

**October 2010 General Membership Meeting**  
**The Pruyn House, Colonie, NY**  
**October 12, 2010**

6:30 pm Social and 7:00 pm Meeting

In attendance: Michele Melton, Sheryl English, Amanda Glaser, Andrea Cass, Benita Lewis, Taryn Webster, Megan Kelly, Kim Aperance, Ginny Rosborough, Kate Barry, Kara Tubbs, Karen Clark, Eileen Smith, Brianna Wattie, Carly Connors, Kirsten Kropp, Colleen Corcoran, Lisa Thompson Villa, Lisa Cronlund, Allison Meyers, Robyn Eisen, Hope O'Brien, Carolyn Daggett.

- I. Carly Connors called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.
- II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda –no changes.
- III. **Approval of the September 2010 Meeting Minutes\* - Lisa Cronlund motioned to approve the minutes and Megan Kelly seconded. Motion approved.**
- IV. Guest Speaker – a presentation was made that included interesting information about the history of Albany and the Pruyn House, and what makes Albany a unique “crossroad and community”.
- V. President Report: Carly Connors
  - a. Troy and Schenectady League Meeting- JLA President and President Elect met with reps from these Leagues to discuss doing more activities together. The Troy League is very supportive.
    - a. It is anticipated that the spring fundraiser will be held with the Troy League.
    - b. November is the Tri-League meeting- it is a great opportunity to introduce ourselves and make new friends.
    - c. There is some discussion re a possible merge. A conference call with AJLI to discuss logistics is planned within the next few weeks.
    - d. Anticipated joint events:
      - i. February 2011- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual provisional mixer
      - ii. May 2011-Habitat for Humanity volunteering
      - iii. August 2011- Track Day
  - b. JL Merchandise will be for sale at every GMM- please take a look. If you order a t-shirt it will be delivered before the Tri-League meeting.
- VI. President Elect Report: Carolyn Daggett
  - a. Nothing to report
- VII. Treasurer Report: Kara Tubbs
  - a. Still working to close out the books from the 2009-2010 year.
  - b. Meeting with Sustainer Mary Durgie and the League's bookkeeper on 10/20.
  - c. The League's taxes are complete. Megan Kelly to deliver them to Sarah Kenning and Liz Koulos for signature.

- VIII. Secretary Report: Michele Melton
- a. The Cinderella Project was very happy to receive our donations- thank you all! A question was asked about any future dress donation days, as many still have dresses to donate. More information will be forthcoming.
- IX. Community Council Report: Lisa Cronlund
- a. Sign up posters for upcoming DIADs and DIL sign up events were distributed.
    1. DIL sign-ups will be held 10/23 and on 11/13 (HATAS)
    2. DIADs- 10/29 Halloween Party at Arbor Hill library, 11/21 Equinox (note the availability of many more slots and shifts) - need 10-15 people per shift. Children 10 and over are welcome at Equinox.
    3. If a member has any suggestions for additional DIADs, please email them to Robyn Nicoll-Eisen (there will be a meeting to plan future DIADs on 11/15).
- X. Nominating & Placement Council Report: Lea Ermides
- a. No report.
- XI. Membership Services Council Report
- a. New Active members were introduced.
  - b. The Tri-League meeting is in November and will be held at the Crossings in Colonie. Dinner will be served.
- XII. Communications Council Report: Barbara Beauchamp
- a. eNewsletter- Allison Meyers noted that several members did not receive the eNewsletter. Suggestion was made to check your Spam mail folders and filters, and to verify the accuracy of your Closerware address. Lots of positive feedback has been received about the eNewsletter.
  - b. Advertising spots- a handout was distributed for members to use to solicit advertising space purchases by local merchants. This fact sheet will be available on the website as well.
  - c. Please forward the eNewsletter to your friends and to community partners of the League. May encourage them to participate in future League events.
  - d. Applause section was brought back in the eNewsletter. If you have suggestions for this section, email them to Allison Meyers.
- XIII. Fund Development Committee- Kim Aperance
- a. Sponsorship brochure- Kristen Forkeutis has done an outstanding job on the brochure! It is about 90% complete.
  - b. Two corporate sponsors have been obtained- Key Bank and SEFCU. Their logos must be incorporated into League event and publication documents as offered. If your committee is hosting an event, please let Kim Aperance know so you can add the logos to your signage.
  - c. Annual Appeal cards to be ready by the Tri-League meeting- this will elicit individual donations. We are hoping that each member will provide the names of 10 friends or family to the Fund Development Committee for inclusion in the mailing or take 10 annual appeal cards to personalize and mail separately.

- d. Albany Country Club Craft Show – To be held on November 11 from 10 AM – 2 PM. All proceeds of the raffle to benefit JLA's DIL project. \$20 ticket includes admission and lunch. A table will be reserved for JLA attendees- if interested please contact Kim Aperance.

XIV. Old Business:

- a. Family Fun Day- was a huge success!! Thank you to Janis Graziano and Bridget Graber for a great time!
- b. Dale Miller- We raised \$263. Thank you to all who attended or worked it. If you have any pictures, please email them to Ally for inclusion in the newsletter. In three months, DM will let us hold another fundraiser night. If you have ideas for themes, guest/celebrity bartenders, please let Carly Connors know.
- c. Fall Fundraiser- Thank you to all for forwarding the invitations and continue spreading the word. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please let Allison Meyers know ASAP – she needs a head count for ordering food. \$850 in donations were already received, mainly from those who cannot attend. The limousine offering mentioned at the September meeting is no longer available.
- d. Holiday party- will be held 12/13 at the Fort Orange Club. Silent auction donations are being sought. Email ideas to Sarah Kenning. The law firm of E. Stewart Jones is sponsoring the party. There will be a charity drive in conjunction with the party (possibly a book drive, or something for the Humane Society).
- e. Rock for Reading- is back on!! Will be held 11/13 at Savannah's on Pearl/State Sts in Albany, from 2 PM-8:30PM. It is located across from Dale Miller. There will be bands, silent auction, 50/50 raffle. Barbara Beauchamp needs volunteers to staff this event- please contact her if interested. \$20 admission includes two drink coupons. Barbara is working on getting advertising for the event- Facebook, Times Union, radio, TV ads, SUNY newspapers. Will confirm if Savannahs restricts attendance to adults over 21.
- f. American Girl- need somebody to handle reservations. Let Kirsten Kropp know if you are interested.

XV. Member of the Month- Congratulations to Megan Kelly!

XVI. Open Forum

- a. Open Forum discussion guidelines were shared with the members in attendance.
- b. Lisa Cronlund indicated she is researching a social event for the League- possibly getting Madison Square Garden group rates for the Christmas Spectacular and other shows. Contact Lisa if interested.
- c. Allison Meyers mentioned another possible social activity- the JL in NYC Holiday House Crawl- which is supposed to be great.

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn\*- at 9:00 PM, Kim Aperance motioned to adjourn, Lisa Cronlund seconded. Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Melton, Recording Secretary