

The Lantern



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*You are cordially invited to attend the
Annual May Dinner
Monday, May 11th, 2015*

***The O'Donnell House**
Social Hour ~ 6:15 p.m.
Dinner ~ 7:00 p.m.
(\$35 per person)*

*Deadline is May 1
Mail checks to Dee Carraway
845 Andiron Drive
Sumter, SC 29150*

*If you are not going to be able to attend
please send your regret to Meg Hill by May
1st.*





Mark your calendar...

League Meeting: April 20, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church—**MANDATORY**

***Attention New Sustainers: A group photo will taken immediately after the meeting.

Provisional Meeting: April 27, at the home of Valerie James

SJWL General Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

President Suzanne Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and thanked everyone for coming. She commended the Provisional class for their renovation of the Wishing Well this past weekend.

Ashleigh Sease shared the devotion entitled "Connecting the Dots". Jesus is the connection between our hearts and the heart of God. He leads us from dot to dot. Open your heart to Him and He will connect the dots in your life to work for His will. Turn to Him for strength wisdom and direction.

Suzanne asked placements chairs to describe each of the placements to the membership.

The Lantern was emailed and should have been received by all. Everyone attending appeared to have received their copy. The minutes from the February general meeting was provided through the Lantern. Dibble Parker made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Mary Geddings seconded the motion.

Vice-President Mary Geddings had no report.

Secretary Meg Hill asked members to please submit their regrets in writing by May 1 if they are unable to attend the May Dinner.

Treasurer Dee Carraway was absent. Meg Hill shared the balances in the current budgets in her absence. The administrative account balance is \$22,470.49, and the community trust account balance is \$25,572.89.

Assistant Secretary Molly Matthews had no report.

Assistant Treasurer Cindy Ardis announced that she is taking dues now until April 1. They are late on April 2.

Admissions Chair SusieHerlong was absent. Suzanne reported in her absence that Susie will announce her report will be at the May Dinner.

Community Research Chair Dibble Parker had no report.

Computer Chair Nancy Lee Zimpleman was absent but had no report.

Gift Shop Chair Gretchen Meyers thanked the Provisional Class for their work in the Wishing Well this past weekend. She also thanked Gray Maklary, Shannon Boykin and her husband, Mary Geddings, Suzanne Palmer, Vicki Singleton, Karen Timmons, and Valerie James for helping as well. During the renovations, the key basket was misplaced. Please contact Gretchen if you see it. There have been issues with Chick fil a sales. Employees have been calling down when the food is discounted and asking the worker to hold large amounts of food for them. This is creating problems, so there will be no more discounts or holding food.

Hospitality Chair Amy Moss announced that the May Dinner will be held on May 11. Dues are \$35 and can be paid tonight. They are due by May 1.

Lantern Editor Kelly Mills notified those whom she needs articles from for the April edition of the Lantern.

Placement Council Chair Vicki Singleton reported that sign-ups for placements will be held at next month's general meeting. Descriptions will be emailed again to the membership.

Provisional Chair Valerie James and Suzanne announced they were able to pay for the floor but still need some help in paying for other expenses. Jeanna Mahr asked a question about using League money to cover renovation expenses.

Sustainer Representative Gayle Booth had no report.

Old Business: none

New Business: The next board meeting will be on April 13, and the next general meeting will be held on April 20. This is a mandatory meeting.

A drawing for a door prize was held for those attending the meeting. Amy Jones and Amanda Tindal won certificates for 40% off an item at the Wishing Well.

Suzanne adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Brogdon Hill

SJWL Secretary

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Light News:
Bronwyn McElveen

Mary Bass Kolb (active) has opened an office for Gateway Mortgage Group at 665 Bultman Dr in Sumter and she is the branch manager, the first woman branch manager for the Group in the State of South Carolina. She encourages Junior League members to stop by and say hello!

Renee Mathews (sustainer) and family recently enjoyed a vacation in Arizona and Nevada. Highlights were a visit to Las Vegas where they enjoyed shows, the beautiful Chinese New Year displays, eating at a local diner on Route 66 and visiting the Grand Canyon. The color changes at sunset at the Grand Canyon were breathtaking. No jackpot winnings to report.

Sympathy

The Sumter Junior Welfare League extends sympathy to Active, Elyn Croft on the loss of her grandfather.

A huge thank you to Sustainer Ashley Bateman for her beautiful artwork for the May Dinner invitation.