

**JWL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 6, 2017**

The meeting was called to order in St Mathews at 6:04pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Elizabeth Hurlbutt led us in prayer. Roll call was taken and the minutes from October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 were read and approved.

**President's Report (Leslie Newell)**

Wow, is it really November already? This year is flying by and we've had so many fun league activities so far! I would like to thank everyone who has given time to this organization over the past few months. Every small effort you make adds up, which I'm sure you'll see in our committee reports. We have made great progress toward our goals this year and we still have so much time to make this the best year yet!

Happy November birthday to Kasi Bezdicek, Monica Janes, Whitney Hall and Stacy Barber. There is a bag being passed around with a small gift for each of you. Please let me know after the meeting if we missed anyone so we can update our records.

A few reminders:

- a. Please pay attention during all board reports. We will be having votes concerning particular offices and committees directly following the respective reports.
- b. Board sheets and proxy forms are on the tables. Please review them prior to voting. If you need to leave early, please leave a signed proxy with another member. You'll also find a summary of each board report projected here. This will be sent out after each general meeting for your review.
- c. If you have an announcement, please fill out a form and leave it with Diane.

I'd like to share with you a letter from our Honorary chair, Pam Schoenhals-  
*Dear Leslie and JWL Board of Directors,*

*Please accept my most sincere apologies for not attending any board or general meetings since my induction as JWL honorary chair in May. Years ago I was Leslie's "faith friend" at our church and I really hate to not be there to support her.*

*In early September I was diagnosed with breast cancer and have been consumed with all which that entails. I am very blessed to have a positive prognosis and if all goes as planned, I should complete my treatments by Christmas. As I told Leslie in our phone conversation, I hope to be joining you all after the first of the year. In the meantime, I would be grateful for all the prayers and positive vibes you can send my way!*

*Warmest regards,*

*Pam Schoenhals*

*I know we will all keep Pam in our thoughts over the next few months and I know she is excited to be back with us soon.*

**Executive Vice President (Maranda Phares)**-no report

**Vice President Parliamentarian (Laura Lang)**-no report

**Treasurer (Jessica Caruthers)**

Balances as of 10/26/17:

General Checking: \$84,654.23

H&S Holding: \$1,612.48

Emergency Savings: \$13,235.52

Building Maintenance Fund: \$13,194.53

Endowment Fund: \$1,303.60

### **Assistant Treasurer (Jomara Ortiz)**

Please leave your check or cash in the Assistant Treasurer's Box at RE for the following:

- Membership dues - Fee is \$60.00. An increase of \$10 was applied after October 31st.
- Gala tickets - \$75.00.
- JWL T-shirt - \$12
- Gala T-shirt - \$15

### **Corresponding Secretary (Elizabeth Hurlbutt)**

Received Membership resignations from Amanda Key and Sara Curtright

We received thank you notes from Bennies Barn for our donation of \$320.00

Loaves and Fishes for sending volunteers for the food drive.

A HUGE Thank you and APPLAUSE to Angela Williams for the beautiful photo that we will use on our JWL Christmas Cards.

### **Credit & Hours Chair (Kim Collins)**

\*We had 25 ladies turn in 376 hours for the month of October

\*Drawing for Bottle of Wine

\*Please remember to post your hours to wufoo.

### **Project Chair (Tiffany Harvey & Courtney Strzinek)**

With the outstanding sponsors, tables, and ads that we believe we will still obtain, we are projecting to be well into the black before event, but this isn't the time to get relaxed. This is exactly the time to push to close that deal! Courtney and I feel really good about where we are at. It has been reported to us that at least one of our sponsors, who is also providing an auction item, and doing a full-page ad, saw us at our booths that we have been doing and are new to our event this year. So, our outreach is working. I want to personally say a big Thank you to Courtney who has been relentless with the marketing! With that there are about a third of the membership that have not reached their \$200 credits/hours requirement. We want to make sure everyone has the chance to meet that requirement - so Danielle and I will have lists available for you, after this meeting, to sign up to contact some new businesses. Please see us afterwards. Kara Taylor is going to be helping with those ad sponsors from last year that haven't committed yet. You might receive a phone call or email from her, but I could be helpful to reach out to her first if you have one you know you are close on closing, or haven't had any luck getting a response from.

Reach out to Danielle Henry about auction items

Reach out to Tiffany Harvey about sponsorships

### **New projects or tasks:**

Sign-up sheet will be going around for your preference of day and times to get your 3 hours of Gala Once we know who wants to work during the event - we will have Bidr training on how the system works. Remember there is a 3 hour requirement to work the weekend of Gala. If you have a conflict with working the actual weekend, get with us now and we can work with you, maybe writing thank you cards, or helping with a project before the event.

Bidr keeps updating and it just keeps getting better and better for us. It will allow us to do "shout outs" during the evening - while also showing the amount we are raising in real time on the silent auction. We can also show specific items and what the current bid is

We will have 2 page spread in E-Town prior to the event  
Radio ads will start soon

The Girls Night Out @ The Bridal Shop is November 8

## **Return Engagement Steering (Stephanie Carr)**

The "Lock-in" scheduled for Sunday October 29th from 2pm-6pm was a huge success.

We would like to give employees a bonus for Christmas and will be passing a basket to collect money to purchase a gift card or visa cash card. The amount of their bonus will depend on how much we collect at this meeting and the one in December.

Reminders: Any clothing items over size 4T need to go on regular size hangers. Please consider stopping by for an hour a month to get those hours taken care of while helping us stay on track too. All members except provisional need additional 10 hours at Return Engagement.

The next steering meeting will be November 16, 2017 @ 6:30pm where we will be discussing the next lock in and schedule a date. The next Class work night is for 3rd year members on Wednesday November 29th from 6pm-8pm. Please bring a snack or a beverage to share. A Facebook event has been created, please add any 3rd year members and H&S members.

Thank you to the 13 members that showed up to help. Shannon Robinson Maisie Hinrichs, Casie Vos, Monica Rorick, Jomara Ortiz, Diane Feightner, Laura Lang, Stephanie Carr, Phebe Frisbee, Julie Nelson, Ashley Weibling, Whitney Hall and Leslie Newell. Also would like to thank the spouses that come in and help us, we really do appreciate them too.

## **Cookbook Steering (Monica Rorick)**

- Bundle Sale at November's First Friday Nov 3 - StirUps and Cooking by the Boot Straps will be sold together at a special price of \$25 per set for Nov 3rd's First Friday event at Return Engagement. Book sets will be wrapped in holiday ribbon, ready for holiday giving. This price will only be available to the public this night at RE, so come by and get yours early!!  
\*Remember to mention an active member or provisional when making your cookbook purchase at RE to give that individual cookbook credit for the sale.
- Cookbook at the ESPCA Wine and Food Festival Nov 4 - Gabriella Wilson has invited cookbook to join her at her booth at the Annual ESPCA Wine and Food Festival this year. Gabriella was key in the production of Cooking by the Boot Straps during her time as an active JWL member, and will be making 2 dishes from our cookbooks for the event. We will have members there to share samples of Gabriella's recipes, as well as offering a special price on our cookbooks for the evening. We want to say a BIG thank you to Gabriella for including us in the special event!!  
\*\*Tickets for the ESPCA Wine and Food Festival are \$35 each and can be purchased at the ESPCA, The Cat Clinic, Visit Enid or online at [espca.org/winefestival](http://espca.org/winefestival).
- JWL @ Enid Welcome Table Nov 19 - JWL will be feeding our community by taking over the Enid Welcome Table at Central Christian Church for a day. We will be making our famous Chicken Tetrizzini, along with other treats from our cookbooks. Help is still needed for this endeavor! If you are interested in participating, purchasing supplies for our meal, or making a dessert, please contact Monica at [jwlcobookoffice@gmail.com](mailto:jwlcobookoffice@gmail.com) or call/text at (580)402-1909

Keep an eye out for future cookbook specials and events!!!  
Happy Cooking!

### **Care to Share (Kasi Bezdicek)**

Care to Share is reporting a total of 27 hours. We were able to help 24 students in October. We purchased food to help Glenwood with their food the weekend project to finish out October. We also purchased lots of clothing, coats, shoes & hygiene items for 8 schools.

Coming up we will be getting partnering up with Carver Pre-K to hand out gloves and hats to the kids. When I get a date set, we will post it on the FB page and would love for anyone that can to join us.

### **Public Relations (Ryan Zaloudek)**

Jennifer Niehus for completing her first newsletter! My mind has not been focused on JWL lately and she stepped in and got it finished.

### **Community Donations (Laura Lang)**

*Upon recommendation of the Board and the Finance/Community Donations Committee a motion was made by Stephanie Carr and seconded by Elizabeth Hurlbutt to approve the following requests: to donate \$100 to the Enid Chamber of Commerce to be donated to the Enid Higher Education Council. The Enid Higher Education Council works to provide access to affordable, quality higher education by assisting area students with scholarship opportunities that allow them to pursue a college education in Enid. The motion carried.*

### **Development/Project Planning (Kim Collins)**

No new fundraising suggestions were made

LDPP committee voted and agreed to suggest that Gala will once again be our fundraising project for 18-19

Like to move that the membership vote to accept Gala as our fundraising effort for next year

*A motion was made by Laura Lang and seconded by Jessica Caruthers to approve Gala as the JWL 2018-2019 project. The motion carried*

### **Wish Families (Kathryn Oard)-no report**

### **Social (Jena McNaughton)**

- Fantasy Football is still in full swing.

-Christmas Luncheon will be held on November 29th at 11:30am at the Oakwood Country Club. The cost is \$22.00 by check (Asst Treasurer's box at RE) or PayPal (email [jena.mcnaughton@yahoo.com](mailto:jena.mcnaughton@yahoo.com)). RSVP as soon as possible to reserve a seat ([jwlrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:jwlrsvp@gmail.com)).

-Immediately following this General Meeting, the Social Committee is hosting Happy Hour at Callahan's. This is a wonderful time for members to casually get to know one another and talk about all things Junior Welfare League or nothing at all.

### **GIVE (Jessica Easterwood)-no report**

### **Building Chair/Work Night Chair (Jennifer Williams)-**

The roof at RE has been repaired.

### **Honorary Chair (Pam Schoenhaals)- no report**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. We are needing a new babysitter, if anyone has any recommendations, please let Leslie know.
2. The t-shirts are here from the reorder

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Monica Rorick-Creative Arts Fundraiser-"Deck the Balls" on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The price is \$25/person and \$40/couple if purchased early and \$30/person and \$50/couple at the door. and they need volunteers to paint ornaments. The dates area November 11, 18, 19, 20-22.
2. Monica Rorick-Atomic Beauty Studio is booking appt for Gala updos for \$35

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

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Diane Feightner**

**Recording Secretary**