

**GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 26, 2018**

Suzan Close, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The devotional, "Inspiration- Food for Our Souls" was read by Jeff Anne Pike. Members repeated The Pledge of Allegiance and the Women's Club Collect. There were 17 members and a quorum present. The guest speaker was Roxanne Jacobs, Executive Director of Grandma's Place. She discussed the work of this organization in working to provide an emergency shelter for children 12 and under.

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

The January 2018 minutes were approved by the board.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Meg America**

Thank you notes were received from Forgotten Soldiers for donation of items.

**TREASURER: Janet Carlson**

The January treasurer's report was approved as presented. A correction to the approved 2018 budget was approved as presented. Membership dues of \$50 are now due.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Fran Green/Janie D'Ambrosio**

Meg America and Charlie Lockmiller will celebrate their wedding anniversary in March. February Ladies' Day Out was a trip to Smarty Plants and lunch after on February 8. Seven members and one guest viewed the plants and 6 members enjoyed lunch after. March Ladies' Day Out will be a March 27 trip to Ft. Lauderdale on the Brightline train. Cost will be \$12.50. Contributions were made to provide a donation in memory of Barbara Burdette's mother.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:**

Jeff Anne Pike, Fashion Show Chair, reported on fashion show progress. Five tickets per member were distributed to members at the meeting. Members are to provide ticket number and person's name to committee workers. Kathy Stackhouse is to receive donated door prizes which she has volunteered to wrap. Time frame for members modeling was provided. Cathy and Suzan are making a butterfly quilt for a raffle. A form will be available at the District meeting to enable a ticket purchase for those attending. Auction ticket sellers are needed for the day of the fashion show. There will be a shopping reception at Chico's after the fashion show. Raffle and fashion show donations are needed. Bunco will be March 23 at the home of Suzan Close or possibly Barbara Burdette.

**ARTS: Peggy Breen/Cathy Hopkins**

The February plants committee meeting was attended by two members. The March committee meeting will be at the home of Cathy Hopkins at 10 a.m. on March 8. Table favors for the fashion show will be constructed at that time. One member attended the Lake Worth Sidewalk Painting.

**CONSERVATION: Nancy Wood/Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

Nine members participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count. A visit to Arts from the Sea exhibit at the Mounts Building was attended by 9 members, 1 booster, and 7 guests. Collections for Peggy Adams and Resource Depot will continue. A Garden Club Luncheon was attended by 4 members. A beach cleanup tentatively planned for April 7. Other clean-up areas will be investigated.

**EDUCATION: Kathy Stackhouse/Linda Ferris**

Using GFWC Grant funds, books were purchased for two projects. Thirty-five new, highly rated books were purchased from First Book Marketplace for \$74. These books are suitable for boys or girls and will be placed in backpacks and birthday bags. Books were also donated to the Mommy Bags. The picture of the club members wearing pink at the meeting will be sent to the Literacy Coalition to show our support of addressing bullying through reading. Read aloud books were purchased for the Crestwood Middle School reading department. Books purchased will address the Literacy Coalition theme for the year "Many Cultures, One Community". Books are needed for the Book Fairy Project. Janet will make labels for the books.

**HOME LIFE:****Suzanne Valentage**

Four members and one guest participated in the Race for the Cure and another member who signed up to participate was sick and not able to attend on Saturday, January 27. A tentative Quantum House Dinner is scheduled for April 10. There will be a pillowcase making committee meeting at the home of Cathy Hopkins on March 24.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:****Liz Bloeser/Phyllis Gauger**

The January International Dinner at Saito Japanese Steakhouse on January 24 was attended by 8 members. For the February International Dinner at Pei Wei, there were 8 members and 5 guests attending. The March International Dinner will be March 20 at O'Shea's.

**PUBLIC ISSUES:****Jeff Anne Pike/Cathy Hopkins**

The January collection of disposable razors was delivered to Forgotten Soldiers and the February collection was boxes of envelopes. The March collection will be individual shaving cream containers which the club will purchase. The collection of cookies for 2 Sheriff's Departments and Fisher House were delivered by 4 members. Five members assisted in bagging cookies and 3 additional members baked cookies. There will be another cookie delivery in April. Two members prepared and delivered the VA Mommy Bags. A day of preparing Memorial Day flags for the fallen vets was announced.

**SPECIAL CHAIRMAN****GFWC SPECIAL PROJECT: Domestic violence Awareness and Prevention****Linda Ferris**

Members were thanked for their donations of Purses for a Purpose. Items for the birthday bags will be needed for next month.

**LEADERSHIP****Cathy Hopkins/Suzan Close**

Members were asked to sign up to attend the District 10 Arts and Crafts Meeting on March 10. Competition entries for the club were exhibited at the meeting. The GFWC Spring Convention is May 4-7, 2018 and Jeff Anne Pike was selected as leader of the month for her cookie and mommy bag projects.

**NEWSLETTER:****Jeff Anne Pike**

Deadline for the newsletter is March 3

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:****Linda Ferris**

Pat of the Back went to Jeff Anne Pike. Janet has added the yearbook to the website.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Members expressed appreciation for various concerns they had received during the month.

*Mary Evelyn Mitchell*

Recording Secretary