

GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2020

Mary Evelyn Mitchell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The devotional was read "Mermaid Advice" by Phyllis Gauger. Members repeated The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Women's Club Collect. There were 21 members in attendance and a quorum present.

GUESTS: Beverly Gallus, Debbie Griffin, Janet Portnow

PROGRAM: Planning Meeting

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cathy Hopkins & Janet Oliver

The November 2019 minutes were approved by the board as corrected.

TREASURER: Janet Carlson

November & December Treasurer's reports were filed as reported with corrections to beginning balance. Proposed budget was read. Thanks to Mary Evelyn & JeffAnne for helping with the budget. Errors noted and updated budget will be handed out at February's meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Sheila Zile-Pecoraro/Fran Green (not present at meeting)

No Correspondence Secretary

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Linda Ferris/Meg America

January Birthday wishes were given to Suzan Close & Kathy Stackhouse. There are no Jan. Anniversaries. February Birthday wishes were given to Janet Oliver, Janet Carlson, & Jean Allen. Feb Anniversary wishes go to Fran & Gary Green. Holiday Party on Dec 2nd was a great success with 23 members & 5 guests which included Carole Renick. Handmade Ornaments were handed out. January 4, the Green Market outing was attended by 7 members and 3 Boosters. Future event would be a High Tea. There are a number of places (Chesterfield and Serenity Tea Houses) but Flagler High Tea on March 5th was discussed. You could also tour the museum which would be a Membership and Arts program. Members should be there at 10:00 am, with an advanced number who are going, 7 members were interested. "Pat on the Back" goes to Sharon Bounds as greeter. Club outing on Feb 14 at 10:00 is at the Mounts' exhibit "Ribbit". Cost to attend is believed to be \$10.00 for non-members. Other outings could be soap making, pizza & Movie, escape room, progressive dinner, wine tasting, 4 Arts Museum, etc. Jean Allen introduced the "Traveling Teapot" where 4 names of members are drawn and they meet during the month and spend time together. Feb members are Kathy Stackhouse, Jean Allen, Sheila Zile-Pecoraro and Suzan Close. May 24 is the Club Picnic hosted by Meg and Charlie. Four members went to the viewing of Past President, Louise Wagner's mother. The Club will now have a "Gratitude Jar". Members can write something about the club they are grateful for and at the end of the year we will read the notes. Dollars for Delegates made \$120 from the purse raffle; \$95 from tickets & \$25 Donation. Orientation of new members was completed and 2 new members were initiated into the club: Beverly Gallus re-joined with Suzan as her sponsor and Debbie Griffin with Linda Walker, her sponsor. Evelyn Bartley will be initiated next month as she was unable to attend January's meeting.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Jeff Anne Pike

There are 3 Coupon Book remaining. See Gay to purchase one. Bunco will be Feb 21 at Barb & Rick Burdette's home. Please bring a heart healthy item to the pot luck dinner. A thank You to our Fashion show committee members are Phyllis, Liz, Cathy H., Suzan, Linda C, Janet C. The name had to be changed from Mermaids & Mimosas to Mermaid Magic because a shop in Palm Beach is named Mermaids & Mimosas. An email is being sent with the donation letter and flyer. Each club member is being asked to sell 5 tickets which will be handed out at Feb meeting. We can accommodate 150 people and tickets must be paid in advance and can also be charged if they give credit card info. Put name, ticket #, and who they want to sit with on envelope. Tables will be set for 10 people. Kathy Stackhouse volunteered to wrap the door prizes. Fashions will be by Chico's and our models are Jean Allen, Liz, Linda W., Meg, Janet C and Betty (Suzan C.'s friend). Janie was able to get 2 wine tasting parties. The table favors were discussed. Special Ed program will do the art work for us again this year. Raffle will be \$20 for 25 tickets, 50/50 will be \$1 @ or 6 for \$5.00 and Silent Auction will have a starting amount. We are working on the centerpieces.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR REPORTS:

ARTS: Sharon Bounds

Sharon will have 2 days of card making; attend either Jan 29 or 30. Sharon will host it at her home. Bring a potluck salad for lunch. Signup sheet was passed around to sign up your craft and sign the consent form. Feb 29 is the District 10's Arts & Craft Meeting and you must take your entry there.

CONSERVATION: Donna Cohen

Linda Walker donated and delivered her Christmas tree to Panther Ridge Conservation Center. The club donated 2 big bags of Enrichment Holders (T P rolls) to the Palm Beach Zoo. Peggy Adams' Animal Shelter has financing to spay /neuter cats for 2020. We donated 40 cans of trapping food to the trappers. Jan 25 Sierra Club meeting was attended by 2 members. Feb 8-9 is the Annual Everglades Festival at Arthur R Marshall Wildlife National Refuge. We can volunteer to help on Feb 8 from 8-4 pm. Please contact Donna if you are interested in participating. Donna will hold a Conservation Planning Committee meeting on Feb 20 at 11:00 am at her house. Sierra Club is speaking out against the ban against the single use of plastic bags and is having a postcard campaign to fight against the single use of plastic

bags by retailers. Publix lead the force against banning single use plastic bags. The Oleander Garden Club luncheon will be held on Feb 20 at 11:45-2:45. Please let Donna know if you are interested in attending.

EDUCATION: Kathy Stackhouse

In Jan, 8 members & 3 guests attended "Friends of the Library" of Presidents & Their First Ladies. Jan 27, 4 members of our club judged the Regional Health Occupations Students of America Competition held by Keiser University. Feb 12 we will visit our 3 year olds class at HHRC for Valentine's Day. We will bring treats for the kids and Kathy will read 2 books to them. Please be there at 9:45 dress in red for Valentine's Day. Mar 2 we will visit our 3 year old class for the annual Read Across America which is a national event commemorating Dr. Seuss' Birthday.

HOME LIFE: Suzan Close/Jean Allen

Dec 3rd our club partnered with Palm Beach Gardens Woman's Club for the Quantum House dinner. We had 7 members from our club and 5 members from PBGWC. We also made and gave 46 pillowcases for the children. We are hoping to host 4 dinners this year. Suzan explained what the Home Life program entails and the many projects that we can do. Wear red on Fri, Feb 7 for Heart Health Awareness. This year we will continue making pillowcases and shirt protectors. We will also be making ditty bags for the Christmas at Sea. Let us know any ideas you might have for a Home Life Project

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: Linda Ferris for Linda Walker

Dec 17, Suzan & Kenny Close delivered the knitted scarves, caps & cowls for the Christmas at Sea to Canaveral Port Ministry at Cape Canaveral, Florida. We will be collecting gently used bras and camisoles for "Free the Girls".

International Dinner will be at Sweet Tomatoes on Palm Beach Lakes Blvd on Tuesday, Feb 11 at 6:00.

PUBLIC ISSUES: JeffAnne Pike for Cathy Hopkins

Forgotten Soldier's Outreach collection in Jan is lip moisturizer. Collection for Feb will be individual hand wipes. Dec 17 we had 6 members & 1 guest wrap and deliver cookies for "Random Acts of Cookies". We delivered cookies to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department where Chief Deputy Michael Gauger and CERT officers gave us an informative tour of the jail. Cathy got to it in the "Hot Seat" to be checked for metal contraband and we all met Lilly, the drug dog. Our next cookie delivery will be Tuesday, Feb 11. We will meet at JeffAnne's house to bag the cookies and then deliver them. Cathy & JeffAnne purchased gifts for the 6 girls staying at HomeSafe. We spent \$75.00 on each girl. Eight members wrapped and delivered the gifts for the girls. We included a gift certificate for a pizza party with cookies with our delivery. Eleven members helped to serve dinner & dessert to the Greenacres Sheriff's Department Recognition Dinner. We were given special recognition and a gift certificate to be used for our fashion show as a thank you. Feb 18 at 10am we will stuff bags at Cathy Hopkins house. Delivery will be Wed, Feb 19 at 10am. We will meet at Cathy's and then deliver them to the VA We donated a case of Girl Scout Cookies for the troops. Cathy is looking into scheduling a CPR class for club members and interest family members. Please let her know if you would be interested. There will be a fee associated with the class.

SPECIAL CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

ESO: Linda Ferris

Six members in 2019 reported reading 128 books. All books that are read should be reported to Stephanie Cantrell, our state's ESO Chairman by Dec 31. ESO Florida has a Facebook group which reads a different book each month and then discusses. On Feb 8 they will be discussing "A Gentleman in Moscow". See Linda if you have any questions,

GFWC SPECIAL PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND

PREVENTION: Linda Ferris

Linda Ferris showed the club what to put in and how to pack a "Birthday Bag". The shelter asked for NEW Mascara. Our projects this year will continue to be: Grandma's Place, Pinwheels for Prevention, Support Awareness and Prevention of domestic violence, Support AUDA and "Purses with a Purpose"

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Linda Ferris

Lot of posts were made to Facebook in Dec & Jan. We were featured in Membership Monday on Dec 9, Dec 16 (twice), Dec 23 and Jan 27. Continue to use the FB discussion page but remember all our members do not use Facebook. To inform members of your project/event, please use email. DO NOT use the email list sent with the newsletter; many are not members of our club. JeffAnne sent an email with an email list you can use. Pat on the back goes to Donna Cohen.

LEADERSHIP: Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Janet Carlson will re-do the membership list. (Janie asked about this and should be under announcements. I said I would send the list to Linda Ferris and she can update it). Mary Evelyn read the thank You note from the zoo. Leader of the Month is Janet Carlson. All the reports of our club for FL GFWC were completed and done. Our 2020 Day of Service was giving food, etc to the Guatemalan Maya Center. It was attended by 9 members and 1 guest. The District Arts & Craft meeting is Feb 29 at the Jupiter Community Center. Registration starts at 9:30 followed by meeting at 10:00. Please enter any items you have made during 2019. Let Janet Carlson know if you will be attending. We will support our Volunteer of the Year, Jean Allen, at this meeting.

NEWSLETTER: Jeff Anne Pike

January 29 - Deadline for Newsletter

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adjourned _____ pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hopkins & Janet Oliver, Co-Recording Secretary