

**GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2018**

Cathy Hopkins, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Gay Alexin presented the devotional "Just Dance". Members repeated The Pledge of Allegiance and the Women's Club Collect. There were 14 members and a quorum present. Our guest was Donna Cohen. Our guest speaker was Millie Thistle, Developmental Specialist, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. She was not able to make her presentation due to computer difficulties and will be invited to a later meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY: **Mary Evelyn Mitchell**
The September 2018 minutes were approved by the board as corrected.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: **Cathy Hopkins for Meg America**
We received thank you letters from the following: Forgotten Soldiers for donated items, YMCA of Palm Beach county for purse and wallet donations, The VA Medical Center for Mommy Bags, and Kind News for subscription renewal.

TREASURER: **Mary Evelyn Mitchell**
The September treasurer's report was approved as presented.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: **Fran Green/Janie D'Ambrosio**
Members with November birthdays are Liz Bloeser and Linda Walker. The Oct. Ladies' Day Out was a lunch attended by 6 members and 3 guests. November Ladies' Day Out will be a Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 16. The club Holiday Party will be Dec. 3 at Olive Garden. Jean Allen was initiated as a new member and Janet Oliver was welcomed as a transfer member. There will be an updated club calendar Nov. 1.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT:
Gay Alexin announced that there are four Enjoy the City Coupon books remaining to be sold. Jeff Anne Pike reported on the status of the fashion show. The proposed theme is "Sand, Shells and Ocean Breezes" and the show will be May 11, 2019. Chico's has been contacted to provide the fashions.

ARTS: **Peggy Breen/Cathy Hopkins**
The October arts workshop was cancelled due to lack of participation. The Nov. workshop will feature a Thanksgiving/Christmas centerpiece on Nov. 8.

CONSERVATION: **Nancy Wood/Mary Evelyn Mitchell**
Collections for Peggy Adams and Resource Depot will continue with the last deliveries to be made in Nov. Members were encouraged to plant a tree as a part of the GFWC Tree Planting initiative. Recycles Day 2018 can be celebrated with a program at the Solid Waste Authority. Memory for Memory will be recycling electronics for Alzheimer's Services.

EDUCATION: **Kathy Stackhouse/Linda Ferris**
A recap of Oct. 11 Crestwood Middle School Barnes and Noble Night was given. Our partnership with Crestwood will continue and we will receive book donations from them. We will collect books until the Holiday party for a library book sale. There will be a member literacy participation survey in Nov. Dates to remember are: Great American Read Finale on Oct. 23 and Read for the Record at the Hispanic Resource Center on Oct. 25. Education chairs will read to the children, donate books to the school library and the children will receive Halloween Treat bags on that day. Three members will participate in Delray Reads on Nov.7 and the Read Together Palm Beach Finale will be Nov. 28.

HOME LIFE: **Suzanne Valentage**
There will be delivery of Holiday pillowcases to the children at Quantum House after Thanksgiving. We will plan a Quantum House Dinner for next year. Members wore pink to the meeting to remember Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Donations to Project Thanksgiving and Food for Families were discussed.

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

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were brought to the Nov. meeting. Linda Walker will be delivering the donated shoeboxes Nov. 12.

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

Travel size deodorants will be donated to the Forgotten Soldiers this month. Next month members will be asked to hot chocolate packets. District 10 is collecting greeting cards and Walmart gift cards of \$10 or more for Fisher House. Members will have cookie workshop Oct. 30 to package donated cookies and deliver to local fire stations and police depts. Jeff Anne will hostess a Veteran's Day centerpiece workshop and delivery of centerpieces to the VA on Nov. 6. The club and members can purchase Wreaths Across America at this time. Members were asked to consider a club donation for hurricane relief. A handout on the proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution handout was distributed and members were encouraged to vote.

SPECIAL CHAIRMAN:**GFWC FLORIDA PRESIDENT'S PROJECT:**

Next year we will consider constructing hospital gowns and bags for Operation Smile.

GFWC SPECIAL PROJECT:**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: Linda Ferris**

Members were thanked for donations of children's pajamas. The pajamas will be donated to Harmony House on Oct. 24 to mark Child Advocacy Week. As a part of Domestic Violence and Awareness month, 2 members delivered our donations of Purses with a Purpose to the local Domestic Assault office. Donations of shoes and clothing to AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Assault) were made also. Members wore purple at the meeting to observe Oct. Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

LEADERSHIP:**Cathy Hopkins/Suzan Close**

Members were asked to sign up if they plan to attend the Nov. 2018 District Meeting and Fall Tour. Linda Walker will be the club's LEADS candidate. A Nominating Committee of Janie, Janet Carlson, Nancy and Mary Evelyn was appointed. Linda Ferris was leader of the month. We will be able to continue to meet at our current meeting place. The club needs to nominate a Volunteer of the Year.

NEWSLETTER:**Jeff Anne Pike**

Deadline for the newsletter is Oct. 27.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:**Linda Ferris**

Members were thanked for Facebook contributions. Suzan received the Pat on the back for posting the pillowcase workshop. Linda will prepare an article about our club activities for the Nov. Florida Clubwoman. Members were asked to respond to a GFWC Challenge to talk to a nonmember about the club once a week. Several members had done this.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: The following motions passed:

1. The club will donate \$100 to GFWC clubs for hurricane relief to be used for the members and \$100 to church charities in the area to help the people in need.
2. The club will donate \$30 to purchase 2 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America Project.
3. The club will allocate 2- \$1,000 scholarships for 2 high school seniors in 2019.
4. The club will pay \$9 for each shoebox collected for Operation Christmas Child.
5. The club will allocate \$200 from the coupon books profit for Dollars for Delegates to help pay for members to attend 2019 state meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members decided that there would not be a Christmas card and/or ornament exchange at the Holiday party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mary Evelyn Mitchell, Recording Secretary