

JWL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 30th, 2017 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order in the boardroom of Return Engagement at 6:02pm. Roll call was taken and the minutes from November 2nd were read and approved.

President's Report (Leslie Newell)

I hope that everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed spending time with your loved ones. We are deep into the League year and we have so much to be proud of already. As we wrap up 2017 and head into the holiday season, I am so thankful for your contributions to League and our mission. Every work night, donation, cookbook sale, GIVE hour, or gala sponsorship adds up to make a big difference in our community. Don't lose sight of the big picture and remember-these small actions make for a lasting memories.

I want to thank Jena McNaughton and the Social Committee for hosting the Christmas Luncheon last week. We had a great turnout and it's always fun to visit with some of our honorary and sustaining members hear stories from their time in League.

We are only days away from our Annual Charity Gala. Since we won't be meeting again until January, I'd like to have Tiffany, Courtney, and the Gala Committee stand. Let's show them our appreciation for their hard work in organizing this fantastic event! Ahead of Gala, I would like to remind everyone that while Gala is easily the best party of the year, we are representing League at this event. I want everyone to have a great time, *and* for us to have no injuries or illnesses at the event. Also if your dress has a train, please consider hemming or bustling it for the safety of our guests 😊

It's also time to start planning for next year—please be thinking not only about potential provisional members, but also in what capacity you would like to serve. Officer nomination forms will be available at the next meeting. Please reach out to me or any board member if you have any questions about a board position.

Issues for Board Meeting

1. Our next board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 4. Board reports** need to be e-mailed or submitted via Wufoo to Diane and myself by **December 31**. If you have anything for the agenda, I need to know that by the 31st as well. Thank you to everyone who met the deadline or sent me a message about their report.
2. If you cannot be at any board meetings, please notify Diane and assign a proxy if you are a voting member. And if you cannot be at a General Meeting, please have someone designated to read your report for you.

Executive Vice President (Maranda Phares)-no report

Vice President Parliamentarian (Laura Lang)-

This is the time of year when my position starts its busy time. As VPP, I am chair of the Gentry Neal Scholarship Selection Committee, Gala Disbursement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Admissions Committee. If you are asked to serve on one of these committees, please consider doing so as each of them is very rewarding.

As 2017 winds down, we need to direct our attention to League efforts for next year. If you know someone you feel would be a great fit for an office, please speak with her to see if she would be willing to serve in that capacity.. At the January meeting, I will accept suggestion forms for the next slate of elected positions. After forms are collected, the Nominating Committee will meet to discuss all names and decide on a suggested slate to recommend to the general membership.

The Admissions Committee will also meet in January to discuss applications for the 2018 provisional class. Please give your prospective provisional names and forms to EVP Maranda Phares so she can complete her paperwork before the January 15 deadline. If you have any questions about qualifications or procedure, please consult your bylaws or ask me, Leslie, or Maranda.

The Gala Disbursement Committee will also meet after Gala numbers have been finalized to determine the amounts to be awarded to each of our chosen recipients: Fleece Friends Foundation, Loaves and Fishes, Gaslight Theatre, and Leonardo's Children's Museum. Our own Care to Share program will be receiving \$10,000 that was already approved to partially fund that program.

And finally, we will soon be accepting applications for this year's Gentry-Neal Scholarship. This is a

\$1,000 scholarship presented to an area senior based largely on community service efforts of the applicant. A downloadable application will be on our website soon, and yes, family of League members are eligible.

As always, thank you for your dedication to League and to your community.

Treasurer (Jessica Caruthers)

General Checking 88,552.81

H&S Holding 1,612.48

Emergency Savings 13,236.64

Building Maintenance Fund 13,270.65

Endowment Fund 1,303.60

Assistant Treasurer (Jomara Ortiz)

Thank you to all the members that have submitted their payments.

Please continue to pay for membership dues, T-shirts (Gala and general), Gala tickets and cookbooks.

There is a list on the back with the names of people that have already paid.

Contact me if you have any questions regarding payment.

Please leave your money in the Assistant Treasurer's inbox at RE.

Corresponding Secretary (Elizabeth Hurlbutt)

Received the 100 Christmas cards and in process of sending them out.

Received maternity request from Ryan Zaloudek and Andrea Gober.

Received a resignation request from Stacy Barber.

A motion was made by Laura Lang and seconded by Jessica Caruthers to grant resignation in good standing to Stacy Barber. Upon reinstatement she would begin her Provisional Year. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kim Collins and seconded by Jessica Caruthers to grant maternity leave for the months of November, December, and January to Ryan Zaloudek. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Lang and seconded by Jessica Caruthers to grant maternity leave for the months of November, December, and January to Andrea Semrad-Gober. The motion carried.

We had a discussion around whether maternity leave covered the Gala requirements, we decided to have a case by case basis and discuss this more in the credit and hours meeting.

Credit & Hours Chair (Kim Collins)

19 ladies reported 360 hours for the month of November. I have been asked to share all hours reported for each working committee for the first half of the year. Therefore, it is really important that all members catch up their hours reporting up through December so that I can accurately reflect that information in my mid-year reports.

If anyone needs assistance with how to make a report to Wufoo please see me after the meeting or text me at 405-323-9297. It's really easy and I'd be happy to assist if you.

I will once again conduct a drawing for a bottle of wine for those ladies who reported this past month on Wufoo.

Project Chair (Tiffany Harvey & Courtney Strzinek)

We have raised over \$46,000!

We are in the black!

Our guest count right now is over 330 and we expect ticket sales to pick up in the next 2 weeks

Flyers have been printed and distributed, and invitations have gone out

Currently the program is being finalized and Bidr trainer has began

We still have over \$1000 in unpaid member tickets. Please remember you are required to purchase a ticket even if you are going to be sitting with someone in a lounge or at a table. If you want to sell your ticket to someone else you can certainly do that. Just please let us know we can make sure to assign or reassign that ticket.

Since we are in the arena this year, our storage area is Bud Light Alley in stead of the board room. So just keep in mind when you come up to work, if you bring your kiddos, they can't go into Bud Light Alley - you must be 21 to enter that space, even if they are not serving alcohol at that time.

Also everything will need to be stored in Bud Light Alley immediately after our event. We can come the next day to get everything - but they need our stuff out. Mood knows this and we are working with Ryan and Enid Floral and the tent rental company to make sure they are aware.

New projects or tasks:

In the next couple of weeks we are doing another Community Talk and filming for Good Morning Enid.

Lyft is now available in Enid. We will be reaching out to those that we know drive for Lyft and make sure they know about our event and are on duty and we will make sure our attendees know about this before and during the event.

We are raffling off a Jump the line ticket(s). This will allow you to cut to the front of the line at the bar all night long avoiding the lines. Anyone registered on Bidr by 11:59 PM on December 15th will get one free entry, and tickets can be purchased on Bidr or at the event. 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

Return Engagement Steering (Stephanie Carr)

The next "Lock-in" is scheduled for January 2018 date to be determined and will be announced via Facebook and email.

We would like to give employees a bonus for Christmas and will be passing a basket to collect money to purchase a gift card. The amount of their bonus will depend on how much we collect at this meeting. We are able to take cash or check for this donation, just please write in the memo portion of the check "employee gift".

The next steering meeting will be January 18, 2018 @ 6:30pm. The next Class work night is for 4th year members on January 30th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please bring a snack or a beverage to share. A Facebook event will be created, please add any 4th year members and H&S members.

Reminders: All items need to be cleaned and pressed. If they are not in EXCELLENT and PRESSED condition those items will be donated to the Salvation Army. Please make sure all items brought to the store are worth at least \$3.00. Make sure and hang all clothing on the store issued hangers.

Cookbook Steering (Monica Rorick)

ENID WELCOME TABLE - we had 9 ladies participate in serving the less fortunate in our area, which included Jessica Caruther's daughter, Delaney (who was a big hit and a HUGE help).

Thank you to all who purchased supplies, made desserts and served that day. It was a wonderful experience and I recommend anyone volunteering for this organization.

STIRUPS CONTEST - the winner of most sales/credits/purchases is.....

The winner of the most used is.....

The winner of both combined categories is.....

BUNDLE SALE - During the month of December we will be having our holiday bundle sale. You can purchase one of each of our cookbooks for \$25 for the set. Individual cookbooks will still be sold at the original prices. Please make sure you add tax of 9.1% when writing your checks, making the total \$27.28

Care to Share (Kasi Bezdicek)

Care to Share has a total of **39 hours** to report for the month of November. We have assisted 9 schools and 45 students from Hennessey, Chisholm, Carver, Garfield, Coolidge, Glenwood, Adams, Monroe & Waller. A total of **\$1457.90** was spent on Clothing, Coats, Shoes, Socks, Coats, Mittens & Stocking hats and backpacks.

Friday (Dec 1) We were able to hand out gloves and hats to the kids at Carver Pre-K. Thank You to everyone that was able to come out and help. If you ever get the opportunity to help us hand out items at Carver, I encourage you all to go. It will definitely touch your heart and fully get you into the Christmas Spirit.

Public Relations (Ryan Zaloudek)

Website has been renewed, but is still inactive. Emailed Kelly Tompkins (original web designer, I think) in early November, but have not heard back. Have been busy and forgotten to check in with her, but will do so this week. The issue lies with updating our domain somewhere, but I'm not sure where since I was under the assumption that everything was through Weebly. Will report back when I have more info.

Community Donations (Laura Lang)-no report

Development/Project Planning (Kim Collins)

In February we will have Girls Night Out. The purpose of Girls Night Out to is to seek feedback from all members in the ways we can improve League, both for the benefit of the community, and for our members who work hard to make League successful. We typically divide this into two groups. Tonya Rowe has graciously volunteered to let us use her house. We need another volunteer for the second location. In January we will have an online surveys, that we will ask each member to complete. The results will help guide our discussions at Girls Night Out.

Wish Families (Kathryn Oard)-

Purchasing gifts for two foster children in Garfield County.
Pass along any more ideas for opportunities to the committee

Social (Jena McNaughton)-no report

GIVE (Jessica Easterwood)-no report

Building Chair/Work Night Chair (Jennifer Williams)-no report

Honorary Chair (Pam Schoenhaals)- no report

Sustaining Chair (Linda Outhier)-no report

NEW BUSINESS-none

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Feightner

Recording Secretary