

# The Lantern



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## ***Congratulations to the newly appointed League leaders!***

### **Board Members**

**Vice President: Valerie James**

**Assistant Secretary: Amy Jones**

**Assistant Treasurer: Cindy Ardis**

### **Admissions**

**Tiffany Davis, Whitney Dunlap,**

**Lauren Locklear, Kelly Mills, Beth Poag,**

**and Amy Stallings**

**Alternates: Caroline Motley and Nancy Ferriell**

## **Dates to remember...**

### **League Meeting:**

March 20, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church

### **Board Meeting:**

March 13, at 6:30 PM at the Home of

Angie Sistare with Molly Matthews providing refreshments

### **Provisionals:**

March 20, 7 PM, First Baptist Church (after general meeting)

### **May Dinner:**

May 15, The O'Donnell House

Social Hour at 6:15; Dinner at 7:00 \$35

Send Payment to Susan McGregor at

330 W. Calhoun Street, Sumter, 29150.

Checks made payable to SJWL with "May Dinner" in Memo line.

***Don't forget your dues!! Deadline April 1st.***

## **Vice President's Report Proposed By-Law Change By Molly Matthews**



1. Hospital Gift Shop Regulations, page five: Item 1C

As it reads: The second missed shift in a League year will result in removal from membership from the Sumter Junior Welfare League.

### **Proposed change:**

**The second missed shift in a League year is grounds for removal and the appropriate action will be taken according to Article III-Membership, Section 5. Removal.**

2. By-Laws, page 1, section 1, A, (1)

As it reads: "The requirements of Provisional membership includes attendance at all regular meetings, regular League meetings, and special League meetings, and completion of Wishing Well shifts assigned while a Provisional member."

**Proposed change: add at end of paragraph "See Article VIII, Section 3."**

3. Page 9, a. Composition and Term:

As it reads: Admissions Committee shall be composed of a chairman and a co-chairman (non-voting), the Provisional co-chairman (non-voting unless elected to committee by membership)...

4. By-Laws, page 11, Article VIII, Meetings of the League

As it reads: "Regular meetings shall be held monthly from September through May."

**Proposed change: "September through May, excluding December."**



## SJWL General Membership Meeting Minutes February 20, 2016

**President, Gretchen Meyers** called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Our Hospitality committee has gone through a lot of effort to prepare refreshments for us, so we are going to take 10 minutes to eat and socialize before we begin the meeting. We'll start again at 7:10. Please silence cell phones. **Amy Stallings** provided a devotion and talked about February being the month of love and chocolate soothes her soul. A treat to soften her demeanor. Thankfully, through God's grace, I get God's love as well. All about prayer tonight. He lets us communicate with him.. God soothes us, takes our worry away, reminds us to take a deep breath. Prayers move us forward. Give the gift of prayer to those around you. Gretchen calls for January minutes approval, Motion to approve, Whitney; Cindy 2nd. **Vice President Molly Matthews:** By-law changes presented to general membership. I'm submitting them to you to be voted on at the March meeting. Molly read and explained them. On your table, there are Board/Chair interest Indicator forms. This helps us to know what you are willing to do during your time in the league. Please fill them out and bring them to the table after the meeting. **Secretary Valerie James** has no report. **Treasurer Susan McGregor** reports balances; Community Trust \$24,863.57 and Administrative Trust \$24,554.27. She reports \$12K was distributed to the Community Research grant recipients. \$5,750 was distributed to the community trust agencies. An additional \$629 was paid to Kmart as part of the Sumter School District Emergency Welfare Fund, for clothes and essentials. The finance committee met on Feb 12th to review the draft budget. We will present the budget at the March meeting. We are a sponsor for the Sumter Arts Showcase. There are free tickets available at the front table. The event is on Saturday, Feb 25 at 7PM and Sunday at 4PM. **Assistant Secretary Sarah Smith** reports one birth note and one condolence note were written. **Assistant Treasurer, Nancy Branham** reports dues notices will be mailed this month. Dues are \$70/members, \$40/sustainers, and \$25/non-residents. Dues are due April 1st. Late April 2nd. Members whose dues are not received by April 30th will be removed from membership. Dues may be placed in the box up front. **Admissions Chair, Elyn Croft** reports there is a meeting on March 15th. **Community Research, Vicki Singleton** reports all grant notification letters were mailed last week. I have started to distribute the checks. **Computer chair, Lisa Burke** has no report. **Wishing Well Chair, Whitney Dunlap** has no report. **Shannon Boykin** explained that there has been a change with the Tuomey employees badges. We decided to let the Tuomey employees to split their purchases. Purchases between \$25-\$75 can split 2x. Over \$75 can split 3x. All information will be sent out in an email. Any questions, call Shannon. **Hospitality Chair, Ann Cannon** has no report. **Lantern editor, Leslie Day Caughman's report is read by Kelly Mills, co-editor** includes deadline for March Lantern is Feb. 17th. Articles are due from the Placement Chair, VP, Sustainer and Community Research Chair. Deadline for April Lantern is March 17th. Articles needed are: Admissions Report and Hospitality. Cover is the May dinner invitation. Please send Light News. **Placement Council Nancy Branham** reports she is excited to announce new placements. I will send out an email announcing them. Any flexible placements can contact me if hours are needed. **Provisional Chairman, Rebecca Montague** reports Provisional Meeting is immediately following this meeting. March is Camp Scamp, Get Real about Violence, and Crosswell Home. **Provisional, Ashley Reddick** stood and announced that the class is taking supplies and monetary donations for their SPCA project. They collected \$343.00 at our January meeting. **Sustainer Representative, Angie Sistare** has no report. **New business reported by Gretchen** includes Heather Enzor won the door prize. Rebecca received multiple texts regarding Lisa Andrews' help for a provisional on a Chick-fil-A day at the Wishing Well. Lisa received the Above and Beyond reward for her willingness to help. Thank you, Lisa! The next Board Meeting is on Monday, March 13th at 6:30 at the home of Angie Sistare. Molly Matthews will provide refreshments. The next General Meeting will be on Monday, March 20th at 7:00 at First Baptist Church. The election results will be in the March Lantern. New officers will be called tonight or tomorrow. Jeanna Mahr has an announcement about the Sumter Pregnancy Center. **Jeanna Mahr** reports The Sumter Pregnancy Center is having a banquet this Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 6:15 at Christ Community Church. It is called the Unplanned Social. There will be hors d'oeuvres and appetizers with guest speaker, Abby Johnson. Her mission is to talk to women about crisis. She doesn't tell women what to do. They provide: information, options, advice, counseling, and understanding. Those who come to the center are loved on, cared for, and prayed for. They make their decisions. It is a non-profit organization. Come hear what Abby Johnson has to say. It is the other perspective. **Gretchen** reports no old business, says after you have submitted your ballot, you may enjoy refreshments or leave. Meeting is adjourned at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie James, Secretary.

Sustainer Representative

By Angie Sistare

It has been a joy and pleasure to serve as the Sustainer Representative this year. I am grateful to Gretchen for the opportunity to come back and be a part of this life changing organization.

I was reminded once again how important the league is to our community and how much each of you gives unselfishly and generously with your time and talents.

You are all great examples of what Christ wants us to be as servants. We are asked to "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" (Ephesians 6:7) and I am so proud to watch all of you fulfill this scripture. The journey that started as a provisional and ends as a sustainer will hopefully create in each of you a heart that desires to serve others long after your active years. You are an amazing part of making our community a place where love abounds for one another and helping others is a way of life. Thank you for reminding me why I said "yes" many years ago!



Community Research Committee

By: Vicki Singleton

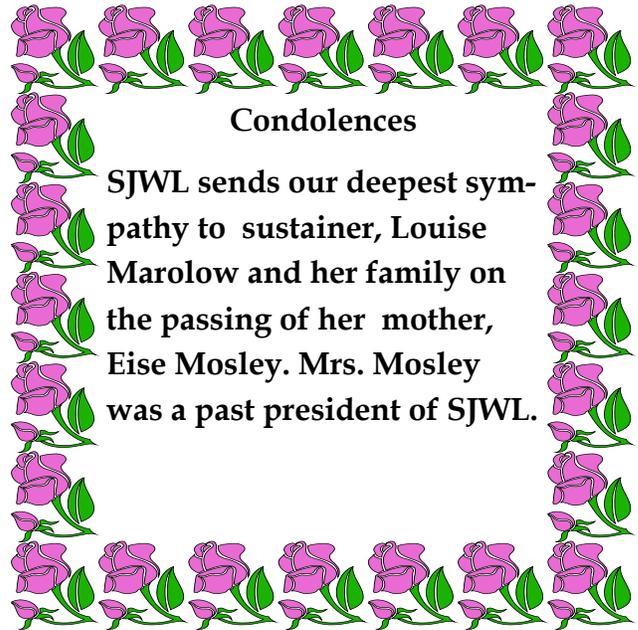


It has been a true pleasure to serve as Community Research Placement Chair. This job has helped me see the great need in our community for giving of our funds and time. I have had the honor of soliciting and receiving grant requests and distributing grant monies on behalf of the League. Let me encourage each of you in your volunteering through placements and the Wishing Well. It is genuinely needed and appreciated by our community at large. This year we were able to grant every request, a total of \$12,000. This is due to each League member's willingness to serve. We awarded grants to the following organizations.

- The Advocacy Parenting and Pregnancy Center
- American Red Cross
- National Wild Turkey Federation- JAKES youth event-outdoor safety/education
- The Sounds of Grace
- Sumter Civic Dance Company
- Sumter Education Foundation
- Sumter Family Health Center
- Sumter High School Orchestra

In addition to receiving grant requests, I also received several placement recommendations for the 2017-2018 League year. These were submitted to the League Board for consideration.

Thank you to everyone in the League for your hard work and dedication. It is a privilege to be able to help so many deserving people and organizations.



Condolences

SJWL sends our deepest sympathy to sustainer, Louise Marolow and her family on the passing of her mother, Eise Mosley. Mrs. Mosley was a past president of SJWL.

**LEAGUE DUES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1st .**

**\$70.00**—Actives

\$40.00—Sustainers

\$25.00—Non-Residents

(No charge for Sustainers 65 and over)

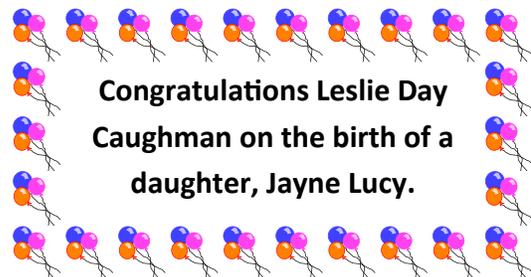
Dues may be paid at the March General meeting or mailed to Treasurer Susan McGregor  
330 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, 29150

**Dues not received by April 1st will be considered LATE, and a \$10 fine will be assessed.**

**Members whose dues are not paid by April 30th shall be removed from membership.**

**The by-laws will be enforced. Please submit your dues in a timely manner.**

**Thank you!**



**Congratulations Leslie Day  
Caughman on the birth of a  
daughter, Jayne Lucy.**

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### Placement Council By Nancy Branham

Placement Council is the committee that oversees the volunteer hours of the League members within the community. The Council consists of a chair, co-chair, the chairs of each placement, the league president and vice-president, the community research chair, the Wishing Well co-chair, and the Wishing Well scheduler. Placement council meets four times per year to ensure that each placement is running smoothly and that we are fulfilling our community service obligations.

At our January meeting, Placement Council members are asked to reflect upon their placement and to provide suggestions as well as information on their placement in order to help the board decide each existing placement's path forward. In April, Rebecca Montague, the Placement Council co-chair will present the placement selections for the next year, and each member will have the opportunity to sign up. Also in April, the Placement Council co-chair will be using information from the interest indicators that each member completed to select chairs for these placements. If you are approached, please prayerfully consider taking this leadership role. You will enjoy learning even more about the placement and as an added bonus, be assured what placement you will have for the following year.

Thank you to Rebecca for serving as my co-chair, and thank you to each member who has chaired a placement this year. We have had a great year, and placements have run smoothly due to your leadership. We are excited to have new placement presented that are great opportunities for the membership to be involved in our community. Also, thank you to each League member for your willingness to serve and for fulfilling your obligations. Placement Council is nearing completion of another successful year serving our community.

