

GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

AGENDA

MARCH 21, 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 –
- 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

Regular Meeting opening 7:00 PM

Call to order by President Barbara Hogg

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

MINUTES: Ellen Smith , Minutes from February are attached.

TREASURERS REPORT: Karin Green, Report attached

CORRESPONDENCE: To be shared by members

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Judy. Regional meeting update
2. Gayle, Web site, Summer University

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scholarship – Linda B
2. Child Abuse Prevention - Florence

Coming Events! Dates to Remember

March 21, 2023 – Business Meeting--- Host, Civic Engagement

---Children's Foundation Yearly Meeting

April 1,2023 – Photography contest entries due to Jo Campbell

April 3, 3:00 – Florence's House to fill eggs

April 18, 2023 – Business Meeting --- Host, Arts

Eastern District Meeting – April 29. Lockwood Fire Station

May 16, 2023 – Spring Dinner

June 1,2023 Jennie Award entries due to Susan Macartney

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

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

** 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 ???

~ Plastic for the recycling project. The blue pickup will be parked at the church entrance. Bring what you have been saving.

Billings Junior Woman's Club Meeting

February 21, 2023
First United Methodist Church

President: Barb Hogg
Co-President Elect: Marsha Hotchkiss & Peggy O'Brien
Secretary: Ellen Smith
Treasurer: Karin Green
Member at Large:

Members Present: Marsha Price, Debbie Willis, Barb Hogg, Ellen Smith, Barbara Barrett, Florence Diede, Lynn Ehresman, Karin Green, Joan Sleeth, Kristin Stewart

General Meeting 6:30 pm

Program Presenter Janisha Green, Human Trafficking
Janisha gave a presentation on Human Trafficking in Billings and the state. This included her own experience and her success of sobriety and extraction from that lifestyle.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.
(February 14th meeting moved to 21st due to weather.)

Guests: Joyce Christensen, Cheryl McCall. Both have applied for membership.

Announcements:

Florence Diede spoke about the blanket project through Advocates for Children. The blankets are made from a single layer of fleece, fringed on two sides with a label attached. The Sheriff's Department would carry these blankets in their vehicles and use at various scenes. They have asked for 8 each month, which will be evaluated in a few months with the possibility more might be needed. Florence has 3 blankets completed and handed out several to members to finish prior to the next meeting.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was attached to the agenda and approved as submitted.

Correspondence:

Thank you cards from CASA and Youth Services Center.

Unfinished Business

Recycling Project – Bev Silkwood was out of town, she will give us an update at the next meeting.

High Plains Book Awards – Karin Green announced that we will be a sponsor for the Children's Category. A \$500 check is given to the author of the chosen book. The announcement is in October, funds will be transferred at that time to the Awards Committee. Several members read books in various categories and evaluate each book. Their books are given back to the Library along with their evaluations. Karen said they are in need of more readers, anyone interested please let her know.

Regional Meeting Update – The meeting will take place at the Lockwood Fire Station April 29th, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Judy Senteney will give an update at the next meeting.

International – Our student "Rut" has aged out of the program. We have been given another girl "Genesis" who is 8 years old from Honduras. A card was passed for members to sign as an introduction to her,

New Business

Website –the new site is functional.

Summer University – Please give your ideas to Barb Hogg and Gayle Carter by April 23rd.

Building and Grounds Report – Marsha Price told us that the tub in one of the bathrooms has been removed. There were issues with the drain pipe and it was determined the tub was not needed. This space has been turned into a diaper changing area. Some painting has been done as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

Submitted by Ellen Smith Secretary.

BJWC Treasurer's
Report
March 19, 2023

Committee Budgets

Advocates	2,134.12
Arts and Culture	2,850
Building and Grounds	\$189.16
Communications	\$405.41
Civic Engagement	\$336.63
Education -B4B supplies	\$3,500
Environment	\$250
Domestic Violence	\$1,977.56
Health and Wellness	\$1,500
Leadership	\$4,792.53
Membership	\$686.88
Scholarship	\$8,155.96
School Medical	\$1,758.44
Club Checking Account (518)	
Balance	\$31,624
Club Savings Account (1187)	
Balance	\$35,173.17
Children's Foundation	
Investment	\$184,755.96
Checking (8437)	\$2,493.79
Books for Babies (6511)	\$17,537.96

Committee Reports

Arts and Culture

Chairmen: Karen Durfey & Kathy Broyles

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

April 2023

The Arts and Culture Committee requests that **each member** of BJWC bring to the April meeting something from a culture that is different than their own and for the activity be prepared to share a few sentences about it.

Grand Total for March

Volunteer hours: 0

Club Dollars Used: 0

In Kind Donation: 0

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

March 2023

Project #1:

Delivered B4B to both hospitals.

Volunteer hours: Member: 2 Guest: 2

Project #2:

Three members met to discuss helping Carolyn in researching grant information, and applying for grants.

Volunteer hours: 6

Grand total for March 2023

Number of Programs: 2

Volunteer hours: 8

Club Dollars Used : \$0

In Kind Donation: \$0

Guest volunteer hours: 2

Scholarship

Chairman: Linda Baker

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

March 2023

Project – Review of Scholarships

The scholarship committee received eleven scholarship applications for the five high school scholarships. We received one from West High School, two from Skyview High School, three from Senior High School, three from County High Schools (Laurel and Shepherd) and two for Certification/Licensure (Laurel and Skyview). The scholarship packets are currently being read and evaluated. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st to determine the winners and they will be announced at our meeting on March 21st.

Volunteer hours: 23

Guest hours: 3

Club dollars used: \$0

Project #2 Renewal of 2022 Scholarships for high school students.

The five 2022 winners were sent an email reminder that they needed to send the scholarship chairman a copy of their successful transcript from their college so their money renewal of \$1500.00 could be sent for this next school year. All five students quickly responded with their information. The chairman evaluated the transcripts and prepared the paperwork so the treasurer can send the checks to the appropriate academic institutions.

Volunteer hours: 2

Club dollars used: \$7500.00

Grand total for March 2023

Number of Programs: 2

Volunteer hours: 25

Club Dollars Used : \$7500.00

In Kind Donation:

Guest volunteer hours: 3

ESO

Chairman: Marsha Hotchkiss

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

March 2023

No report submitted.

Environment

Chairman: Bev Silkwood

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

March 2013

No report except to thank everyone for continuing to collect plastic. The wonderful blue truck is getting full!

Health and Wellness

Chairman: Deb Willis

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

March 2023

Project – Comfort Pillows

- Delivered 50 comfort pillows to the Inpatient Surgical Unit
- Put together 25 kits for Riverside Middle School

Club Dollars Used: 0

In Kind Donation: \$6.00

Volunteer Hours: 3

Guest Volunteer Hours: 3 (Todd helped me cut fabric and put into bags)

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

March 2023

Easter Egg Drop

Karin Green's eagle eyes found a screaming deal on Easter Eggs. She purchased several hundred for us, new, varied sizes etc. Florence ordered surprises to fill the eggs from Oriental Trading.

Want to join us on Monday, April 3 at 3:00 at Florence's house to fill the eggs? All are welcome.

Bev Ferguson, former member, was delighted to have us provide eggs for her seven little ones (2-7 years-old). Open to other suggestions. Know of someone struggling or busy helping provide a home for foster kids that would like a bit of help? Let Florence know.

Volunteer hours: 2

Club dollars used: \$200

Valentine's Day Cards

Having not heard from any of you, I'm assuming there was no abundance of cards available for purchase.

Volunteer hours:

Club dollars used: \$0

Pillowcase Dresses

Have you checked with your school contacts to see how they are using the dresses?

Have not received any further input on contacting schools regarding the dresses. Know of anyone traveling to a third-world country with room for a few dresses? We can help as we have many supplies ready to go.

Volunteer hours: 0

Club dollars used: \$0

Blanket Project

Multiple blanket kits have been handed out. Please bring your completed blanket to the meeting. I have purchased enough fabric lengths for 32 blankets. Only a few kits left, I'll bring these to the meeting. "Snappyduds" is working on our fabric labels to attach to the blankets. Should be ready to make the first delivery to the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department before then end of March. Thank you for your hard work. This will be an ongoing project so plan to have more fabric kits at the May meeting. Want to see how it goes with this first delivery before doing more.

Volunteer hours: 20
Club dollars used: \$30.

CASA

Members: Florence Diede, Deb Willis, Barb Hogg, Joan Sleeth

CASA continues to provide MANY learning opportunities for their volunteers. Every month new topics are presented for the volunteers to learn from. Barb was able to visit her CASA child in Phoenix recently. We never transport a child and are discouraged from buying things for them. The CASA office has many donations of books, school supplies, pajamas, games, hygiene items and etc. for us to choose from as needed.

What might be holding you back from giving 5-hours each month to be a part of improving a child's life?

Volunteer hours: 90
Club dollars used: \$0

Family Tree Nurturing Center

Do you have a few hours you would like to volunteer with children? Family Tree is in need of volunteers to help in the Child Care Room. Call Amy Parent 406-252-9799

Jody S. has attended several BOD meeting this month.

Volunteer hours: 3
Club dollars used: \$0

Plan International USA

Our new child is an 8 years old girl from Ecuador. More information in the near future on this program.

Advocates Committee donated \$350.00 to Eagle Mount for summer camps.

School Medical

Chairman: Barb Hogg

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

March 2023

No activity this month.

Grand total for March 2023

Number of Programs: 7

Volunteer hours: 115

Club Dollars Used : \$580.30

In Kind Donation:

Guest volunteer hours:

Building and Grounds

Chairman: Marsha Price

Members: Gayle Carter, Florence Diede

March 2023

Watch for report in April.

Leadership

Florence Diede

Members: Gayle Carter, Marsha Price

March 2023

The latest edition of GFWC Club Woman is ready for your viewing.



Check it out at GFWC.org.

GFWC Convention 2023 will begin June 10-12 in Louisville, KY.

LEADS

Past LEADS graduates are working on a Leadership presentation.

Western States Region Conference Is this 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.

GFWC of Montana

Here are a few upcoming dates:

April 1 Photography contest entries due to Jo Campbell

June 1 Jennie Award entries due to Susan Macartney

Eastern District Convention

Saturday, April 29 at Lockwood Fire District, 501 Johnson Lane, in the meeting room.

Judy Senteney, President, and officers have a great day planned. Please put this on your calendar.

Remember, BJWC will pay your registration and meal costs for this event after attending. Print a BJWC reimbursement form, attach a copy of your registration and submit to Florence for approval. Please do this ASAP as we are nearing the end of our budget year.

Grand total for March 2023

Volunteer hours: 1

Club Dollars Used: \$0

In Kind Donation: \$0

Membership

Chairmen: Marsha Hotchkiss, Peggy O'Brien

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

March 2023

History and Resource

Chairman: Judy Senteney

Members: Gayle Carter, Carolyn Spector,

March 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.

Number of Projects: 1

Guests: 0

Volunteer Hours: 10

Club Monies: 0

In-Kind Monies: 0

Communications/PR

Chairman – Gayle Carter

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

March 2023

Facebook

Please send pictures and include a narrative if your committee wants something posted by Karen.

Volunteer hours: 1

Website

Please visit the site before the meeting. We would like to see the website receive more visits. (I can check how many people visit! :) If your committee has a project or you have pictures to share on the site - send them to gfwc@aol.com.

Take time before the meeting to view the site and if you want something added let us know. Remember that I will be asking questions at the meeting about the website.

Volunteer hours: 1

Email/AOL

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

Volunteer hours: 2

Contests

The GFWC of MT and GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club Websites were sent to GFWC International for the 2022 Website Contests.

The Photography contest received one entry from our club. Linda Baker's entry "Full Moon over the (Adriatic)Sea" was taken near Dubrovnik Croatia.

Volunteer Hours: 1

Grand total for (March 2023

Number of Programs: 3

Volunteer hours: 5

Club Dollars Used :

In Kind Donation: \$5

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

March 2023

Tumbleweed: We continue to supply a hot lunch monthly.

Grand Total for March 2023

Volunteer Hours: 20

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: \$140.00

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Chairman: Barb Barrett

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

February 2023

Feb 8 - Hosted craft day at Casey's Dream. We made Valentine's Day cards- lots and lots! There were about 16 participants making cards and several of them were so excited that they wanted to take home the leftover materials to make more! It was definitely a big hit.

Grand Total for February 2023

Volunteer hours: 4
Club Dollars Use: \$26.74
In Kind Donation: \$6

Document Organization Committee

Chairman: Marsha Price

Members: Judy Senteney, Kathy Broyles, Barbara Hogg

March 2023

No activity this month.

Revised: March 2023