

**GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 26, 2017**

Cathy Hopkins, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The devotional, "Time Tested Beauty Tips", was read by Phyllis Gauger. Members were led in The Pledge of Allegiance and the Women's Club Collect by Suzan Close. There were 14 members and a quorum present. Three guests were present. Our guest speaker was Dr. Mary Cauthen, Director of Domestic Abuse Programs at Harmony House/YWCA. She described her duties as director and discussed the assistance her department gives to women and children in abusive situations.

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

The April 2017 minutes were approved by the board as corrected.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Janet Carlson for Meg America**

Loggerhead Marine Life Center is the tentative speaker for July. Thank you notes were received from the following: Robin and Susan Silver for club's response to their father's death, Crestwood Middle School for movie tickets given to award winning readers and for assistance with reading assemblies, Home Safe for \$50 donation, Tub Frim for stamp donation, HOBY for monetary donation and assistance at conference, and YWCA for birthday bag donations.

**TREASURER: Janet Carlson**

The April and May treasurer's reports were approved as corrected. Members were reminded that monies are due for District 10 Spring Meeting.

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

There is no July Ladies Day Out. The club picnic was attended by 19 members and 10 boosters or guests. June birthday wishes went to Peggy Breen, Barbara Burdette and Jeff Anne Pike. Kathy Stackhouse, Jeff Anne and Linda Ferris celebrated June wedding anniversaries. A member's questionnaire was distributed and collected. The purchase of a new banner was discussed. Suzan Close will be the keeper of the banner.

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

May Bunco report will be given later and July 28 is the tentative date for the next Bunco. Phyllis Gauger reported on the Fashion Show. There were 137 guests, including the District 10 Director and Junior Director. To honor our club's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the show, we had cake and a proclamation from the WPB mayor making June 17 GFWC Greater WPB Women's Club day. Chico's provided fashions for the 5 club members who were models. Appreciation was expressed to the fashion show committee and to special members for their hard work. Profit for the show at this time is \$4603 with the possibility of receiving additional refund of taxes paid. The on-line trunk show fundraiser will continue until June 30.

**ARTS: Peggy Breen/Cathy Hopkins**

There will be no arts workshops until September. Members are asked to send pictures to Peggy of ideas for workshops. The Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches performance schedule was announced. Seven members attended the last concert of this year and memberships for next year can now be purchased.

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

The collection of items for Teacher's Resource Depot continues. A delivery of donated items to Peggy Adams Animal Rescue will be made on June 29. A \$50 donation will be made to Peggy Adams. This will be matched by the organization. There will be a new collection of pantyhose and knee highs for recycling by No Nonsense. The hose will be used to make park and playground equipment, among other items. Ten members and one guest celebrated Earth Day with a breakfast at Okeeheelee Park. Erin Mitchell will receive our subscription to *Kind News*.

**EDUCATION: Kathy Stackhouse/Linda Ferris**

Five Club members attended the Hispanic Human Resources Founder Day ceremony and read to student classrooms. The club donated a book purchased from our GFWC Literacy Grant to each child in our adopted

class. Seven club members assisted with three days of Crestwood Middle School Reading assemblies. The assemblies recognized the top readers for each grade level. Our club donated movie tickets for the top readers in grades 6, 7, and 8. Kathy Stackhouse presented our club \$1,000 scholarship to outstanding student Madison Buckmaster at the Forest Hill High School Awards ceremony. Kathy also served as guest speaker for the meeting of the Women of the Western Communities. She used her life experiences to encourage the students receiving scholarships to be lifelong learners and to be happy and successful individuals. Seven club members attended this meeting. Information about the Palm Beach County Library System summer reading program was sent to members and one member reported that her grandson was participating. Our club is participating in the Voices for literacy virtual book drive. Twenty-three people have voted for their favorite children's book and members and others were encouraged to do so. Four members assisted with the South Florida HOBY Seminar at Lynn University. The Education Dept. will be collecting tissues for Ally Walker's students and tissues and large storage bags for Crestwood Middle. The Book Discussion group will meet on June 23 at Gun Club Café. Books will be donated to Harmony House for children and teens.

#### **HOME LIFE:**

#### **Suzanne Valentage**

Nancy Wood and Mary Evelyn made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in May. Ten members donated to the Help Stamp out Hunger/Postal collection. Club members learned the importance of balance and performed a chair stand to test their balance. Janet is continuing to collect sneakers for Dunk Your Kicks and Deb Durand is continuing to collect greeting card fronts.

#### **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH:**

#### **Liz Bloeser/Phyllis Gauger**

The May International Dinner at Mexican Tacos Bar and Grill was attended by 6 members and 3 guests. Four members participated in the Shots@Life National Call-in Day by contacting legislators to continue the government contribution to this program in developing countries. July 20 was given as a tentative date for an international dinner. The Total Wine Event was postponed until a later date.

#### **PUBLIC ISSUES:**

#### **Jeff Anne Pike/Cathy Hopkins**

The Club contributed \$50 to the National USO Rack Pack project and an additional \$50 private donation was made. A \$50 donation was made to Home Safe as a part of a matching campaign. In August, the club will fill 25 backpacks for Home Safe with school supplies. Cleaning wipes will be donated to Forgotten Soldiers this month. Next month the donation will be feminine hygiene products. The Mommy Bags for August are filled and ready for August delivery. VA centerpieces were made for Memorial Day and July 4 and delivered. Cookies were delivered to firemen at two fire stations. Reminders of what is needed to be done to prepare for hurricane season were given.

#### **SPECIAL CHAIRMAN-**

#### **GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention**

#### **Linda Ferris/Deb Durand**

Members were asked to collect and save children and women's clothes for Harmony House.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

#### **Cathy Hopkins/Suzan Close**

Phyllis Gauger was selected Leader of the Month for her leadership as Fashion Show Chairman. Six members attended the District 10 Spring Workshop in Sebastian. Kathy Stackhouse nominated our club to receive the DAR Community Service Award. This will be given in September. Our October Bunco will be a fund raiser for the Knights of a Thousand Dinners and members will be asked to contribute \$5 each for the Give a Hand Fundraiser. Fall Board will have a theme of Beach Blanket Bingo and will be held September 22-24. The District 10 Summer Meeting will be August 19 in Palm Beach Gardens.

#### **NEWSLETTER:**

#### **Jeff Anne Pike**

Deadline for the newsletter is July 1.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

#### **Linda Ferris**

Several local newspapers printed the information on our fashion show, *The Palm Beach Post* printed it in Local news. *The Lake Worth Observer*, *The Florida Weekly* and *Coastal Star* printed it their calendar of events. *The Wellington Town Crier* printed a story about the fashion show, and included information about our club's projects, and our website name. There was a picture of our Education Chair and our scholarship winner in *The Palm*

*Beach Post.* Janet received the “Pat on the Back” for her website work. Our club was mentioned in Membership Monday two times. Janet needs dates for club activities for the website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion passed to reimburse Jeff Anne Pike \$100 for the purchase of the new banner.
2. A motion passed to add \$200 to the Public Issues Department to fund projects.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

All agenda items must be submitted on the Sunday before the Monday Board meeting. Sympathy was expressed to the club and family of Jane Croy who passed away recently.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Mary Evelyn Mitchell*

Recording Secretary