

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

October 19, 2010



17 attendees; 2 guests start: 7:35 p.m. end 8:45 p.m.

President: Marie Aquilino

Comfort Pillows: we assembled them at this meeting – been doing this project since at least 1999; made over 4000 pillows.

GFWC Fall Conference – Oct. 16 – Log Cabin in Holyoke; Jen Nowak attended, honored Sheila Shea who will be International President

Juniors Fall Conference – Oct. 23 – Milford, women's clothing being collected, promoting fundraiser ideas we'll showcase our pillowcases; Kathy Fuss, Marie Aquilino, Jen Nowak attending

Nominating Committee – Brenda Willard, Lynn Gosciminski., Linda Fawcett, Megan Weiss, Barb Nehmer (Board volunteer). Open positions are 1 Second VP, Hospitality, Ways & Means, Communications

Secretary: Val Boudreau

Correspondence-Thank you notes circulated and on file

Treasurer: Susan Medeiros

Report on file: beg bal: 8835.95, w/d: 123.60; dep: 637.85 end bal: 9350.20; committed funds-5594.61; uncommitted 3755.59

First VP: Kathy Fuss

Project sheets missing: Summer concert series, God's Little Acre, Library Display, Mexican Night, Trading Treasures - June Picnic

Arts: Maryann Swift. Lunchtime concert SSO, Nov. 5, 2010 (Let Marie Aquilino know if interested) & March 2011.

Conservation: Maryann Swift. Recycle old sneakers – can drop off at Fast Feet West Spfld, Minnechaug Girls Cross Country team collecting too.

Education:

Book club – Nov. book – Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. Mtg. Sarah Lloyd's home, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. Oct meeting went well – discussed *New York*

Home Life:

Baby shower for Bethlehem House. Easthampton. Assists pregnant teens and teen moms. Need new or gently used baby clothing - sizes 0-3 & 3-6 months. Other items: baby shampoo, lotion, comb/brush sets, pacifiers, towels/washcloths – bring to meeting or Kathy Fuss' home

ART- fall/winter clothing brought over on Sept. 28 – wrap up; Marie & Kathy collecting winter clothes size 10-adult – will go back in the next few months

Thanksgiving Food Basket – Leeds, Sarah Lloyd & Linda Fawcett chairs – recipes for leftover turkey along with ingredients to make dish. Sign up for donation items available. Will be delivered Mon or Tues before Thanksgiving

Operation Santa – ART & Leeds, new chairs: Kathy Fuss and Linda Fawcett. Shopper sign up circulated; each group will have \$200 (total of \$400)

Letters to Santa – chairs Tammey Guihan, Margaret O'Donnell, Diane Weston: order forms will be on the website and other locations. \$4 per letter

Baby blankets for NICU – 13x17, 30X36, Marie & Kathy

International: Sarah Lloyd

World Food Day – October 15 – Mile Tree/Stony Hill/Soule participated 1305 lbs collected
Heifer International – Brenda Willard: Piggybank has been decorated and called “Wilbra Ham Jr”. Collecting change and sending in to GFWC by Dec 31

Other: 2 Afgani girls at Ethel Walker school may have some needs. Sarah Lloyd to find out more re how we can help.

Public Affairs:

Rays of Hope Walk – Oct. 24, Lisa Vartanian: Let Lisa know if you are walking with team “Just Hope”, Donations can be sent to BHS Rays of Hope or given to Lisa before Oct 23rd.

Boxes for troops – Kathy Fuss: 150 boxes sent; \$2000 collected for postage

Other: October 23, fall conference basket, apples, Val Boudreau; completed with the help of Lisa Vartanian. To be brought by Marie Aquilino and Jen Nowak on Oct 22.

Special Projects:

Harvest Fest., Fountain Park, Sept. 25, Martha/Jen, wrap-up was a success; Jrs helped with crafts tables/area

Operation Paperback – Brenda – memoirs, bios, bestsellers for Oct, collecting until Oct 31; Nov: collecting fantasy, history and horror-no explicit language or graphic sexual content

Second VP: Jen Nowak and Maureen Denault

Fall Membership drive: had 2 guests attend Oct meeting

Oct. 23: Wrentham shopping trip, let Maureen Denault know if you are coming

Nov. 5 Breakfast Martha Ross’ home 9:00, sign up available

Dec. 1 Limo trip to Newport to see the mansions and have lunch; cost depends on number of people. Sign up by Nov 15th

Ways and Means: Open

Tag Sale Fundraiser – \$467 raised

Jockey sportswear party – Linda Fawcett, \$50 raised; a portion will be donated back to Jrs for parties booked in Oct.

Avon fundraiser – October – Brenda Willard: order forms/catalogs distributed; orders need to be submitted by Nov 9th; delivery on or around Nov 16th. Will need help sorting orders

Programs: Katy Reed and Martha Ross

Oct. – Comfort pillows

Nov. – Wrapping for Leeds; creating stationery for Leeds women

Dec – Holiday party-looking for hostess (Tues Dec 14th)

Hospitality: Lisa Vartanian and Barb Nehmer

Sign up for Nov meeting goodies

Publicity: Maryann Swift

Recent pictures from events over the summer/fall were on display at the meeting

Communications: Tammey Guihan tammeyguihan@charter.net

Other Business:

Nov 8-14 Clothing Exchange at YMCA – will take toys too

Cooks on Call: Lisa Vartanian will chair; will be looking for cooking volunteers

New Business:

Donation for Gray House patio: buy a brick. **Motion by Linda Fawcett to allocate \$100 to buy a brick; seconded; motion approved by club.**

Ongoing Collections:

Cell phones: Karen Derose

Soda tabs: Kathy Fuss

Magazines: Kathy Fuss

Dress for Success: Marie Aquilino and Sarah Lloyd

Boxtops for Education/Campbell Soup Labels: Karen Derose and Ann Matthews

Watches for American Mural Project – Maryann Swift

Yoplait pink yogurt lids for Susan G. Komen Foundation – Maryann Swift

Next General Meeting: Nov. 16, 7 p.m., social, 7:30 p.m. meeting starts – Senior Center