

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

1st Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St West

November 18, 2025

AGENDA

Remember to bring your new NOTEBOOK!

Park in the side lot and come through the playground door

Officers:

President – Marsha Hotchkiss

President Elect – Peggy O'Brien

Secretary – Kristen Stewart

Treasurer – Karin Green

Member at Large – Amanda Webber

Parliamentarian – Gayle Carter

Program 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts : Domestic Violence

Speaker:

General Meeting Opens 7:00 PM

Call to order by President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLUB COLLECT

INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Minutes:** Kristin Stewart - minutes were sent Nov 17th

**Treasurer's Report:** Karin Green - report was sent Nov 17th

**Correspondence:**

**Announcements:**

Documents Committee Request - Marsha P

**Unfinished Business:**

- Christmas Party - Peggy O'Brien

**New Business:**

- State Committee Awards - Marsha H

### Things to Bring This Month

Any items you've collected for the Tumbleweed, MSUB Pantry, Environment, Free Store, Angela's Piazza - see emails sent this month

Remember to put in-kind value with your bin (or any) donations

# Committee Reports

## Arts & Culture

**Chairmen: Karen Durfey & Kathy Broyles**

No report this month

## Domestic Violence Committee

**Chairman: Judy Senteney**

A Committee Meeting was held at Judy's house October 29. 11 members attended. A program and refreshments for the November meeting were planned.

Angela's Piazza: Work continues on Christmas gift bags for Angela's piazza. Prizes for the Daughters of Tradition annual Bingo Christmas Party were donated. A 6-foot Christmas tree was donated for a family that Angela's sponsors each year. Items were donated to the Thrift Store.

Volunteer Hours: 9

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: 250

Grand Total for November:

Number of Programs: 1

Volunteer Hours: 75

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: 750

## Education & Libraries

## **Chairman: Karin Green**

### **Books for Babies**

#### **Chairman: Joan Sleeth**

Bev and her husband delivered 3 tubs of books to iHealth in October. Billings Clinic didn't need anymore books yet. iHealth recorded 153 babies born in October. Billings Clinic recorded 70 babies born in October.

Volunteer members: 2                      Guest Volunteer: 2

Volunteer hours: 4

Club dollars spent: 0

In-Kind Donation dollars: 0

\*If you missed getting signed up for the B4Bs committee and wish to be on it, please message Joan at [sleethjoan@gmail.com](mailto:sleethjoan@gmail.com)

### **Scholarship**

#### **Chairman: Linda Baker**

No report this month

### **ESO**

#### **Chairmen: Karin Green & Marsha Hotchkiss**

Ten members met on November 3rd. We reported on 14 books we had read the past month

Hours: 20

### **Health & Wellness**

#### **Chairman: Deb Willis**

No report this month

## **Environment**

### **Chairman: Bev Silkwood**

Thanks to the generosity of our members, I delivered \$250 worth of in-kind items (leashes, pet treats, toys, bedding etc.) as well as a donation of \$200 from our Environment Committee to the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. On top of that there was a \$134 cash donation from club members – The staff and volunteers were delighted.

We also delivered 235 pounds of plastic to Albertsons. So, we're well on our way to earning another bench. I'll collect any plastic if you bring it to our November meeting.

Total for November  
Volunteer Hours 6  
Guest Hours 2  
Dollars  
In Kind Donation - \$250

## **Civic Engagement**

### **Chairman: Barb Barrett**

No report this month

## **Advocates for Children**

### **Chairman: Florence Diede**

#### **Blanket projects**

Do you have any completed blankets for Yellowstone County Sheriff's Dept. on hand? If yes, please, bring to the November meeting.

**Family Promise blankets.** New member, Shirley Peterson, has been assembling and tying twin sized blankets for Family Promise. She has the fleece that has been donated to her and would like a little help tying and assembling them. I met with her last week and prepared 10 for the youth at First Presbyterian to tie. Interested? Please let Shirley and I know and we will work together.

Volunteer hours: 4

Club dollars used: \$ 0

### **CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates are community volunteers who speak up for the best interests of children in foster care. Each CASA is appointed to a child or a group of siblings to be a stable and consistent relationship for them as they go through the foster care system. Volunteer CASAs work for the best interests of kids by advocating for their safety and permanency.

Volunteer hours: 60. Always a guess.

Club dollars used:

### **Busy Bags**

Bring your busy bags to the November meeting. We already have five that look like so much fun. They will be distributed to local agencies.

Volunteer hours: 3

### **Festival of Trees**

Dinner and Auction will be on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Mary Huffmaster and Jody Schofield have the decorations ready to adorn the tree. Marge Ewen and Malinda Christensen will help assemble the tree on December 3. Rena and Wayne Bucher will secure the branches and anchor the stand to the display board.

Tea in the Trees will be on Friday Dec. 5 at 1:00. Yes, we have a number of club members modeling and making the arrangements for this event. Tickets \$15 and \$12 for Seniors tentatively. I am hoping to have more information and to collect your \$\$\$ at the meeting if you'd like me to buy your ticket.

Volunteer hours:

Ted Lechner Youth Service Center

Saturday, December 6, Tree decorating, followed by treats with the youth. Please plan to join us for a rewarding experience. Please bring a treat to share.

Shopping will be on Thursday, NOV, 20 at Heights Dollar Tree at 1:00 if you'd like to join us.  
Tying on the ribbons will be on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 2:00 at 535 Johnson Lane.

Shopping on Monday, Dec. 22 at 6:30 with the youth from YSC at Target on Heights. (Tentative time)

### **School Medical:**

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 this last month.

Volunteer hours: 4 hours

#### **Project 2**

Notebook

Members received and assembled their notebooks at the October Meeting. Notebooks for members that did not attend the meeting were assembled after the meeting by the Membership and PR Committee.

Volunteer hours: 6 hours

#### **Project 3**

Cards of Encouragemen

Volunteer hours: 10 – Preparing cards; 3 – Assembling cards and statements

Club dollars spent: \$300 – 30 cards with each containing \$10 to be given to community members

Total Volunteer hours: 4 messages; 6 – Notebook; 13 – Cards

Total Hours: 23

## **Building & Grounds**

**Chairman: Marsha Price**

### **Project # 1**

Fidelity Bond Insurance Renewal 2025-2028

Volunteer Members: 1

Volunteer hours: ½

Club Dollars: \$387.00

### **Project # 2**

Walk through the building inside and out with Denise. Repair misc

Another pinhole leak in drainpipe in basement and kitchen faucet dripping.

Volunteers: 1

Volunteer hours: 2

Club dollars: \$583.73

In Kind -0-

Totals for November

Volunteer members: 1

Volunteer hours: 2 ½

Club Dollars: \$970.73

In Kind: -0-

## **Leadership**

**Chairman: Florence Diede**

**GFWC**

GFWC Annual Convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ June 27-29, 2026. Wendy Carricker will be installed as the new GFWC President.

A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader, a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.” - Eleanor Roosevelt, author, politician, and diplomat

### **GFWC Western States**

WSR 2026 Convention will be September 11-13 in Park City, Utah. Yes, this is very close and Montana will be hosting the 2027 Convention right here in Billings. Please put these on your calendar.

### **GFWC Montana**

Have you read the latest Montana Woman?

GFWC Montana Convention 2026 will be held April 17-19, 2026 in Helena at the Great Northern Hotel.

Put this event on your calendar and plan to join us. Kim Montag will be installed as GFWC Montana President and our own Marsha Price is running for GFWC MT Treasurer.

Watch for registration information in March.

## **Membership**

### **Chairman: Peggy O'Brien**

Volunteer members: 6

Volunteer hours: 40 hours

Club dollars spent: \$0.00

In-Kind Donation dollars: \$10.00

Members attending the October meeting assembled their own membership book. Since the meeting in October was short, members were able to stay and assemble more books for our absent friends. Peggy brought the remaining books home. I'll be bringing completed books to our November meeting for those who didn't get one. Remember to bring your new book to the meeting. It has the Club Collect, and other useful information that you might need.

I sent several get well and thinking of you cards this month. Please give me a call if one of our members (or their family) is under the weather so I can let them know that we are thinking of them.

Six members and one guest traveled to Big Timber on Saturday, November 1, to enjoy food, crafts, and fellowship at the fall bazaar, sponsored by the Big Timber Woman's Club. The weather was lovely, and it was fun to see all the creative crafts, and to meet up with our friends from Big Timber. We enjoyed lunch, and then a variety of pies that the Big Timber club made. Yum!

The Christmas Party is our next big event. It will be held at 6:00 on Wednesday, December 17, at the Windmill. Husbands are welcome to join us. 24 members have signed up so far, and I'll be glad to sign up more at the November meeting. If you can't be at the meeting, just give me a call, or text me, and I will get you on the list. I'll need to know by December 10 if you are planning to attend. It should be a fun evening! Members will be able to select their meal from a limited menu. Are you good at solving mysteries? After dinner, you will have your chance! We'll be competing in a mystery murder called, "There Might Be No Christmas

Facebook and Instagram are up and running! If you have pictures to share, please send them to me, and I'll get them posted. Let's get our name out there to let others know all the great things our club is doing!

## **History**

### **Chairman: Judy Senteney**

No report this month

## **Document Organization**

### **Chairman: Marsha Price**

No report this month