
SUMTER JUNIOR WELFARE LEAGUE

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes by: MaryBeth Skey, Secretary
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Date: Sept 11, 2023
Time: 6:30
Location: LeeAnn Bostic's Home

TOPIC	
Call to order	Lauren calls the meeting to order at 6:49
Devotion Given by Jenny Knopf	Devotion on Gal 6:6-9. What we harvest depends on what we planted. What we pour into matters. Plant healthy seeds which will lead to healthy fruit. Do not give up, God will meet us with strength and grace.

REPORTS	
President's Remarks: <i>Lauren Locklear</i>	Correspondence: Invitation to Tuomey Foundation Gala
OFFICER'S REPORTS:	
Vice President: <i>Jenny Knopf</i>	No Report
Secretary: <i>MaryBeth Skey</i>	2023/2024 directory now available for review by board members Erricka Jones granted request for Semi-Active status. Board voted Missy Evans (Special Active) to be removed from league due to unpaid dues.
Treasurer: <i>Susan Webber</i>	Administrative account \$19,286.93 Community trust account \$25,092.69 Please submit receipts in person or text 803.468-1969 How is money collected this year? Who will collect? Asst Treasurer?
Assistant Secretary: <i>Larsen Cline</i>	No Report
Assistant Treasurer: <i>Mandy Bailback</i>	Salvation Army Kettle will be passed at November general meeting.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	

<p>Admissions: <i>Jessica Fralick</i></p>	<p>Admission packets will be ready at Sept general meeting. Deadline for return will be at November general meeting.</p>
<p>Community Research: <i>Stacy Montgomery</i></p>	<p>Grant Applications due November 1st. Anyone who needs grant contact Stacy</p>
<p>Communications Chairman: <i>Hillary Griffin</i></p>	<p>Announcement at general meeting to take photos at placements for social media.</p>
<p>Wishing Well: <i>Christine Kohl</i></p>	<p>*The Wishing Well is busy, and that is a great thing for the league and the Sumter Community! We continue to see an uptick in sales numbers and margins which is a great thing as well.</p> <p>*We had a very successful trip to market in July. We have managed to continue to place pre-orders with some of our bigger vendors which has resulted in a two-night stay at market versus three and four nights in the past – helping us to save money on hotel rooms and meals.</p> <p>*Most of our Fall and Christmas décor has arrived and been unpacked and entered by the Gift and Wishing Well committee. We are very thankful for the storage space that the hospital has so graciously supplied for us to store overstock and holiday items – freeing up some space in the back office!</p> <p>*Food and drinks continue to be a great seller and stays well stocked thanks to our food buyer, Caroline Zitzke. We have asked all shift workers to help with unpacking and stocking food and drinks. This has been a tremendous help! Most shift workers have done a fabulous job following through on this effort.</p> <p>*Mary Ann’s and Chick-fil-a continue to be a big seller and draw for employees to visit the store. Chick-fil-a slightly raised prices again, but we continue to get a small profit from the sales. We also believe that carrying these items is a draw for employees to come in the store where they usually will add on a drink, side or gift to their purchases. I sent email and facebook post to all active league members with reminders for the Wishing Well. I believe that it was well received and read. Overall, the shift workers seem to be a lot more attentive during their 3 hours – restocking and making sure that the next person after them has returned the reminder text sent to them. I plan on touching on these same point for the General Meeting.</p> <p>Discussion:</p>

	<p>***No Shows: We have had a couple of no shows for shifts. One has resulted in a dismissal from the league, after many missed shifts and obligations. We also have another that will need to be discussed at this board meeting – Emma Ayres, missed a shift due to a funeral out of town. Mandy Baibak was already working the Saturday shift and able to stay and cover for her.</p> <p>***Food and Gift Committee: We have two pregnant Gift and Food Committee Members and one that has submitted to change her status</p> <p>***Erricka Jones. She has been told she needs to have her shifts covered, but she did email Jackie Hicks and I with her intent to no longer be on the Gift and Food Committee. We will be reworking how we request their help for the rest of the year. The two committee members that are pregnant have not reached out to me they will be out.</p> <p>***I would like to start the discussion for additional league members to be added to the Gift and Food committee starting next year. This is the way that the league makes money to give back to our community. We have got to come up with a solid plan for the future as the majority of our members work out of the home and have families as well.</p> <p>*Save the date for our Christmas Open House on Wednesday, November 1! We are so excited to decorate our new space for the first time. We will not be doing a pop-up shop this year as in the past. That was started to make up for sales during Covid, and we believe we are at a place where we can officially retire that event. I cannot thank the Wishing Well Committee for their tireless effort in making this year a tremendous success – Jackie Hicks, Katherine Brogdon, and Liz Gaughf. Each one of these ladies have already given over 50 hours of their time to the Wishing Well – not counting our time at market!</p> <p>*We are definitely enjoying our new bigger space! We just reset the store with new jewelry, gameday, fall and Halloween! Come see us! Looking forward to an exciting year at The Wishing Well!</p>
<p>Fundraiser: <i>Mary Kathryn Hulme</i></p>	<p>Deck the Doors 12/2. Meeting 9/12 with committee to stuff envelopes. Same vendor for orders. Allison Eady for Santa Pics. Schedule and walk-ins available. Food trucks to be finalized tomorrow. Forms due at Oct Tea.</p>
<p>Hospitality: <i>Anna James</i></p>	<p>Tea will be held at Nancy Branhams home on October 16th from 4-6pm. M.Jennings to cater. Who should get paper invitations? Maybe send separate invitation via email along with including in lantern? Send paper invite to those who have put up new provisional members?</p>
<p>Placement Council: <i>Tiffany Rogers</i></p>	<p>One new placement opportunity has come up with Habitat for Humanity. We have a placement council meeting next week before the general meeting. United Way also another opportunity per Vicki</p>

	Singleton. Can we fill additional spots or suggest as a provisional project at some point?
Provisional Chairman: <i>Lisa Furse</i>	20 new provisionals! Sept 16th puppet show, Stacy to give history. Provisional meeting will take place after general meetings. Lisa is very proud and excited for this coming year!
Sustainer Representative: <i>Lee Ann Bostic</i>	No Report

BUSINESS	
New Business	Our next board meeting will be at the home of Lauren Locklear. Refreshments provided by Larsen Cline SJWL Tshirts to be offered to active members at general meeting Short sleeve 20 Long sleeve 25 Youth size 20 Donate to First Baptist with proceeds from Tshirt sales Give one to each paid worker Above and beyond to Mollie Oswald by Friday for general meeting Bylaw change to make more clear about who pays dues
Old Business	General Meeting 9/18 @ 7pm Provisional meeting to follow
Adjournment	Lauren adjourned the meeting at 737.