

March 2011 GMM Minutes
The Rudy A. Ciccotti Family Recreation Center, Colonie, NY
March 8, 2011

6:30 pm Social and 7:00 pm Meeting

In attendance: Michele Melton, Carolyn Daggett, Andrea Cass, Bridget Graber, Janis Graziano, Jennifer Bryant, Jennifer Carraher, Ginny Rosborough, Caitlin Cooper, Sandra VanPelt, Karen Clark, Sheryl English, Kristin Forkeutis, Beth Beshaw, Hope O'Brien, Sandra Doellefeld, Kim Aperance, Liz O'Connell, Barbara Beauchamp, Robyn Matthias, Colleen Corcoran, Lisa Thompson Villa, Brianna Wattie, Karen Counes, Mary Kempton Moore, Benita Lewis, Megan Kelly, Jessica Meigher, Amanda Glaser, Mary Elizabeth Wightman, Kim Smith, Kate Barry, Kirsten Kropp, Lisa Cronlund, Michele Gruber, Carly Connors.

Provisionals in attendance: Catherine Griffin, Sharon Lastique, Datney Amilcar-Rodriguez

- I. Carly Connors called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.
- II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda –no changes.
- III. **Approval of the February Sectionals Meeting Minutes* - Megan Kelly motioned to approve the minutes and Liz O'Connell seconded. All approved, motion passes.**
- IV. President's Report
 - a. Sectionals Survey results
 - i. The Double H Ranch DIAD received a positive response from the majority who completed the survey, so it will be scheduled for April.
 - ii. Tri-League track day will be 8/21/11, and there will be 40 tickets sold, first come, first serve. Tickets are \$37 and require Clubhouse attire. Price includes admission, lunch. Prospective 2011-2012 Provisionals will be invited as well.
 1. If you know of anybody who may want to join the League, please contact Natalia Kokalj or Jennifer Carraher.
 - iii. eNewsletter- great feedback on that, so thank you to Barbara Beauchamp and Allison Meyers for their work. Please let them know any updates for the newsletter or website.
 - iv. Events- surprising results since most responding indicated interest in attending pretty much all the events offered, and yet attendance at this year's events have been low. A lot of planning and expense goes into planning these events, so we need to try and improve attendance in the future.
 - v. Dinner Club- happy to announce the first one will be 3/30 at Buca DiBeppo. Karen Counes is coordinating this.
 - vi. DIAD email notices- more emails will be sent with reminders.
 - vii. Spring Fundraiser will be at Taste (formerly Dale Miller) in Albany, 4/4. Postcard invitations were distributed.
 - viii. Any other questions or suggestions re League events, happenings, please email Carly or the JLA main email address.
 - ix. All fundraisers will be under one umbrella next year.
- V. Secretary's Report- met with Brianna Wattie to start transitioning position information.

- VI. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Annual dues are due 4/1/2011
 - b. Thank you to all who have paid so far.

- VII. Membership VP Report- nothing to report.

- VIII. Communications VP Report
 - a. Mary Elizabeth Wightman was introduced as the League's new Facebook editor. She's doing a great job adding interesting JLA facts to the page!
 - b. Facebook page- if you are commenting on the League's Facebook page, please keep your comments positive since it is publicly viewable. If you have issues or concerns, please submit them via proper channels.

- IX. Community Council VP
 - a. Day Care Initiative was launched at Sectionals. All letters were mailed out so follow up calls can start, as can personal contacts. See Lisa Cronlund for the DIL applications.
 - b. Double H Ranch DIAD will be 4/16/11, and will be cleaning the campgrounds.
 - i. Working on answer to question whether children can be brought to help.
 - ii. One member commented what a great program it is, and how many children within the city of Albany it serves, and that it provides services and opportunities to children with challenges that not many others do.
 - iii. Kids Expo- 45 children signed up for DIL, and raised \$45 in donations. Thank you to all who helped out!

- X. Fund Development Committee
 - a. Corporate sponsorship brochures are ready to be sent out to get donations (the next phase of the work plan).
 - b. Any suggestions for grants or corporations please send them to Caitlin Cooper, who will chair Fund Development next year.

- XI. Finance VP
 - a. American Girl- one show sold out. Saturday afternoon shift still needs volunteers.
 - b. Spring cocktail party will be 4/4 from 6-8PM at Taste. 25% of the evening's proceeds will be donated to DIL. Special guest to attend. Please bring extra postcard invites home to your friends and family. A PDF version will be emailed, and posted to the League's Facebook page and website.
 - i. Questions asked whether a donation jar can be set out, and whether there can be a Dolly Parton dress up contest.

- XII. Nominating and Placement VP
 - a. Slate and Nominating Committee ballots were distributed for the members to cast their votes, and all ballots were returned to the Secretary to be counted.

- i. Sandra VanPelt and Megan Kelly self-nominated to be on the Nominating Committee.
- b. Question was raised about why our League has both a President Elect and President Elect Elect. It brings our League into alignment with AJLI recommendations and other Leagues across the country, and helps improve succession in between League years. The PEE also provides other services while on the Board.
- c. Question was raised about why there were members who are on Leave of Absence listed on the Nominating Committee ballot. These members are assumed to be returning next year, because LOAs are only for one year.
- d. One modification to the Nominating Committee ballot- Kim Aperance is going Sustainer next year.
 - i. Members in the audience also noted that Karin Kennett, Petra Larsen indicated wanting to go Sustainer. Sarah Kenning is moving/transferring.
 - ii. Sustainer requirements- If you are under 40 years of age, you much have at least ten years Active. More than 40, you can go at any time. Must notify the Board by 3/15.
- e. Placement Fair summary sheet was distributed, and each committee chair provided an overview of their activities, and the skills they are looking for with their committee members.
- f. Placement survey was distributed- please complete them and return them to your advisor or Sandra Doellefeld by 4/1.
- g. Rockwell Scholarship application deadline extended to 4/1/11.

XIII. Old Business- nothing to report.

XIV. New Business

- a. Provisional Class Project- their outreach project resulted in a new partnership with Albany Med- great job!
 - i. The Albany Med project is a three month pilot that will sign up all children born in Albany Med within that time (estimated 800 births). Kickoff event will happen within the next few weeks. At the end of the pilot, we will re-evaluate the project and next steps. We are working with the Albany Med Foundation for a donation possibility. Please be discrete as these efforts are still being negotiated.
 - ii. Kickoff event may have visits from literary characters and reading to children.
- b. Schenectady League GMM is 3/9- the proctor's Theatre CEO is speaking. Our members are welcome to attend.
- c. Sustainers Trip to the Culinary Institute of America flyer distributed. Checks are due 3/11/11.
- d. The Taste event is open to all three Leagues.
- e. JLA running and walking teams will be formed for the Corporate Challenge, Freihofers. Members are welcome to join us! If you have other events like these to suggest, please let the Board know. Looking into getting t-shirts for these events.
- f. Rape Crisis and Cinderella Project DIAM- if you brought items, please sign your name on the sheet in back so you get credit, and thank you for your donations.
- g. Attendance sheet- please sign in since this is the mandatory meeting.

- h. Closerware and membership requirements- please check your status sheets to make sure you are meeting all requirements. If you have changes or updates please let your placement advisor and cc Sandy Doellefeld.
- i. Please remember to pay dues by 4/1/11.
- j. Member of the Month- Congratulations to Colleen Corcoran for her great work on the Imagination Library sign ups!

XV. Open Forum

- a. No other new business.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn*- at 8:20 PM, Carly Connors motioned to adjourn, Sandra VanPelt seconded. All approved, motion passes.

- ***Voting issue**

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Melton, Recording Secretary