



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALBANY
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March General Membership Meeting
March 13, 2012
Pruyn House

6:30 pm Social & 7:00 pm Meeting

In attendance: Carly Connors, Andrea Cass, Brianna (Wattie) Olsen, Hope O'Brien, Barbara Beauchamp, Michele Melton, Megan Kelly, Meghan Keenholts, Sandra Doellefeld, Kelly Hasteotes, Michele Gruber, Robyn Matthias, Kara Tubbs, Kristina Osbourne-Oliver, Colleen Corcoran, Dafney Amilcar-Rodriguez, Ally Meyers, Karen Clark, Tayrn Webster, Carolyn Daggett, Jennifer Carraher, Kate Barry, Caitlin Cooper, Natalia Kokalj, Jennifer Bryant, Ginny Rosborough, Sharon Lastique, Janis Graziano, Mary Kempton Moore, Lea Ermides Stevens, Lakisha Rich, and Lisa Cronlund

Provisionals in attendance: Stacey Stump and Mandy Nordstrom

Absentee Ballots: Benita Lewis, Eileen Smith, Elizabeth Tuttle, Robyn Eisen, Lisa Thompson-Villa, Amanda Glaser, Karen Counes, Evelyn Hickok, Bridget Graber, and Kirsten Kropp

- I. Call the meeting to Order- Carolyn Daggett called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
- II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda- Slate and Nominating Committee voting will occur after our guest speaker. Approval of January GMM Minutes will be added.

*** Motion to approve the January GMM Minutes- Motion made by Jennifer Carraher, seconded by Michele Melton. All approve, motion approved.**

*** Motion to approve the February GMM (Sectionals) Minutes- Motion made by Janis Graziano, seconded by Michele Melton. All approve, motion approved.**
- III. Guest Speaker- Colleen Corcoran presented a "Did You Know?" to the League. She spoke about how the League was formed and current projects.
- IV. Nominating & Placement Council Report: Michele Melton- Voting took place for the 2012-2013 Slate and 2012-2013 Nominating Committee. The votes are as follows.

The 2012-2013 Board Slate is as follows:
President- Sandy Doellefeld
President-Elect- Lisa Cronlund

Treasurer- Caitlin Cooper
Secretary- Ginny Rosborough
Finance Council and Fund Development VP- Evelyn Hickok
Community Council VP- Kirsten Kropp
Membership Council VP- Karen Counes
Communications Council VP- Hope O'Brien
Nominating and Placement Council VP- Jennifer Carraher

32 members in attendance voted Yes; 0 members voted No

10 members voted Yes with absentee ballots

Total Votes: 42 Yes, 0 No

*** Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Slate- Motion made by Carly Connors, seconded by Jennifer Carraher. All approve, motion approved.**

- V. President Report: Carolyn Daggett- The Junior League of Syracuse has invited us to attend an event on Saturday March 24th from 9:30am-12pm. Vicki Clark will be presenting. The cost is \$15. Let Carolyn Daggett know if you are interested in attending. Carpooling is an option. The League will cover the fee for attendance.
- VI. President Elect Report: Sandy Doellefeld
 - a. Redbooks- Redbooks are still available.
 - b. Diaper Drive- The League is officially registered with the Huggies Every little Bottom campaign.
 - c. Mother's Day Project- This year, you may give a donation in someone's name for the diaper drive project. The individual will receive a card indicating the donation made in their name. Diapers, wipes, and formula will be purchased to donate to the Regional Food Bank.
- VII. President Elect-Elect- Lisa Cronlund
 - a. Placement- Nothing to report.
- VIII. Treasurer Report: Mary Kempton Moore
 - a. Dues- Dues are due on April 1st. If you would like, you may pay tonight. The cost is \$100 for active members.
- IX. Secretary Report: Brianna (Wattie) Olsen- Nothing to report.
- X. Community Council Report: Kirsten Kropp
 - a. Dolly's update- Read Across America Day- The Read Across America event was a great success. 69 children were signed up and \$72 was collected in donations. The event promoted the JLA and DIL. Thank you to all who volunteers. 30% of the children signed up live in the target area. We now have a partnership with DCYF and approximately 200 social workers will be helping to

sign up children in the target area. In addition 62 children have been signed up through the Scotia Air National Guard.

b. DIAD dates/ events

-Cinderella Project- The event will take place on March 31 at Siena College. "Shopping" will occur during two shifts: 10:30-12:30 and 12:30-2:30. Dress drives will take place over the summer. The project is in need of accessories for next year including purses, jewelry, makeup, perfume, etc.

-Jazzy Sun Birthday- The event will take place on May 19 and donations will be accepted at the next two GMM's. The organization throws birthday parties for children at homeless shelters. They are in need of paper projects, goody bags, storage containers, etc. 5 members are needed to volunteer at the May 19th event. They will help with set-up, the party itself, and clean up. The event runs from 1:00-4:30pm.

c. Rockwell Scholarship- We have received 32 applications this year. An additional member is needed for this committee. There was discussion regarding offering more than one scholarship next year.

XI. Nominating & Placement Council Report: Michele Melton

a. Membership Survey Results- Thank you to members for their feedback. Please continue to provide feedback and contact Michele Melton with any concerns. The survey results have been sent to all provisional and active members.

b. Membership Requirements Reminder- Please refer to the Redbook for specific guidelines. Contact Michele Melton, Robyn Eisen, or Lea Ermides Stevens with concerns.

c. Change of Status- If you would like to go sustainer status, please notify Michele Melton by March 15th with an e-mail or letter. If you would like to take a Leave of Absence or Transfer to another league, please notify Michele Melton. Change of status changes the amount owed for dues. You may also indicate LOA on the dues form.

XII. Membership Services Council Report

a. Provisional Introduction: Natalia Kokalj- There are a total of 14 provisionals this year. Natalia introduced the two provisionals in attendance, Stacey Stump and Mandy Nordstrom.

XIII. Communications Council Report: Barbara Beauchamp

a. Capital Connections- Barbara asked the members if they were all receiving the Capital Connections.

b. PR- indicated that American Girl and Read Across America received great PR. In addition, the Capital District Parent Pages and Times Union were used to

promote American Girl. The Spotlight and a billboard were used to promote Read Across America.

c. Annual Report- Please send any additional information to Barbara.

XIV. Fund Development Report: Caitlin Cooper

a. American Girl- Carly Connors and Ginny Rosborough- Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the event. Three sustainers also volunteered. 723 tickets were purchased for the event, which is 22 more than last year. Next year, the event will take place on one day. There will be 3 shows. The proposed date for the 2013 event is March 9th. We will use more models and more VIP models. All receipts for this year's event should go to Mary Kempton Moore by Monday. A big thank you to Sally and John Ten Eyck for picking up the boxes of souvenirs from Fed Ex! Pictures will be posed online soon and can be used for PR. Committee members are needed for next year.

XV. Old Business- Nothing to report.

XVI. New Business

a. Member of the Month- The Member of the Month was selected based on a drawing for those who donated diapers. Congratulations to Robyn Matthias.

XVII. *Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Carly Connors, seconded by Michele Melton. All approve, motion approved.

***Voting Issue**

Respectfully submitted,
Brianna (Wattie) Olsen, Recording Secretary