

**General Federation of Women's Clubs
Wilbraham Junior Women's Club**

General Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2010

Start 7:35 p.m. end 8:35 p.m. 18 attendees and 1 guest



President: Marie Aquilino

President's Day: Sudbury, Aug. 21,

New England Regional Conference – Sept. 24-26 in Rhode Island

GFWC Fall Conference – Oct. 16 – Delaney House

Juniors Fall Conference – Oct. 23 – Milford; conference basket due

Nominating Committee – Brenda Willard chair; need 3 from general club membership; Linda Fawcett, Lynne Gosciminski, Megan Weiss volunteered, final member will be nominated by Board.

Secretary: Val Boudreau

Correspondence: 4 thank you notes read and circulated

Treasurer: Susan Medeiros (absent)

Report on file: starting balance: \$9024.35, w/d 294.78, dep 106.38, ending 8835.95; committed funds 5718.21; uncommitted funds 3117.74

First VP: Kathy Fuss

Arts: Maryann Swift.

Christina Mastrangelo has an exhibit in the WNEC Art Gallery thru Sept. 30. The title: Classical Realism in the European Tradition. Gallery hours are Mon-Sat 9am-8pm and Sun. 11am-8pm.

American Mural Project -: arts partnership creating a mural in CT – collecting watches that will be incorporated in the mural

Summer concert series – Jillmarie Decarolis; went well, club name in paper for recap

Conservation: Maryann Swift. God's Little Acre Garden. 8-10 people volunteered with help from their families, recommend that next year we do 2 rows, use weed cloth and not have the first row

Education: Need chair

Book Club: Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons by Lorna Landvik –discussed at meeting; October read is New York.

Home Life: Need Chair

Baby shower for Bethlehem House in Easthampton. Assist pregnant teen girls and needy teen moms with babies. They are in need of baby clothing in sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months. Clothing can be new or gently used. Other items include baby shampoo, lotion, comb and brush sets, pacifiers, towels and washcloths. Will mention at meeting for donations

Handmade Baby Blankets for NICU: 2 girls doing a project for Girl Scouts Silver Award collecting blanket 13x7; 30x36 fabric/crochet just no fringe

ART- fall and winter clothing – Sept 28th leaving from Kathy Fuss' house 9:30

Thanksgiving Food Basket: asked for chairs-Sarah Lloyd and Linda Fawcett volunteered looking to do for Leeds Women Veterans

Operation Santa – asked for chair-Lynne Gosciminski volunteered; again want to focus on Leeds Women Vets and ART children

International: Sarah Lloyd

World Food Day – October 15: need chairs from schools or UNICEF

Heifer International-GFWC State project – Marie received piggy bank at President's meeting to gather donations to buy a pig. Will decorate piggy bank

Public Affairs:

Rays of Hope Walk – Oct. 24; sign up/contact Lisa Vartanian if you want to walk

Boxes for the troops with Kit Loper/St. Cecilia's- October 2-3 boxes passed out collected weekend of Oct 16, need volunteers on Oct 17 to help collect boxes and resort

Other: October 23, fall conference basket, apples, Val Boudreau

Special Projects:

Project Homeless Connect – Sept. 15, Mass Mutual Center, 8-2 Kathy Fuss, Marie Aquilino, Meaghan Weiss, Michelle Trombley volunteered

Community Harvest Fest., Fountain Park, Sept. 25, 3-7, need egg cartons and volunteers to run arts and crafts – sign up at meeting

Operation Paperback – Brenda Willard – list to be put on website for book requests

Second VP: Jen Nowak and Maureen Denault

Back to School Social – Sept. 3: 10 people attended, looking to have alternating breakfast (last Friday of month) and evening socials (every other month on last Thurs)

Fall Membership drive-bring a friend to Oct meeting, a social after the meeting for new people

Sept. meeting – conducted book exchange and discussion/quiz on Angry Housewives

Joint project with Wilbraham Women's Club- Marie, Jen and Kathy to attend their Oct meeting to discuss options

Ways and Means: Open

Avon fundraiser – October – Brenda Willard to collect orders

Tag Sale-Sept 25th at Wilbraham United Church; Susan Medeiros/Marie Aquilino coordinating. Sign up to help at the meeting.

Jockey Sportswear party: Sept 30 Linda Fawcett's home; Pilates session with Tammy Guihan sign up at meeting or contact Linda for more info

Programs: Katy Reed and Martha Ross

Sept. Club read – Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons by Lorna Landvik

Oct. – Comfort pillows Note meeting is at the YMCA-bring scissors and large handled shopping bags. Need an ironing board and iron

Wed Oct 6: 9:30-11:30 comfort pillow prep at Kathy Fuss' home

Hospitality: Lisa Vartanian and Barb Nehmer

Contact Lisa or Barb if you want to bring candy to the Oct meeting

Publicity: Maryann Swift

August display case at library staying through Sept. Calendar of meetings sent to paper

Communications: Tammey Guihan (absent) tammeyguihan@charter.net

New Business: Fri Oct 1 12-6 hole watchers needed for Chamber golf tournament

Ongoing Collections:

Cell phones: Karen Derosé

Soda tabs: Kathy Fuss

Magazines: Kathy Fuss

Dress for Success: Marie Aquilino and Sarah Lloyd

Boxtops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels: Karen Derosé and Ann Matthews

Next General Meeting: Oct. 19; 7 p.m., Senior Center