

# The Lantern



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*You are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual May Dinner  
Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*The O'Donnell House*

*Social Hour ~ 6:15 p.m.*

*Dinner ~ 7:00 p.m.*

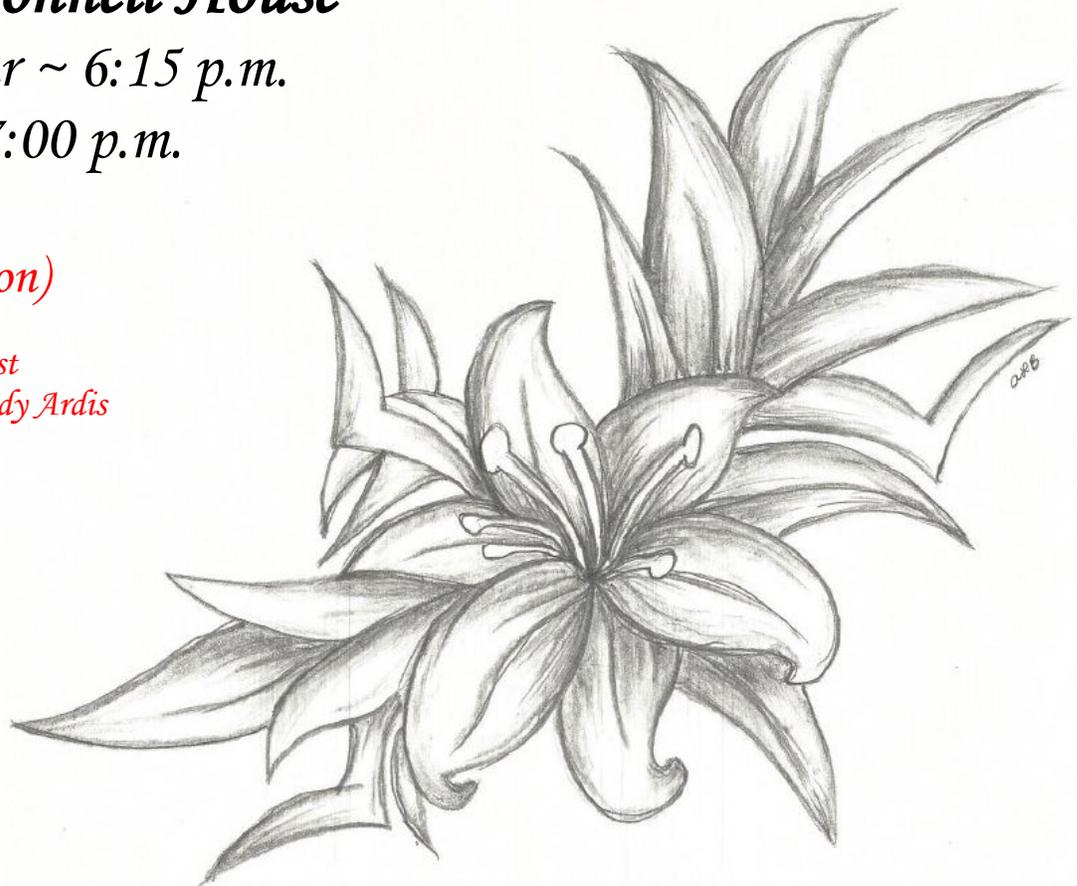
*(\$35 per person)*

*Deadline is May 1st*

*Mail checks to Cindy Ardis*

*42 Calhoun Drive*

*Sumter, Sc 29150*



# SJWL General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016

President Mary Geddings called the meeting to order at 7:02 and she thanked everyone for being here with the time change and longer light hours.

Hayes Jones shared a devotion about the beauty of spring and all its newness as it reflects the new life found in Jesus' death and resurrection. She challenged us to look for the newness all around us and consider how God might want us to "clean out" certain areas of our lives to make room for His newness.

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 were provided through the Lantern. Bronwyn made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Nancy Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mary read nice thank you notes from the provisional class and Joan Jones with The Sumter Pregnancy Center.

Vice-President Gretchen Meyers reminded all of the one proposed by-law change and provided copies for all to review. Gretchen called for a vote to accept the proposed by-law change.

Article III-Membership, Section 2, Letter 6 C, Section 6,

Reinstatement states:

Such a member upon reinstatement must pay a fee equivalent to sustainer dues times the number of years since resignation.

**Proposed change:**

Such a member upon reinstatement must pay a fee equivalent to sustainer dues multiplied by the number of years since resignation but not to exceed \$250.

The by-law change was approved unanimously. Gretchen also passed out interest indicator forms. She asked each Board position chair to give a brief description of her job so that everyone could make informed choices when filling out their interest indicators. She asked everyone to turn those back into her by the end of the meeting.

Secretary Molly Matthews announced that the April meeting is mandatory as we will be filling out placement cards and she reminded everyone of the attendance policy, pointing out that each member should miss no more than 2 general meetings.

Treasurer Cindy Ardis announced the account balances: Administrative Account: \$25,344.78, Community Trust: \$30,133.15. Cindy also presented the budget and explained that a vote will be taken at April's general meeting. Cindy asked that all receipts be turned in by May 15. Checks for May dinner must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Cindy explained various things on the budgets to include changes and several potentially confusing points of interest. The "Museum Tours" line item was brought up as it is no longer a placement. There was also discussion on the Tuomey Arts Showcase and our sponsorship. Cindy explained that we will revisit the budget and answer these questions before next month's meeting.

Assistant Secretary Valerie James announced that one birth note was written to Ashley Scott on the birth of her baby boy, Parker Bradford. She also encouraged the membership to let her know of any births or deaths.

Assistant Treasurer Susan McGregor made a final announcement that dues will be due April 1 and will be late April 2. Dues are \$70 for Actives, \$40 for Sustainers and \$25 for non-residents. So far, Susan has received dues from 22 Actives, 43 Sustainers and 2 Non-Residents in the amount of \$3320.

Admissions Chair Janelle Smith had no report.

Community Research Chair Nancy Branham announced that grant notifications responses have been received and checks are being delivered.

Computer Chair Nancy Lee announced that if anyone is not getting emails they should let her know so that she can continue to get the mailing lists updated.

Gift Shop Chair Gretchen Meyers thanked Julie and Jeff Hobday for the beautiful new jewelry display in the Wishing Well and she explained where the cards had been moved. She also advised everyone when working in the Wishing Well to look inside the Chick-fil-a warming bag, under the heating element for more sandwiches and possibly sauces.

Anna Elmore announced for hospitality Chair Amy Moss that the May Dinner will be May 16<sup>th</sup> at the O'Donnell House. She also announced the cost would be \$35 and we are collecting those checks. She also shared with us a March of Dimes fundraiser, "Cooking for Babies," and encouraged us all to get involved.

Lantern Editor Bronwyn McElveen had no report

Placement Council Chair Cheryl Landstrom announced that updated placement descriptions were available at each table. She explained that everyone would fill out their placement request notecard at next month's meeting.

Provisional Chair Lisa Andrews reported that the Provisional Class has completed their service project. They painted 8 rooms over two days at the Sumter Pregnancy Center's new location. Next they will vote on which items to purchase for the Center with the \$1400 they raised. The next Provisional meeting will be after the general meeting tonight.

Sustainer Representative Jackie Olsen had no report.

Old Business: Mary announced a 40 percent off coupon for Christy Richardson.

New Business: Nancy Branham announced the "Above and Beyond" award for Nancy Lee Zimpleman on her placement's work on updating the website as well as recognizing Julie Hobday for her help and her husband's work on creating a new jewelry board for the Wishing Well.

Mary announced that our next meeting would be mandatory on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and reminded everyone to bring calendars to help with filling out Wishing Well cards.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Molly Matthews

## Admissions by Janelle Smith

The Sumter Junior Welfare League has had the privilege and opportunity to serve our community for several years. I believe we have been successful because of the dedication and commitment required of its members. As League members, we are able to impact the community in a multitude of ways that better the lives of others and enrich our own in the process. This year, as in past years, the Admissions Committee has had the task of reviewing proposed candidates provided by sustainers and current League members. The committee was so impressed with the dynamic group of women that were proposed this year. It is exciting to think about what new energy and ideas will bring to the future of the League.

It has been an honor to serve this year along with Elyn Croft, the Admissions Co-Chair, and the other dedicated women that served on the Admissions Committee. We held our first meeting in December at Elyn Croft's house. Our second meeting in March was held at Palmetto Health Tuomey. I would like to thank each of our committee members for their dedication and confidentiality.

Committee members were Janelle Smith (Chair), Elyn Croft (Co-Chair), Valerie James, Nancy Lee Zimpleman, Bronwyn McElveen, Anna Dilts, Rebecca Brogdon, Ann Cannon, Meg Hill. Alternates were Julie Hobday and Karen Timmons. Sustainers serving this year were Shelly Galloway and Virginia McFaddin.

Applications for admissions for next year will be available between June 15th and November 1st and must be returned by November 15th. I am looking forward making the Committee's big announcement at the May Dinner and welcoming the Provisional Class of 2016-2017!



## Mark your calendar...

**League Meeting: April 18, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church—MANDATORY**

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

**Provisional Meeting:** April 25, 6:00 PM, at the home of Lisa Andrews

**Board Meeting:** April 11, 6:30 PM, at the home of Gretchen Meyers  
May 9, 6:30 PM, at the home of Jackie Olsen



## *Congratulations*

...to Active  
**Ashley Scott** on the  
birth of her baby boy.

**Hospitality** by Amy Moss

This year's Hospitality Committee has been fantastic! I worked with creative and talented women. The committee members are Amy Moss, Chair, Ann Cannon, Co-chair, Anna Elmore and Karen Timmons.

The primary function of this committee is to plan and prepare for all social occasions of the League. Our highlight of the year so far was the tea in honor of the 2015-2016 Provisional Class. Sustainer, Mrs. Jackie Olsen opened her beautiful home to all members. The Tea was enjoyed by everyone!

Our next main event is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at The O'Donnell House. This will be our annual May Dinner.

Social hour begins at 6:15 p.m. and dinner following at 7:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$35.00 per person and is due May 1. Please make plan to attend as this is always a fun evening.

Thank you so much to all my committee members for making this year so easy!



**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 Assistant 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.**

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