

# GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

September 2024

## AGENDA

### Officers:

President – Marsha Hotchkiss

President Elect – Peggy O'Brien

Secretary – Kristen Stewart

Treasurer – Karin Green

Member at Large – Amanda Webber

Parliamentarian – Gayle Carter

GENERAL MEETING OPENING 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts : School Medical

Regular Meeting opening

Call to order by President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLUB COLLECT

INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes: Kristen Stewart

The minutes were e-mailed to each of you on Sept 16th

Treasurer's Report: Karin Green

The Treasurers report was emailed to you on Sept 16th.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

1. Five Points of Light Challenge

2. National Day of Service
3. Committee Sign-up - Gayle
4. Report from International Convention - Florence
5. Report from Western States Region Convention - Florence,  
Marsha P, Marsha H
6. Montana State Convention in Anaconda
7. Donation Opportunities

## **Adjourn**

## **Committee Reports Summer 2024**

### **Arts & Culture**

Chairmen: Karen Durfey and Kathy Broyles

### **Membership**

Chairmen: Peggy O'Brien

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

#### TOTALS

Number of Projects: 1

Number of Members: 24

Volunteer hours: 12 hours

Club dollars: \$0.00      In Kind dollars: \$400.00

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home of Marsha Price. 24 members attended. We played many games outdoors, including cornhole, marble pickup, “beer” pong, get to know each other, and State of Affairs. Participants brought salads and desserts, and pulled pork sandwiches and drinks were provided by the committee. The event ended with sitting outside and visiting and catching up on everyone’s busy lives. A fantastic time was had by all!

## **Education & Libraries**

Chairman: Karin Green

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BJWC is again sponsoring the High Plains Book Award for the Young Reader/Middle Grade category. The presentation of the award will be Saturday, October 5 · 7:00 PM in the Glacier Room at MSUB. All High Plains book readers are invited to attend the award presentations. The Youth Services Center library was organized this summer and new books were added to appeal to the residents varied interests and reading levels.

## **Books 4 Babies**

Chairman: Joan Sleeth

Members: Bev Silkwood, Lynn Ehresman, Becky McGill, Kathy Broyles, Rena Bucher, Peggy O’Brien, Henrietta Brandon, Karin Green, Marsha Kotchkiss, Kristen Stewart, Fran Sprengelmeyer, Barb Barrett, Ellen Smith, Diana Wohler, Linda Pickard

On June 17-19, club members met to pack the Books for Babies packets at the club garage, one member collected pamphlets from two agencies to be included in our packets. In addition, one member and another volunteer delivered 50 packets each week to the two hospitals to be given to mothers for their babies.

June

Volunteer Hours:

Packet assembly- 54

Packet Delivery- 4

Pamphlet- 2

Total- 60 hours

July-

Volunteer hours-

Packet delivery-2

August-

Volunteer Hours-

Packet Delivery- 4

Grant Received- \$500 Altana Federal Credit Union

Total Summer volunteer hours- 66 hours

Club dollars used- 0

In Kind Donations- 0

## **Pre-school Screening**

Chairman: Becky McGill

## **Scholarship**

Committee Chairman: Linda Baker

Month/Year – Summer 2024

Project – Scholarships for continuing education

Number of Members: 3 Club Dollars Used: \$750.00

Three students applied and each received \$250.00 for their summer class.

Number of Members: 3

Club Dollars Used: \$750.00

Volunteer hours: 4

Grand total for (Month)

Number of Programs: 1

Number of Members 3 Volunteer hours: 3 Club Dollars Used: \$750.00

## **ESO**

Chairmen: Karin Green and Marsha Hotchkiss

### **June 2024**

Eight members met on June 3rd and reported on nine books.

Hours: 12

### **July 2024**

**Seven members met this month and reported on 12 books**

HOURS: 14

### **August 2024**

In August nine members met to report on 18 books!

HOURS: 18

## **September 2024**

Seven members met September 2nd (yes, Labor Day, we like our free pie!) and reported on 13 books.

Hours: 14

## **Health & Wellness**

Chairman: Deb Willis

## **Environment**

Committee Chairman – Bev Silkwood

**Since March 1022 pounds of plastic has been delivered to Albertsons which was enough for another bench which will be donated to Pooh's Too! Denise was more than thrilled at the news and the bench has been ordered and is currently in transit**

**Thanks** to everyone contributing and asking friends, neighbors and fellow church members for contributing to our success. We won't be able to start collecting for another bench until next March, BUT we think keeping plastics out of the landfill is important enough to keep recycling until then as well.

We also delivered 4 dog beds, 2 bags of dog food, 3 bags of dog treats and 30 BJWC dog bone toys to Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. This summer several members took more squeakers to sew more dog toys.

We had 14 members join us in June for a Summer University opportunity of putting together birdhouses and peanut butter/birdseed treats. Big shout out to Ellen Smith for masterminding such a fun and exciting project.

Total for Summer  
Volunteer Hours 64  
Guest Hours 10  
Dollars  
In Kind Donation \$250

## **Civic Engagement & Outreach**

Chairman: Barb Barrett

### Casey's Dream

May 22 - Hosted craft day at Casey's Dream, planting flowers In pots out In front of Casey's Dream building and pots out In the patio pool area.

Volunteer hours: 5

Club Dollars Used: \$153.08

Member Donations Used (In Kind Donation): \$10

Club Members Involved: Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg

### Tumbleweed

May 21 - Presented "Welcome Home" baskets to Tumbleweed for Individuals who were receiving assistance In moving Into their own apartments/rental units. Baskets contained kitchen Items, pots, pan, dishes, silverware, glassware, bathroom Items, towels, cleaning products, toilet tissue, etc. Baskets also Included shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, laundry soap, etc. There were 21 baskets full of Items In all that were presented to Tumbleweed for distribution.

Volunteer hours: 30

Club Dollars Used: \$571.35

Member Donations Used (In Kind Donations): \$300

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

May 24 - \$200 Check donated to Tumbleweed for lunch

Volunteer Hours: .50

Club Dollars Used: \$200

Club Member Involved: Barb Hogg

Lunch Donated throughout the Summer months by members

Member In-kind Donations: \$1,000

Club members Involved: Barb Barrett, Barb Hogg, Marsha Price, Peggy O'Brien, Kristen Stewart, Bev Silkwood, Kathy Broyles, Karen Durfey, Elery Polkow, Marsha Hotchkiss, Judy Senteney.

### Summer University

July 23 - Estate Transfer Planning Workshop. 8 attended this Summer University class held at Billings Public library. Materials offered were \$10 for the document binder and \$5 for Insert pages only.

Club members Involved: Barb Barrett (host)

Club Dollars Used: \$0

## **Domestic Violence**

Chairman: Judy Senteney

**Tumbleweed:** We continue to supply a hot lunch twice monthly and donate supplies of food and clothing. We are preparing for 50 individuals at this time.

Volunteer Hours: 20

Club Dollars Used: 0



In-Kind Donations: 250

**Crisis Center:** 5 of our members have been donating time each week organizing client files so they may be scanned into their computer system. Coordinator Mar-Cee McNeary has been trying to accomplish this task for many months, and staff at the Center simply do not have time to do it.

Volunteer Hours: 117

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: 125

**Grand Total for September:**

Number of Programs: 2

Volunteer Hours: 137

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: 375

**Advocates for Children**

Chairman: Florence Diede

**Blanket project**

Will have some yard lengths ready for tying at the September meeting. Yellowstone Country Sheriff's are so please to have a supply of blankets.

Volunteer hours: 0

Club dollars used:

**CASA**

Barb Hogg, Deb Willis, Joan Sleeth and Florence Diede continue their work with Yellowstone CASA.

Deb works with the Family Advocates Court. Barb is now working with the Native American Family Court. Florence is helping with previewing Continuing Education Materials.

Thinking of becoming a CASA? Attend an information session. Check out the website for dates.

[yellowstonecasa.org](http://yellowstonecasa.org).

Barb went to Phoenix to celebrate his CASA child's high school graduation. Yes, she has been the CASA long over the 22-24 months hoped for in each case... more like 8 years...

Volunteer hours: 80. Always a guess.

Club dollars used: \$00

### **Plan USA**

We have paid the fees to again sponsor Genesis from Peru.

Volunteer hours: 1

Club dollars used: PAID July 2024

### **Upcoming**

Advocates is responsible for the program on October 15. Thanks to Ellen, we have arranged for Tom Jacques with AidSpirit to speak to us. His group works with an orphanage in Kayunga, Uganda. They will be happy to take some pillowcase dress on their next visit in February. So watch for sewing dates upcoming. Join us.

### **Sponsor**

Advocates sponsored Pooh's Too Debbie's granddaughter as a West High Cheerleader. This was a great PR opportunity and chance to have our name circulated within another circle.

Club dollars used: \$100

### **Shot@Life**

Shot@Life is asking that we join them in the Measles Mission. Measles has begun to spread rapidly throughout out world with so many inoculations missed during Covid-19. At WSR lapel pins were sold for a \$10 donation and in just two days \$500 was raised and they sold out of pins.

## **SCHOOL MEDICAL**

Volunteer hours:

Club dollars used: \$

## **Communications & PR**

Chairman: Gayle Carter

### **Project – Maintain Website / Summer University**

Photos were taken at the Summer University events and posted on the website. June was removed in August but July and /August are still posted. Just added was the last class “Painting Pavers. TAKE A LOOK! The classes will be removed before the October meeting so look and see yourself in action. Nine classes were held and very well attended. More than 25 members participated in different events.

Summer University 2024

Zoo/Photography

Six members and two guests toured the Zoo on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Gayle Carter conducted a class on the way to submit a photograph to the Montana State Photography Contest. Everyone was encouraged to take photos during the tour and submit them to her to have them included on our website. She also gave them the materials to submit their photo to the contest.

The tour was great and the guide gave us blankets to cover up with because the weather was a little rainy. Remember the blankets we donated to them when we purchased the zoo mobile for the zoo. Well they came in very handy. Our tour was excellent and we had lots of laughs. After the tour some of us went to the Meadowlark for lunch. By Linda Baker

Please send pictures of your September events so your committees events can be appreciated.

**Number of Members: 25 members +**

**15 event leaders and committee members lead the events**

**Club Dollars Used: 0**

**Volunteer hours: 37**

**Project – Maintain Email**

Information for the club was sent all summer. In addition, each Summer University class/event received a reminder one week before the class. This reminder added an opportunity for changes such as joining the class or letting the leader know that the member could not attend..

**Number of Members: 1**

**Club Dollars Used: 0**

**Volunteer hours: 8**

**Project – Club Directory**

The club directory was updated this summer and sent twice during the summer for correction. When all the membership for 2024-25 is finalized it will be printed and hopefully distributed at the October meeting.

A rough copy will be passed around at Tuesday's meeting for an opportunity to check one more time.

**Number of Members: 1**

**Club Dollars Used: 0**

**Volunteer hours: 8**

## **Project- Committee Membership List**

A committee membership list was sent to all members for them to chose new committees or remain on the same committees. Five corrections have been made and updated on the list. A hard copy will be sent around Tuesday's meeting for additional changes to be made.

**Number of Members: 1**

**Club Dollars Used: \$0**

**Volunteer hours: 2**

Grand total

**Volunteer Hours: 55**

**Number of Programs: 4**

**Club Dollars Used: \$0**

**In Kind Donation:**

## **Building and Grounds**

**Marsha Price Chairman**

Ongoing discussion and implementing the drainage and concrete sidewalk replacement.

Number of members 3  
Volunteer hours 20  
Club dollars \$21,308.00  
In Kind Donation \$0.

Discussions with Denise to discuss front entry and Detention pond construction.

Number of members 1  
Volunteer hours - 2  
Club dollars \$0  
In Kind Donation \$0.

Meet with City of Billings Public Water Dept regarding the shut off

Number of members 1  
Volunteer hours 1.5  
Club dollars \$0  
In kind Donations \$0

More conversations with Denise regarding their bank account being compromised and setting up auto deposit.

Number of members 1  
Volunteer hours 1  
Club dollars \$0

Meeting with Studer Construction about the concrete work and tying in a PVC drain to pond from roof

Number of members – 1  
Volunteer hours – 3  
Club dollars - \$0.

In Kind Donation - \$0.

Met again with PUD regarding low water pressure

Number of members – 1

Volunteer hours – 2

Club Dollars -\$0

In Kind – 0

Nursery double door didn't have a key. Met with Locksmith to replace lock and key

Number of members – 1

Volunteer hours – 2

Club Dollars - \$ 120.

In Kind \$0

Discussion with Denise regarding parking space striping and bumpers, cone and caution tape, door closure issues and code pads

Members – 1

Volunteer hours – 4

Club Dollars \$0

In Kind Dollars – 0

Interviewed and hire landscape company for sod work

Members – 1

Volunteer hours – 2

Club Dollars – unknown as of yet

Sod and temporary irrigation system Installed

Members -3

Volunteer hours - 8

Club Dollars - \$4,722.8

In Kind -0-

Watered new sod for 5 days

Members 1

Volunteer hours 7

Club Dollars \$0

In Kind \$140.

Listed and sold 2- 12 place folding lunch tables for Denise

Members 1

Volunteer hours – 4

Club Dollars - \$0

In Kind \$ 0

Hired Plumber to repair water main from street to curb key. New line volume

Members 1

Volunteer hours -1

Club Dollars \$123.75

In Kind - \$0

Toilet not flushing

Members – 1



Volunteer hours - 1

Club dollars \$150.00

Stove top not heating

Members – 1

Volunteer hours - 1

Club Dollars - \$0

In Kind \$0

Air Conditioner not working properly. We have 5 complete HVAC units. One is not working so it was decided to replace that complete unit including the roof compressor. The old one is 18 years old. Parts are ordered

Members – 3

Volunteer hours – 4

Club Dollars – quote = \$12,200.00

In Kind - \$0

Reported that the drains were emitting a foul smell

Members – 1

Volunteer hours – 1

Club dollars \$0

In Kind \$ 10.

Weed Wack and spray weeds at garage

Members -1

Volunteer hrs. – 3

Club Dollars - \$0

In Kind - \$40.

## **TOTALS**

**Number of Projects 18**

**Number of Members 3**

**Volunteer hours – 72.5**

**Club dollars \$ 26,424.59**

**In Kind \$ 190.**

## **Leadership**

Chairman: Florence Diede

### **GFWC Convention**

Florence Diede attended the GFWC Convention. She participated workshops and the gala installation event. This was her last official duties on the GFWC Board of Directors for 2022-2024.

---Suellen Brazil was installed as the International President.

---13 Countries of GFWC members attended representing 60,000 members

---Alzheimer's has become our newest affiliate organization.

### **Western States**

WSR meeting was held at the GFWC Convention. Sandy Conrady conducted her last meeting as president. Pam Briggs of Oregon was installed as WSR President. Florence Diede will be serving as Chairman of the Credentials Committee for 2024-2026.

September 5-8 was the WSR Convention in Tukwila, WA near Seattle. Marsha Hotchkiss, Marsha Price and Florence Diede attended and thoroughly enjoyed the speakers and information gained from the presenters. We will share at the September meeting. President Suellen Brazil and President-Elect Wendy Carriker and Mary Beth Williams (Colorado) Second Vice President attended.

### **GFWC of Montana**

GFWC Montana Fall Board meeting will be this weekend September 20-21 in Anaconda. President Karen Gustavsen will officially begin her term. Marsha Price, Marsha Hotchkiss, Gayle Carter, Deb. Willis and Florence Diede plan to attend.

Several members of BJWC hold GFWC MT positions for the 2024-2026 term. All members are encouraged to attend.

Dollars Spent: \$

### **Membership**

Chairman: Peggy O'Brien

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### **History & Resource**

Chairman: Deb Will

### **Document Organization**

Chairman: Marsha Price

One member spent time re-arranging the area and locating Montana Woman Magazine articles for Joyce Rogers. She is archiving all the issues. The only ones missing now are from 1960 and earlier.

Members – 1

Volunteer hours – 2      Club Dollars - \$0

BJWC Billings May 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

President: Barbara Hogg

Co-President Elect: Marsha Hotchkiss, Peggy O'Brien Secretary: Ellen Smith

Treasurer: KarinGreen

Member at Large: Kathy Broyles  
Parliamentary Advisors: Gayle Carter, Kristen Stewart

**Members Present:** Harriett Brandon, Frances Sprengelmeyer, Rena Bucher, Beverly Silkwood, Florence Diede, Linda Baker, Gayle Carter, Lynn Ehresman, Kristen Stewart, Barbara Hogg, Peggy O'Brien, Karin Green, Debbie Willis, Judy Senteney, Kathy Broyles, Marsha Hotchkiss, Amanda Weber, Barbara Barrett, Karin Durfey, Jody Schofield, Nancy McManus, Mary Huffmaster and Cheryl McCall.

**Announcements:** Barbara Hogg-Karin Gufertson needs names, emails and phone numbers of the new officers. Please indicate if you'd rather not share yours.

Minutes from April approved as submitted. Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

**Correspondence:**

Scholarships have been changed, instead of inviting the families to meet us we now give a \$50 gift card for the winners to use in any way they want. There are many thanks from the winners and their families.

The Arts committee received thanks from Yellowstone Art Museum.

Domestic Violence committee received thanks from Angela's piazza and Family Promise.

Health and Wellness received thanks from Shot at Life.

Civic Engagement received thanks from Tumbleweed.

Environmental Committee received thanks from Audubon Society, Dogtag Buddies, Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter, Montana Zoo, TrailNet and Heifer International.

Family Nurturing Tree Center sent thanks for the Babies behind bars program support. Young families have a read to your buddy program.

From Barbara Barrett, Debbie Willis' sister's memorial was donated to Northwest College.

**Unfinished Business:**

Florence Diede reported on the new state president's 5 points of light project:

1. NationalDayofService
2. Doubletheinvolvementoftheclubmembersinthelegislature.
3. SupportGFWCprograms
4. Shoutoutyourstory
5. Raise\$6,000tocombattheriseofFentanylinourcommunities.

The GFWC International person, Wendy (Carrilk???), is now Vice President.

Ride for a Woman is a program in Uganda that rents bikes to tourists and uses the proceeds to support victims of domestic violence.

Easter District: Big Timber and Billings, decided to use budget to get \$500 to address food insecurity for local kids.

Inspiration Leader from Florence Diede, for a memorial service they did a "Bumblebee" story about that person.

We received the outstanding efforts in Membership award.  
Special projects chair, Debbie Willis, we can order pins to support the 5 points special project.  
Easter District will have their Fall meeting in September.

From Barbara Barrett, Tumbleweed care packets and baskets are doing well. With Joan Sleeth's help there are 22 ready now for delivery to Tumbleweed. More donations are great, be on the lookout for cups/plates/silverware in sets of 4.

Summer University: If you're on the list, you'll receive a notification before the event, if you can no longer attend please reply so that waiting list members can be shuffled in.

#### **Installation of New Members:**

Amanda Webber and Susan Lovers were installed in person.  
Judy Fisher, Laura Fisher and Carrie Egan couldn't attend the meeting, but are installed. **New Officers for 2024-2026:**

Co-Presidents: Peggy O'Brien and Marsha Hotchkiss

President Elect:

Secretary: Kristen Stewart

Treasurer: KarinGreen

Member at Large:

Parliamentary Advisors:

Many thanks to Barbara Hogg for her service, a gift of a windchime and flowers were given.

Adjourned 8:15pm

#### Treasurer's Report Sep-24

Advocates

Arts & Culture

Books for Babies Building and Grounds Civic Engagement Communication and PR Domestic

Violence Education

Environment

Health & Wellness Leadership Membership/ Hospitality Scholarship  
School Medical Operating Expenses

Checking Account (0518) Savings Account (1187) Children's Foundation

Checking (8437)  
Books for Babies (6511)

Investment Account

1/31/24 5/31/24 6/30/24 7/31/24 8/31/24

24-25 Budget

\$6,250 \$3,200 \$3,600

\$33,000 \$2,000 \$1,200 \$2,850 \$1,000 \$3,500 \$1,400

\$10,300 \$1,750 \$10,200 \$2,500 \$2,000

\$21,824 \$20,372.57

\$15,293.79 \$3,750.52

\$197,173.69 \$210,834.95 \$214,413.42 \$209,389.07 \$212,964.03

Expenditures

\$567.88 \$0 \$0

\$5,781.59 \$0

\$0

\$0 \$500 \$0 \$0 \$2,067.00 \$0 \$750.00 \$0 \$511