GFWC GREATER WEST PALM BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Mary Evelyn Mitchell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The devotional was read "Finding Your Happiness" 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 23 members in attendance and a quorum present.

GUESTS:

PROGRAM: Lynelle Zelnar, Forgotten Soldier's Outreach

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cathy Hopkins & Janet Oliver

The January 2020 minutes were approved by the board as corrected.

TREASURER: JeffAnne Pike for Janet Carlson

January Treasurer's Report filed as reported.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Sheila Zile-Pecoraro/Fran Green

Thank you notes from VA Medical Center for Veteran's Day centerpieces, Serena Rinker for donation of Kind News, Ida Perry Foster, Event Chair from the Sierra Club for our working the Everglades Day 20/20.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Linda Ferris/Meg America

February Birthday wishes were given to Janet Oliver, Janet Carlson, & Jean Allen. Feb Anniversary wishes are given to Fran & Gary Green. March Birthday wishes are given to Donna Cohen and Debbie Still. March anniversary wishes are given to Meg & Charlie Lockmiller, Sharon & Jim Bounds and Sheila & Tony Pecoraro. February's outings to Ribbit display at the Mounts and Lake Worth Street Painting were both cancelled. March 5 outing will be at the Flagler Museum for High Tea. We will meet at 10:00 on Thursday in front of the box office. Cost is $40. With a show of hands for who would like to go, no reservations were made in case anyone couldn't make it, Flagler wanted all Ticket $$ ahead of time. May 24 is the Club Picnic hosted by Meg and Charlie. This is a potluck with the Club paying for the meats. Each member is to give $3.00 each. Membership will pass the "Gratitude Jar". Please included what you are thankful for regarding the club. Jean Allen and Sharon Bounds met for lunch as thy were the members drawn from the Traveling Teapot. This months Traveling Teapot recipients are Linda Walker, Cathy Hopkins, Alice Saroka, and Barbara Burdette. Our club's yearbook will not be printed this year. You may have a copy for yourself by going to www.gfwc-wpbwomensclub.org. There is a drop-down menu, please get the username and password from Janet Carlson. "You nailed It" award goes to Kerry Friedman as greeter.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Jeff Anne Pike

There are 2 Coupon Book remaining. See Gay to purchase one. Feb 21, Bunco had 13 members, 6 Boosters and 3 guests for a total of 22 that attended. Potluck was with Heart Healthy foods. Fashion Show update is as follows: Tickets are ready for members to sell. Each member should take an envelope with 5 tickets in it. Write the name of the person buying the ticket with their ticket number. Return the envelope with names & their numbers with $$ to JeffAnne. Thank you to all who have been requesting donations from businesses. Everyone, please help by getting donations. March 10 the Fashion Committee will begin putting together baskets. If you have items for the raffle or silent auction, please bring them that day. We need volunteers to help put together the favor bags. If anyone has 150 items they would like to have included in the bags, bring them to the March meeting.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR REPORTS:

ARTS: Sharon Bounds

The card making workshops and lunch had 4 members & 2 guests on Jan 29 and 8 members & 3 guests on Jan 30. The card workshop with the Lake Worth Women's Club had 21 of their members attend. Linda Walker has been in touch with the special Class for our Very Special Arts (Art for All) where the class will make mermaid pictures to hang for our fashion show. Janet Carlson will be scheduling a patriotic wreath and a wine cork project in the future. Remember, if you are putting a craft in the District Arts, you need to give it to someone who is going or bring it with you when you attend.

CONSERVATION: Donna Cohen

Donna attended the 21st Annual Everglades Day festival on Feb 8. The Oleander Garden Club sponsored a luncheon on Feb 20, 6 members & 1guest attended. Trapper Rick Lancaster has retired. We are sending a Best Wishes card made by Sharon to him. Peggy Eltz will be our point person for trapping the cats and getting them spayed/neutered, so keep bringing the cans of cat food. March 6 at 6:30 is the Palm Beach Beekeeper's Association. The Sierra Club meeting on March 19 at 7:00 pm will discuss invasive species with focus on the everglades and other topics. March 21 at 10:00 am-2:00 pm is Gopher Tortoise Celebration at Okeeheelee Nature Center. Please sign the petition or contact our State Senators to pass the SB712 clean waterways act - "Fix the Bill". This petition will eliminate plastic shopping bag distribution by Publix and others. Conservation Committee Meeting was attended by 4 members to discuss current & future projects. Feb 27 is the week of "Invasive Species Awareness" Week. We will meet at Galaxy Elementary School in Boynton beach to help educate kids on "Invasive Species" and then we will clean up and week at the Galaxy Scrub. We are still collecting old mascara wands, shoes, Paper Towels, etc. for the zoo and cat food for the trappers.

EDUCATION: Kathy Stackhouse

Some members attended the Quaker President's and their first Ladies, they collected $375 for Homes for Our Troops. Three members attended the American Association of University Women Gala Benefit that honored HHRC's Deputy Director Judy Pierman for the AAUW 202 Women of Distinction Award. Four members visited our adopted class at HHRC. Kathy read 2 stories to our 4-year-old class and each child was given a book. We left 10 more books for classroom Birthday Bags. Our club participated in Forest Hill High School's "College and Career Fair" on Feb 18. It was excellent PR for our club. Janie D'Ambrosio donated 20 3-ring binders which were added to our donation of supplies to Crestwood Middle School Social Studies Department. The club also donated 22 baby board books for the Women Veteran's Baby Shower. March 2 we will be meeting at 9:55 at the HHRC for Read Across America Day and to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will carry Dr Seuss animals and parade in room 106. We will read and then donate a book and birthday bag in memory of Dr. Seuss. We are continuing to collect used books.

HOME LIFE: Suzan Close/Jean Allen

Heath topic of the month was given by Jean Allen of symptoms of a heart attack in women as they are difference from men. She had symptoms of a heart attack and didn't know it, so please be aware of any pains or discomfort/upset stomach and see your doctor. March 17 will be a workshop to make pillowcases. We need children print cotton fabric for the pillowcases. Susan is working on a date to provide a dinner for Quantum House in April.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: Linda Walker

We will be collecting gently used bras this month and next month for "Save the Girls". International Dinner was held at Sweet Tomatoes with 7 members & 1 Booster attending. March International Dinner will be at Paddy Macs in Palm Beach Gardens on March 16. Linda has gotten in touch with her contact at "Live Hope Learn" orphanage in Port-a-Prince. She asked for sizes and he promised to get back to her in 2 weeks. Hopefully there will be a workshop in April to make something for the orphanage. We will continue to knit/crochet items for Christmas at Sea.

PUBLIC ISSUES: Cathy Hopkins/JeffAnne Pike

Forgotten Soldier's Outreach collection in February is disposable razors. March collection will be Ramen Noodles. Feb 11, six (6) members delivered cookies for our Random Acts of Cookies. We delivered them to the Sheriff's office on Southern Blvd., Post Office on Summit Blvd, Manalapan Police and Fire departments. We are planning to make another cookie delivery in April. Feb 18, we had 5 members stuff Mommy Bags for the expecting Women veterans. They were delivered on Feb 19 by 5 members. Cathy will find out about CPR classes. Many members are interested in the class and a time and date will be decided by the availability of the instructor and our members.

SPECIAL CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

GFWC SPECIAL PROJECT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: Linda Ferris/Deb Griffin

Linda Ferris showed the club some of the items that go into the "Birthday Bags" for the children at Harmony House. 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 AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence) and "Purses with a Purpose"

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Linda Ferris

We were featured in Membership Monday on Feb 17 & Feb 24. We were featured in GFWC news and Notes on Jan 30 for the Guatemalan/Mayan Center for our donation of foods, etc., which we did for 2020 Day of Service. There were a lot of posting on Facebook for the Sierra/Everglades, Mommy bags, HHRC and more! Pat on the back goes to Kathy Stackhouse.

LEADERSHIP: Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Leader of the Month is Kathy Stackhouse. The District Arts & Craft meeting is Feb 29, at the Jupiter Community Center. Registration starts at 9:30 followed by meeting at 10:00. We have 11 members going and 6 or 7 craft entries. We will support our Volunteer of the Year, Donna Cohen, at this meeting. "Orange You Observant" award goes to Cathy Hopkins. Jean Allen thoroughly enjoyed her day at LEADS conference. She has learned a great deal about the history of GFWC and GFWC FL.

NEWSLETTER:

February 28 - Deadline for Newsletter

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: JeffAnne has the tickets. Stop by and get your five. Please let membership know when club members are sick. Suzanne Valentage will be having eye surgery.

Adjourned 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hopkins & Janet Oliver, Co-Recording Secretary