that Billings Clinic is going to donate \$1,000 to Books For Babies.

They asked if it was possible for a label listing Billings Clinic as a donor could be placed in the books. Joan contacted President Marsha H., President-elect Peggy and parliamentarian Gayle about the request. It was decided that all Books For Babies donors should be recognized. Starting this year, a book mark listing the year's donors

will be included in the book bags. Gayle is designing the bookmark and has an economical source to order from.

All members are invited to help bag books and brochures at the club garage on Monday June 8, and Thursday June 11 from 9:00-12:00. Come for whatever time you can and guests are welcome. Bring your own drink as it can get warm in the garage. You can park on the garage driveway or in the back parking lot of Scottish Rite next door. Remember there is no bathroom at the garage but there is a gas station on 16th and Broadwater.

Volunteer members: 7 Guest Volunteer: 2 Total Volunteer hours: 14

Club dollars spent: 0 In-Kind Donation dollars: 0

*If you are interested in delivering the tubs of books for babies to the hospitals, please message Joan at , or call or text 406-860-3515. ***Bev can explain just how easy it is.

Scholarship

Chairman: Linda Baker

No Report this month

Environment

Chairman: Bev Silkwood

We ordered 5 plaques to identify our club's recycling plastic and donating benches from Blackridge Branding for \$60. They will be installed soon.

We are planning another Plastic Party on Sunday June 7th at 1:00. The timing is so that the garage will be cleared for bagging the Books for Babies on Monday. We currently have 835 pounds collected and are nearing the needed 1000 pounds.

We are still collecting plastic and prescription pill bottles.

Total for May

Volunteer Hours 4

Dollars \$6

In Kind Donation -

Civic Engagement

Chairman: Barb Barrett

Project: Tumbleweed

May – Lunches for Tumbleweed

Hot food was prepared and delivered for lunch at Tumbleweed to feed 70 individuals for 2 days each month during the month of February: for a total of 2 meals. Volunteer members: Barb Barrett, Marsha Price, Barb Hogg, Peggy O'Brien, Kristen Stewart, Carrie Egan

Volunteer hours: 20

Club dollars spent: \$0

In-kind Donation dollars: \$440

Donations:

450 items were donated: food pantry items, bedding, socks, hats, clothing, hygiene products, and craft supplies for May Day baskets.

Volunteer members: Joan Sleeth, Barb Barrett, several club members

Volunteer hours: 6

Club dollars spent: \$246.18

In-kind Donation Dollars: \$200.00

Emergency Fund for Summer lunch program

Tumbleweed typically feeds more youth during the summer months for their lunch program than during the school year. Many organizations who normally donate during the school year are not able to provide food during the summer months. We decided to give a check to help with this gap.

Club dollars spent: \$689.00

Project: MSUB Buzz Pantry

23 items Donated: food pantry items for students

Volunteer member: Joan Sleeth

Volunteer hours: 2

In-kind Donation: \$38.10

Summer Food Pantry: Summer attendance is typically lower during the summer months, so pantry items are not as high in demand as during the school year. However, there is still a need for diapers and infant formulas for student mothers with young children. We sent a check for \$200 to assist with this need.

Club Dollars Spent: \$200.00

Eagle Mount

We made a donation of \$200 to go towards their summer activities scholarship program.

Club Dollars Spent: \$200.00

Project: Yellowstone Methodist Free Store

15 items were donated: misc. household items, clothing

Volunteer members: Marsha Hotchkiss

Volunteer hours: 2

Club Dollars spent: \$0

Donations in-kind: \$25

Health & Wellness

Chairman: Deb Willis

No Report this month

Communications & PR

Chairman: Gayle Carter

Project 1

General Communications

gfwcbill@aol.com - A variety of messages including the GFWC News and Views were sent to members during the last month.

Volunteer hours: 3 hours

Project 2

Summer University

The schedule was completed and emailed to all members Saturday, May 16. The classes will be on clipboards for members to sign at the May meeting.

Volunteer hours: 5 hours

Project 3

Western States Region – An ad was placed in the program for the fall conference welcoming the attendees to Billings the following year.

Volunteer Hours: 2 hours

Cost \$50

Building & Grounds

Chairman: Marsha Price

Project 1 - Expenditures (to Marsha P)

2 cases LED Tubes \$266.50

Oven parts to replace thermostat \$400.00

Volunteers- 1

Volunteer hours – 2

Club dollars – \$666.50 In Kind – 0

Project 2 – Replace 20 ft of 3' sewer line in basement Volunteers- 1

Volunteer hours – 1

Club dollars – \$832.27

In Kind – 0

Project 3 - Repair electrical connection on furnace

Volunteers- 1

Volunteer hours – 1/2

Club dollars – \$165.00

In Kind – 0

Project 4 - Re-apply carpet squares on small playground

Volunteers – 1
Volunteer hours – 6
Club dollars - \$143.90
In Kind - \$38.00

Totals

Volunteers – 1
Hours – 9 ½
Club Dollars – \$692.96
In Kind - \$38.00

Leadership

Chairman: Florence Diede

GFWC

Join us at the GFWC Convention “Climbing Together, Shaping Tomorrow,” in Scottsdale, AZ on June 26-29 at the Westin Kierland Resort.

Marsha Price (GFWC MT Treasurer Elect), Marsha Hotchkiss, (BJWC President) and Florence Diede (WSR Credentials Chairman) are planning to attend.

Western States Region

The WSR Convention will be in Park City Utah, September 11-13, 2026. This one is close and should be an easy drive for us to attend. Please watch for registration information and plan to join us.

Remember!!! WSR will be in Billings at the Northern Hotel 2027 so GFWC Montana will be doing an invite at the Park City Convention.

Legislation & Public Policy

Chairman: Marsha Hotchkiss

No report this month

Membership

Chairman: Peggy O'Brien

Membership dues are \$35.00. They must be paid by check. Mail your check to Karin Green @ 1208 Ponderosa Dr, Billings, 59102 or to the club post office box P.O. Box 20234, Billings, 59104.

Our spring dinner is Monday, May 18 at 6:00 at the First Presbyterian Church. We will have a western theme with a red and white color theme. We will cater bar-b-que from Blues Bar-B-Que. The cost of the meal is \$17.00. The membership committee will provide a variety of desserts. Installation of officers will be held on that day.

Volunteer members: 5

Volunteer hours: 5

Club dollars spent: \$65.41

In-Kind Donation dollars: \$35.00

History & Resource Center

Chairman: Judy Senteney

Judy continues to work in the garage organizing Club scrapbooks. She and Jennifer made a home visit to Shirley Petersen discussing old scrapbooks and information.

Projects: 1

Volunteer Hours: 10

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Dollars Used: 0

Documentation Organization

Chairman: Marsha Price

No report this month