

**JWL April/May General Meeting Extended Minutes  
June 1, 2020**

**Note: there was no April General Meeting due to the COVID-19 city wide shutdown. The May General Meeting is being held today, this first day of June.**

**The meeting came to order at 6:31 pm, following the presentation of the scholarship awards and Gala beneficiary recipients accepting their checks. We were led in prayer by Whitney Hall, the pledge of allegiance was recited, roll was called and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with no corrections. There was no meeting in April due to the citywide Covid-19 Quarantine Shutdown. The May meeting is being held this first day of June, again related to the shutdown. Board reports were shared.**

President's **Final** Board Report:

- a. **President's Report- 1. WELCOME BACK! I am so happy to see that we have all survived THE COVID quarantine of 2020. Historically, this is one of our most exciting meetings, but now it is also one of our unique. I am happy to see so many new provisional members as well as any Honorary & Sustaining members joining us tonight. Each year, the new provisional class helps us grow stronger and add new ideas to our organization. I can't wait to see how you will bring your strengths to League and watch your friendships grow in this special experience. I would also like to thank the Honorary and Sustaining members who have joined us this evening. Your time and gifts have made our year better, and I sincerely appreciate your input and advice!***
- b. **This is our last meeting of our 89<sup>th</sup> league year. It is crazy how fast it has flown by.***
- c. **First, I would like to speak to our 6<sup>th</sup> year members as this is your last meeting. We thank you. We thank you for ALWAYS being there. I can't think of a single event where at least one member of PC 14 was not there. Each of you have left your unique mark on this organization and for this you should be very proud. We thank you for remaining determined, consistent, and present. We thank you for fulfilling the legacy of those who went before you. We thank you for being the example of service above self for those who will follow in your footsteps. We thank you for***

*helping to guide us, especially in this last year. Your constant presence, love, commitment will be greatly missed.*

- d. Secondly, to my amazing board...I know it is customary for each President to say they had the best board, but in my case, this was true. These ladies are the backbone of this organization. We could not have made it through the year or have been nearly as successful if it weren't for your continued commitment and service to League and our community. Thank you all again for all you do, have done, and will do.*
- e. I have a small gift of my appreciation for each of you. It is not near what each of you deserve, but know it comes with love and deepest appreciation – a maybe a slight suggestion to relax and enjoy the summer and sunshine. Please pick out one when you give your board report.*
- f. To the general membership....In a time of unprecedented events – where our town, country, and world are in turmoil, I challenge you. I challenge you to be the eyes in ears of our community. I challenge you to be the advocates of those less fortunate among us and work to serve where possible. I challenge you to be the selfless servants, humble spokeswomen, and gracious givers within this amazing organization as it moves into its 90<sup>th</sup> year of service.*
- g. Thank you all for allowing me to serve the last 365 days as your President. This organization has been a blessing to my life and I am grateful that through it, I have met amazing people, formed timeless friendships and bonds, and even done some good along the way. It has been a pleasure serving with you. Thank you again.*
- h. 2. We have so many exciting activities coming up during the summer months, and I hope you'll be able to participate in as many as possible. We will be throwing lots of dates at you this evening so have your calendars ready.*
- i. 3. Happy April birthday to Jenny Grittman, and Jessica Ransom. Happy May birthday to Cassie Barr, Danielle Henry, and Kelli Schovanec. Please take a small gift from the Birthday Bag from me. If I missed you at any point this year, please take a gift and let me know so that we may update our records.*
- j. 4. Thank you to the Gala Gals, Andrea Semrad-Gober and the April Hostesses & Carrie Lang and the May Hostesses for hostessing tonight's unique meeting.*
- k. 5. Our next board meeting will be scheduled by Courtney, so be watching for those updates during the summer months.*

- l. 6. A few reminders- If you are an officer or committee chair, please continue working on your notebooks and end-of-year reports. One copy of the report stays in the notebook (please include your contact info), and one is for me (for my report and history update—mine can be emailed to me). If you have them completed, you can leave them with me tonight. Otherwise, you can leave them at RE on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please include two copies of your final reports. If you have been issued any keys this year that you no longer need, please turn them in to Courtney.*
- m. 7. If you have an announcement, please fill out a form and leave it with Kim Collins. We will get to those after the New Business portion of the meeting.*
- n. 8. 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.*
- o. 9. Please pay attention during all board reports. We will be having votes concerning our unusual circumstances, particular offices, and committees directly following the respective reports.*
- p. 10. In an effort to address the 6 weeks of lost time due to the COVID-19 Quarantine, the Board has discussed and recommends that the 2019 – 2020 league year be extended to June 15, 2020 to allow for additional time to complete and submit those final required hours. Additionally, the Board recommends that a reduction of hours be applied to the 2019-2020 working committee and RE hours. The update will be as follows: **WORKING COMMITTEE WOULD BE REDUCED TO 33 HOURS. RE HOURS WOULD BE REDUCED TO 8 HOURS.***
- q. Please Note: Any hours you may complete between June 1 – June 15 – can go for either the 2019-2020 year or the 2020-2021 Summer hours – but cannot go for both.*
- r. 11. Reminder as you finish up those last few hours – Remember if you have more than the required hours in one area, you can transfer those hours to another area for up to 5 hours or 50% of*

*the required hours. For example, you can transfer up to 2 hours to GIVE from another area if you do not have enough GIVE hours.*

***Tara Coleman made a motion to reduce the hours requirements due to the COVID-19 Quarantine that affected members ability to earn hours during the shutdown. If approved this would reduce the working committee requirement to 33 for the working committee and 8 for RE, and extend the deadline to June 15th for those who need the extension. Members who have finished their requirements will be earning hours for the new year like usual. The extended deadline only applies to those who need it. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Niehus. The motion carried.***

## 9. Board Reports

Executive Vice President/Incoming President (Courtney Strzinek)-

I want to extend a big welcome to PC' 20! I'm so glad you made the decision to join our organization! I hope you will find this experience to be rewarding in many ways. I also want to take a moment to recognize the 16 amazing ladies of PC' 19! You've truly been an asset to this organization, and we're so appreciative of the effort you've put in this year at Return Engagement and throughout the organization. Be sure to support them at their cookbook project on Friday, June 5th at Return Engagement. Follow their "Sip, Savor & Save" event on Facebook for updates. We will be celebrating the end to a fabulous year at our class party on Saturday, June 6th!

Placement for next year is complete, and there are copies on each of your tables.

Thank you to everyone that agreed to chair a committee, along with everyone who graciously offered to serve in multiple positions. I know we are a volunteer organization, but I am constantly amazed and humbled at how giving you all are of your time and talents. Committee Chairs, please expect to hear from me throughout the summer so we can begin planning – September will be here before we know it! I'm very excited for another great year serving our community.

**Courtney Strzinek made a motion to excuse the Cookbook Project Requirement for the Provisional**

**Class due to it being scheduled during the shutdown.  
The motion was seconded by Whitney Hall and after a  
vote by the membership, it carried.**

### **Incoming EVP (Casie Vos)-**

Things have been off to a wild and unusual start with our new Provisional Class, but I am excited to announce our Provisional Class of 2020:

- Brenna Dunham
- Bailey Brown -  
Amanda
- Goodpasture -  
Becca Johnson -  
Whitney McClure
- Jamie Melvin -  
Kristen
- Patzkowsky - Ally
- Silver - Jenna
- Spencer -  
Lindsey Trammell

Ladies, I would love to officially welcome you to joining the Junior Welfare League of Enid. We have an amazing new group of girls, so everyone please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome. This group is going to do extraordinary things.

Our main University Day will be on Sunday May 31, 2020. We will be scheduling a second one for a different time due to conflicts, most likely being split between a few weeknights. Committee chairs, I will be checking on your availability for these days to come speak to our new class.

### **Vice President Parliamentarian Final Board Report (Maranda Phares)-**

Scholarship Recipients are Kelby Carlson and Jessica Patel. Installation of Officers will be under new business.

### **Treasurer's Final Report (Whitney Hall)-**

Checking (with Gala beneficiaries and St Matt's annual donation deducted) - \$14,004.59  
Building - \$15,699.88  
Emergency Savings - \$13,269.77  
H&S Holdings - \$3,907.48  
Endowment - \$1,410.41

### **Assistant Treasurer (Jennifer Bauman)-**

### **Corresponding Secretary (Dora Baker)**

I recommend approval of the following Resignations. If approved they would be eligible to rejoin in their respective years:

- Lacie Tribble, Provisional
- Natalie Beurlet, 3rd year

Congratulations 6th year members! You made it to your final meeting! Upon completion of all their 2019-2020 requirements, I recommend approval of Honorary Status for Maranda Phares and Sustaining Status Dora Baker, Kara Bowers, Kim Collins, Kylene Eisenhauer, Virginia Miller, and Jennifer Williams.

After a recommendation by the Corresponding Secretary, Dora Baker, a motion was made by Cassie Barr, and seconded by Jennifer Bauman, to accept the resignations of Lacie Tribble and Amy Prokopis, if these ladies return to JWL they will begin their Provisional year; and accepting the resignation of Natalie Beurlet, if she returns to JWL she will begin her 3rd year. Also she recommends that Honorary Status be granted to Maranda Phares and Sustaining Status be granted to Dora Baker, Kara Bowers, Kim Collins, Kylene Eisenhauer, Virginia Miller, Ashley Weibling and Jennifer Williams. The motion carried.

### Credit and Hours Chair (Jennifer Niehus)-

29 ladies reported 164.8 hours for the months of March and April. There are many people who have not reported any or very few hours for the year. Please get your hours reported so that C&H spreadsheets can be updated for the delinquent hours meeting. Updated C&H Requirements

### Outgoing Project Chair (Casie Vos)-

The gala disbursement committee met and Gala funds are to be distributed as follows:

- YFS - \$8,085
- OHAI - \$7,500
- YWCA - \$6,100
- 4RKids - \$3,000
- Care to Share - budgeted \$10,000 plus remainder \$1,164.

I am so happy to announce that each of our beneficiaries were able to receive the full amount requested in their application, plus we were able to contribute more than hoped to our Care to Share program. Amazing job team. We could not have done this without the support and hard work of each of you.

The checks will be presented to each of our beneficiaries at our June 1 meeting.

### Incoming Project Chair (Jennifer Bauman)-

Gala Reveal - *A Night of Hope* on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Stride Bank Center

### Return Engagement (Cassie Barr)-

### Cookbook Steering (Andrea Semrad-Gober)-

Sales for April/May: \$447.80

Cookbook Sales for the League Year: \$2,207.76

Remaining Cookbook Opportunities:

- The last opportunity to earn cookbook credit consisted of bringing food for tonight's meeting - thanks to all of the ladies who did so!

Cookbook Requirements:

- Each member is responsible for earning a minimum of 2 Cookbook Credits (AKA 2 Separate Opportunities)

- Each member is responsible to sell or purchase 6 Cookbooks (3 of these must be StirUps). You BUY, You TAKE!
- Sixth year members are exempted from the sell or purchase of Cookbooks but NOT from earning 2 Cookbook Credits.

## Care to Share (Jennifer Williams)-

What an odd few months it has been! In March Care to Share spent just under \$365. April and May unfortunately had no spending of funds.

We as a committee however have elected to give each of our 23 schools served a \$75 Walmart gift card specifically designated to continue the Care to Share mission as seen fit by the counselor!

We are also able to carry on the support of the Youth and Family Services food pantry and will be donating over \$600 in food items to this organization!

I would like to thank Kylene, Virginia, Kara, Cindy and Carrie for being such wonderful and responsible committee members! It is truly enlightening to be part of this committee and see the hardship of community members but also the joy this committee brings to them! What a way to cap off my JWL career!

## Public Relations (Natalie Beurlot)(including any reports from the Yearbook or Newsletter)-No Report

## Community Donations (Dora Baker)-

I can speak on behalf of the entire Community donations committee when I say that we are truly thankful for the opportunity to help support so many community organizations through JWL donations over this past year. Especially during these difficult times when fundraisers have been canceled and many have their greatest need, JWL Community Donations is able to step in and make some real contributions to groups in the greater Enid area. On behalf of this committee, I recommend the following donations for June 2020 at a total of \$2000:

- \$500 to the YWCA to assist in annual fundraising drive
- \$500 to RSVP to assist in fundraising after event cancelations
- \$500 to Garber Jr. High Cheerleaders to offset uniform and camp costs
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The motion was made by Virginia Miller and seconded by Courtney Strzinek. The motion carried.

## League Development Project Planning (Katherine Oard)-No Report

## Wish Families (Carrie Lang)-No Report

## Social (Andrea Semrad-Gober)-

Unfortunately, the April Dinner & Meeting had to be canceled due to COVID-19; therefore, the Social Committee and the May hostesses have joined forces to put together this April/May Meeting. Thank you to those individuals:

**(April - Social Committee)** Andrea  
Semrad-Gober Kathryn Oard Danielle  
Henry Jennifer Niehus Kara Bowers

**(May)** Carrie Lang, Kim  
Collins, Courtney Strzinek,  
KenDale Barker, Sarah  
Owens, Kristine Almack

## GIVE (Jomara Ortiz)-No Report

## Building Chair (Jennifer Williams)-No Report

## Babysitting Chair (Jennifer Niehus)-No Report

## Honorary Chair (Laura Hatchel)-No Report

## Sustaining Chair (Renee Hann)-

As with many things these last few months, Junior League seems to have been short changed. I am thankful and proud that this group of ladies has marshaled on through these strange times. I am honored that I was able to be a part of the leadership this year. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you. The gala committee did a fabulous job this year. We raised money that will allow us to continue our mission another year while we discoed the night away! The Care to Share, community donations and give committees have continued to serve the needs in our communities.

For those of you who are moving on from League, please think of how you can use your abilities to further our community. I have been fortunate to serve on many boards and volunteer for great non-profit agencies simply because of my experience in League. Please don't ever stop stepping up.

To those who are starting out, yes, there will be tears and frustration and tiredness but I urge you to keep on stepping up. Push yourself, challenge yourself, say yes to things outside your comfort zone – you will be blessed.

Thank you again for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your sustaining chair.

## 10. Is there any other new business?

NEW BUSINESS IF ANY: Installation of Officers

PARLIAMENTARIAN: At this time, I would like to recognize the outgoing officers who have served this year. Please come forward



and take a place to my right as I call your name. (As officers come up, hand them 2 roses and their office card.)

Outgoing officers and steering chairs:

HONORARY CHAIR: Laura Hatchel  
SUSTAINING CHAIR: Renee Hann  
PROJECT CHAIR: Casie Vos  
TREASURER: Whitney Hall  
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Jennifer Bauman  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Kim Collins  
CREDIT AND HOURS CHAIR: Jennifer Niehus  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Dora Baker  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT: Courtney Strzinek  
PRESIDENT: Tara Coleman  
VICE PRESIDENT Parliamentarian: Maranda Phares

Now, I would like to introduce your new officers. Please come forward and take a place to my left as I call your name. (If you are already to my right, please remain there until you have installed your succeeding officer.)

HONORARY CHAIR: Lori Markes  
SUSTAINING CHAIR: Lorie Legere  
PROJECT CHAIR: Jennifer Bauman  
TREASURER: Rochelle Landwehr-Wheeler  
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Bailey Phillips  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Andrea Semrad-Gober  
CREDIT AND HOURS CHAIR: Jennifer Niehus  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Danielle Henry  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT: Casie Vos  
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VICE PRESIDENT Parliamentarian: Tara Coleman

**Announcements:**

**6th year letter to the membership**

**Maranda offered a gift to the 6th year class  
Board members were offered a gift by the President, Tara  
Coleman**

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:40  
pm.