



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALBANY**  
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February 2012 Sectional Minutes

**2/8/12 Delmar Sectionals Meeting-** Home of Kelly Haseotes

**In Attendance:** Kelly Haseotes, Kirsten (KK) Kropp, Kristina Osborne-Oliver, Lauren Paulk, Naomi Shencavitz, and Lea E. Stevens

**2/13/12 Delmar Sectionals Meeting-** Home of Lisa Cronlund

**In Attendance:** Lisa Cronlund, Mary Kempton Moore, and Carolyn Daggett

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting -**Home of Allison Meyers

**In Attendance:** Karen Counes, Carly Connors, Hope O'Brien, Allison Meyers, and Maggie Dunham

**2/15/12 Albany Sectionals Meeting-** Home of Sandy Doellefeld

**In Attendance:** Andrea Cass, Colleen Corcoran, Sandra Doellefeld, Megan Kelly, Caitlin Cooper, and Jennifer Bryant

**2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting-** Home of Kara Tubbs

**In Attendance:** Michelle Melton, Sharon Lastique, Jennifer Carraher, Bridget Graber, Kate Barry, Kara Tubbs, Michelle Gruber, Robyn Eisen and Liz Tuttle

I. Call meeting to order:

**2/8/12 Delmar Sectionals Meeting-** Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting -** Meeting called to order by Karen Counes at 7:25 p.m.

**2/15/12 Albany Sectionals Meeting-** Meeting called to order by Caitlin Cooper at 7:26pm.

**2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting-** Michelle Melton called the meeting to order at 7:44pm.

II. Changes or additions to the agenda:

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting -** No changes to the agenda.

**2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting-** Kate Barry asked for volunteers for the Read Across America Day at Colonie Center on March 2nd. This event will be centered around the

Lorax and will have Betty's Cupcakes and craft projects. Celebrity readers are needed as well as lots of volunteers. Robyn Eisen suggested that volunteering be worth 2 DIAD credits, since we are getting near the end and people need credits. There will also be opportunities to volunteer before the event to purchase crafts and get them ready – Kara Tubbs and Bridget Graber volunteered to do this.

### III. Treasurer:

**2/8/12 Delmar Sectionals Meeting-** KK reminded members that annual dues are due April 1st.

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting** -Dues are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> -- \$100, checks made payable to Junior League of Albany

**2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting-** Dues are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> – Dues notices will be mailed shortly. They can be paid at the March meeting or mailed.

### IV. Nominating

**2/8/12 Delmar Sectionals Meeting-** Lea asked members to check Closerware to make sure that their requirements are accurately updated.

American Girl - Members were reminded to sign up for their required shift. They were advised that the Friday evening shift was fulfilled and that the second shift on Saturday could especially use volunteers. If they can't attend a shift of the show, they are to contact the committee chair or a board member about other tasks that could be done.

Upcoming Meetings: Members were reminded that the March General Membership Meeting was mandatory and that the April GMM will include the annual placement fair.

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting** -League Requirements/ Please check Closerware to make sure your requirements are up to date

- a. Noted that there is a new set of membership requirements that are stricter than the previous years. Any questions regarding the new requirements should be brought up with the membership secretary.
- b. Members reminded that the diaper drive is still an available option for a DIAM credit.
- c. AMERICAN GIRL: Noted that this is the JLA's major fundraising event. Carly Connors or Ginny Rosborough must be notified if you cannot meet your volunteering obligations.
  - i. We discussed ways to increase AG ticket sales: post poster's everywhere (Stuyvesant Plaza, day cares, Clifton Park Library, etc.); email coworkers; require members/provisionals to sell a certain amount of tickets.

- ii. We discussed ways to receive financial credits as related to AG: donations to the 'hair station'.
- d. MARCH MEETING: A sustainer from Florida branch JL will be present via Skype. Make sure venue has internet connection, speaker hookup, projector, food and drink for approximately 30 people.
- e. APRIL MEETING: Wine tasting in Latham Farms (members must pay for wine). Committee chairs will be there for this placement fair.
- f. MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: Importance of completing membership survey was discussed. Carly Connors (past-president) stated that responses were helpful in planning for improvements for the next year.

#### AMERICAN GIRL REMINDER OF REQUIREMENTS

Inability to fulfill a required shift - Notification must be made in writing to the committee chair or a Board member by no later than one week in advance of the show and make and fulfill alternative arrangements to fulfill their shift (prep work before hand, mailing thank you notes, writing thank you notes, etc.). Board members and committee chairs will keep documentation of any contact re AG including date and time and the alternate arrangements promised.

If members have a last minute emergency (illness, last minute work trip) and cannot make it to their shift, that member must call a Board member and advise as to the reasons, and are still obligated to make alternate arrangements to fulfill their obligation. Documentation will be maintained by the Board member.

The members can also fulfill lots of other requirements via AG:

Extra shift gets them one fundraising credit

Donating a raffle basket for AG equals a fundraising credit (getting donations of over \$500 for raffle baskets equals 3 fundraising credits)

Selling out a table at AG equals 3 fundraising credits

March GMM- Mandatory voting meeting

April GMM- Placement Fair

**2/15/12 Albany Sectionals Meeting-** AG shift signup and requirement

**2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting-** League Requirements/Please check Closerware to make sure your requirements are up to date – Robyn Eisen asked if anyone had checked to see if the requirements were up to date on the website. Sharon Lastique said that it wasn't up to date in the "Requirements" section of Profile. Michelle Melton said that the requirements are also listed in the Red Book on the website.

**American Girl Reminder of Requirements** – Kara Tubbs clarifies that everyone has to do a shift at American Girl; extra shifts are for a fundraising credit. The number of fundraising requirements is dependent on the length of time you have been in the League.

Kate Barry asked if we could have signs at American Girl reminding people that all proceeds go to Dolly's or a "Did you know that Junior League is responsible for: Ronald McDonald House, Equinox, etc."

Kate Barry mentioned that help will be needed entering the sign ups from Stratton Air Force Base and also that they are working with DCYF of Albany to focus on kids in the City of Albany. She suggested that entering these could also help fulfill DIAD requirements.

March GMM – Mandatory voting meeting – If you are not able to make it please email Brianna for an absentee ballot. Must be returned by noon on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**2/15/12 Albany Sectionals Meeting-**

March GMM voting meeting – mandatory attendance

April GMM Placement Fair

Read Across American Event – look for billboard; Jen Bryant gave us some info in regards to IL and DFSNY; Discussed fact that IL ending Spring 2013, voting issue

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting - Membership Survey Discussion**

**2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting-** Membership Survey Discussion – The survey is finished, any thoughts or suggested about the survey are appreciated. This survey will guide future events. Next year is our 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the celebration will be more community service focused. We are also looking for our next signature project and an organization to transition Dolly's to in 2013. Kate asked if it was possible to keep Dolly's for an extra year because they are making strides this year and seeing success. Michelle said that someone should come to a Board meeting to discuss.

V. Community Impact (focus on women and children)

**2/8/12 Delmar Sectionals Meeting-** Thoughts on a new league project: The general consensus was that members would like to find out what the needs of the community are and then focus a project on that. It was suggested that we contact the police, medical professionals and teachers and have them speak with the league about what they feels concerns are. In addition, the following ideas were suggested/discussed:

- Raising awareness about children's mental health, including bullying, the impact of social media
- Autism

- Backpack Buddies - joining with the Northeast Regional Foodbank and providing children with things to get them through the weekend that they would otherwise receive during the week at school
- Boys/Girls Club - sponsoring a child or a family around the holidays

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting** -Dolly's Imagination Library Program ends 2013 brainstorming for next project

- a. New Project Ideas: Foster Care (support for kids); Backpack Project at local elementary schools; Women's Fund (raises money to give woman grants for tuition to college-managed by Hudson Valley Community College); United Way; Relocation Services offered to families new to the area (i.e. Tech Valley, etc); after school programs promoting tutoring services and sports (possible partnership with YMCA, etc); SAT prep services; Stop Bullying; Girls on the Run.

VI. Old Business:

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting** -Posters for AG, posts AG links on Facebook- spread the news!!

VII. New Business:

**2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting** -Suggestion that the E-blasts should be shorter; make it a requirement for members/provisionals to sell a certain amount of tickets to AG; think of ways to implement financial credit to AG (donations to the hair station; donations for the auction).

**2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting**- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Cinderella Project DIAD at Siena, set up will be early morning around 7am and the Boutique will start at 10am. Kara reported that some of the American Girl shows are almost sold out.

**VIII. \*2/8/12 Delmar Sectionals Meeting- Motion for meeting to adjourn made at 8:34 p.m. Motion passed by all present.**

**\*2/13/12 Saratoga Springs Sectional Meeting -Motion for meeting to adjourn made at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed by all present.**

**\*2/15/12 Albany Sectionals Meeting- Motion by Sandy Doellefeld for meeting to adjourn made at 8:25p.m. Seconded by Megan Kelly. Motion passed by all present.**

**\*2/21/12 Clifton Park Sectionals Meeting- Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Robyn Eisen, seconded by Sharon Lastique.**

**\*Voting Issue**

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna (Wattie) Olsen, Recording Secretary