

**January 2011 GMM Minutes**  
**The Hope Club, Latham, NY**  
**January 11, 2011**  
6:30 pm Social and 7:00 pm Meeting

In attendance:

- I. Carly Connors called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
- II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda –no changes.
- III. **Approval of the November 2010 Meeting Minutes\* - Megan Kelly motioned to approve the minutes and Carolyn Daggett seconded. Motion approved.**
- IV. The Annual Appeal cards were mailed out over the holidays- thank you to the committee.
- V. Guest Speaker- Claudia Meyer, an Interfaith Chaplin at Albany Med, discussed strategies for coping with daily stress, since stress has such a significant negative impact on our lives.
- VI. President's Report- nothing to report.
- VII. President Elect's Report- Carolyn Daggett and Carly Connors will be attending the AJLI Leadership Conference at the end of January.
- VIII. Treasurer Report
  - a. While Kara Tubbs is on maternity leave, Mary Kempton Moore will assume her Treasurer duties.
  - b. Dues-
    - i. The new dues notice will be sent out by Sectionals- please bring your checkbook to the Sectionals meeting so JLA can save the cost of postage.
    - ii. Dues will likely be going up, as AJLI is likely raising their dues. A portion of our annual dues must be submitted to AJLI.
    - iii. If you pay by check JLA collects the full amount of the dues. If you pay by credit card, JLA must pay a fee to collect the money.
  - c. Reimbursement process- a handout was distributed about the procedure to request reimbursement for League expenses, and Kara walked through it with the attendees. The reimbursement form is on the JLA website (under the login section). All reimbursement requests must be submitted within 45 days of purchase (very important to make sure all budgeting stays on track).
- IX. Secretary's Report- nothing to report.

- X. Community Council
  - a. Upcoming DIADs were reviewed:
    - i. 1/18 Ronald McDonald House needs two more volunteers (Anne Putnam is the point of contact)- potential for another DIAD with their organization;
    - ii. 2/5 Pine Hills Library DIL sign up (contact Robyn Eisen if interested);
    - iii. 3/5 Kids Expo;
    - iv. 4/2 Cinderella Project Boutique Day
    - v. April or May- Habitat for Humanity or Double H Ranch DIADs being developed.
  - b. Thank you to all of those who brought donations today for the food bank DIAM.
  - c. Possibly there will be another DIAM in March for the rape crisis center- loose clothing, non-perishable, easily transported snacks, undergarments.
- XI. Nominating and Placement
  - a. Slate is being gathered for the March GMM voting meeting. If interested in nominating yourself or others for the Board, email Lea Ermides right away.
- XII. Membership Services
  - a. Robyn Eisen introduced the Provisionals in attendance and the new Actives.
  - b. Sectionals meeting upcoming in February- please remember your checkbooks for dues. Volunteer hosts are needed for Albany, Clifton Park, Delmar, and E. Greenbush.
    - i. It was suggested that the dues notice be emailed and posted to the JLA website for download to save money.
  - c. Membership requirements are on the JLA website:
    - i. American Girl Shifts
    - ii. Community Service
    - iii. March Voting Meeting attendance
    - iv. Fundraising Requirements
    - v. Annual Dues Requirements.
    - vi. If ever you anticipate not being able to meet a requirement, please contact your advisor so they can work with you. Their names are found on the website.
    - vii. In near future, all members will get a call from their advisors to see how things are going this year.
- XIII. Communications Council
  - a. Any eNewsletter items need to be emailed to Allison Meyers no later than 1/14.
- XIV. Fund Development
  - a. Annual Appeal- thank you to all of those who donated, and to the committee. More than \$500 has been raised so far.
  - b. Albany Country Club holiday craft show raised more than \$1500 for DIL.
  - c. Remaining focus of the year is obtaining corporate sponsors and grants. If you have suggestions for potential funding sources, please email the Fund Development Committee members.
  - d. All corporate sponsors must be listed on event programs, signage.

XV. Old Business- nothing to report.

XVI. New Business

- a. American Girl Fashion Show- Kirsten Kropp (KK) advises that the AG committee needs more volunteers to assist with show preparations (i.e. stuffing goodie bags the second weekend in March, dress rehearsal on 3/17). Also need somebody to coordinate obtaining donations for raffles.
  - i. It was suggested that each committee come up with a basket of items to raffle off. Goal is to receive items appealing to children and their parents. Remember, \$250 in in-kind donations meets a fundraising requirement. Donations will be accepted up to two weeks before the event, or bring to the March GMM. Contact KK if you have any questions.
  - ii. It was suggested that the committee solicit donations of the supplies needed to assemble the baskets. KK to make a list of what is needed.
  - iii. Model packages were upgraded, and the price increased.
  - iv. All show information and ticket prices are on the JLA website.
  - v. If you are unable to work a shift at AG, there are other related tasks you can perform to meet the requirement.
- b. Rockwell Scholarship (\$1000) - school letters were mailed this week. Recipient can be high school or college student in Capital Region. Applicants CANNOT be a relative of a JLA member. The application is on our website, and is due 3/15/11. If you have nominees, send them to Jessica Meigher.
- c. Member of the Month- Congratulations to Allison Meyers for her great work on the Fall Cocktail Party and the eNewsletter!

XVII. Open Forum

- a. No other new business.

**XVIII. Motion to Adjourn\*- at 8:16 PM, Carly Connors motioned to adjourn, Megan Kelly seconded. Motion approved.**

- **Voting issue**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Melton, Recording Secretary