



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALBANY

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September General Membership Meeting
Equinox, 95 Central Ave, Albany NY
September 11, 2012

In attendance: Dafney Amilcar-Rodriguez, Jennifer Bryant, Jennifer Carraher, Andrea Cass, Brooke Chaffee-Zayas, Carly Connors, Caitlin Cooper, Tara Cristalli, Lisa Cronlund, Carolyn Daggett, Taryn Davila-Webster, Sandy Doellefeld, Maggie Dunham, Bridget Graber, Michele Gruber, Julia Hormes, Megan Kelly, Kirsten Kropp, Sharon Lastique, Michele Melton, Mandy Nordstrom, Lori Randle, Lakisha Rich, Ginny Rosborough, Lorayne Ruthman, Eileen Smith

I. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Sandra Doellefeld called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

A. There are no additions or changes to the agenda.

III. History of JLA and Equinox – Lorraine D’ALeo

A. Equinox began in 1969 as a hotline for people who were in need of help due to drug abuse and out of that hotline, Equinox learned of other problems and needs in the Albany community. JLA started a domestic violence shelter at Equinox as no domestic violence shelter existed in Albany County at the time. The JLA worked hard at promoting the cause and raised \$20,000 over a couple of years to buy a house to serve as the shelter. JLA gained many new members as a result of the domestic violence shelter project. In more recent years, Equinox has added advocacy and counseling services and helps children who are not quite homeless, but don’t really have homes.

IV. Training with Steve Lewanick

A. Ice breaker and team work games.

V. Approval of May General Membership Meeting Minutes*

A. Kirsten Kropp made a motion to approve the May General Membership Meeting Minutes and Lisa Cronlund seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VI. Reports

A. Nominating and Placement

1. Open Board positions--please contact Jennifer Carraher if you would like to fill one of the following positions:

a) Communications VP: Oversees the Website, Facebook, Newsletter, and Publicity/Marketing committees.

b) Membership VP: Oversees the Provisional, Training, Social & Arrangements, and Membership Council committees.

B. President

1. Website Makeover

- a) The JLA website is scheduled for an update mid-October.

2. Deadlines for email blasts, website, Capital Connections

- a) Email: Please email Sandra Doellefeld items for the weekly email blast by Wednesdays with Friday delivery.
- b) Capital Connections: Please send any information/articles to Sandra Doellefeld by the 15th of the month.

3. JLAwesome Award

- a) The September JLAwesome Award goes to Michele Gruber for her work in connecting the JLA with Jazzy Sun Birthdays for Done in a Day opportunities. Jazzy Sun holds birthday parties each month for homeless children.

C. President Elect

1. 95th Luncheon and Volunteer-A-Thon

- a) The 95th Anniversary Luncheon will be at the Albany Country Club on Sunday, October 14th at 11:30 am. The speaker will be Paul Grondahl, award winning author and Albany Times Union feature writer. Ticket prices will be \$25.

D. Secretary

1. Nothing to report.

E. Treasurer

1. Community Foundation Meeting

- a) There will be a meeting with the Community Foundation for Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30pm at the BEAHIVE in Downtown Albany. This meeting is to help us understand the structure of our account and how we can access our funds.
- b) For check requests, please bring the tax exempt form, use cash, and send it to the League's PO Box within 30 days of spending the money.

F. Community VP

1. Imagination Library

- a) Enrollment has currently been placed on hold. The latest project with AMC greatly exceeded our expectations and budget. Without a corporate sponsor, we cannot enroll more children. As the Imagination Library was scheduled to end in 2013, the Chairs are looking for organizations to spin the project to, as we have done with past projects.

2. Huggies Every Little Bottom Continuation

- a) We will be continuing to collect diapers this year for the Huggies Every Little Bottom Campaign. Today's diaper recipient is Equinox.

3. Done in a Day

- a) JLA's 95th Anniversary Community Service Challenge, October 1-14th. Our goal is to have our members collectively provide at least 95 hours of community service within these two weeks to mark our 95th anniversary. The JLA volunteer who works the most JLA DIAD community service hours during these two weeks will get half of their JLA dues paid for the next League year.

(1) Confirmed 95th Anniversary DIADs – all details will be included in an upcoming email blast and on the website calendar in the coming weeks:

- (a) Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center: 10/3
- (b) Komen Race for the Cure: 10/6
- (c) Capital City Rescue Mission: 10/10
- (d) Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital: 10/13
- (e) St Peter's Hospice: 10/16

G. Finance / Fund Development VP

1. Holiday Party

- a) The Holiday Party will be held at the Fort Orange Club. The Holiday Party Committee is looking for donations for the wine wall.

2. American Girl – March 9, 2013

- a) The American Girl Fashion Show will be held at the Albany Country Club--three shows on Saturday.
- b) The AG Committee needs help with publicity. Please contact Carly Connors or Michele Melton if you can help.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

*Denotes Voting Issue