

# The Lantern



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*You are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual May Dinner  
Monday, May 21<sup>th</sup>, 2018*



*The O'Donnell House  
Social Hour 6:15PM  
Dinner 7:00 PM  
(\$35 per person)  
Deadline is May 1st  
Mail checks to Nancy Branham  
605 Antlers Drive  
Sumter, SC 29150*

# SJWL General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2018

Molly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She reminded everyone to silence their cell phones and to leave the meeting in pairs for security purposes. She asked that everyone watch for next month's building code prior to the March meeting as the door remains locked. Please do not prop the door after the meeting.

Caroline Motley delivered a devotion from New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp. She encouraged us by saying that each day we will face things bigger than ourselves, but we should not be afraid. Our God is bigger than these challenges. All day, we are measuring our potential against the challenges in our lives and the tasks set before us. Our natural inclination is to measure the problem against our skill set. But God is bigger, and he doesn't leave us to handle the problem on our own. She ended by reminding us that God rules all the situations that are beyond our control. He is our reigning king, doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

**President's Remarks:** Molly Matthews Molly introduced our speaker from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Lucy Spears. Lucy is the Director of Mission Programs for Susan G. Komen South Carolina and is a breast cancer survivor. As a survivor, she talked about the importance of education for both patients and their families.

Lucy shared that the Susan G. Komen Foundation, a non-profit organization, is the largest funder of research next to the federal government. She shared statistics specific to South Carolinians:

In SC, 3700 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

Komen South Carolina has invested \$10.9 million into their affiliate groups for diagnostic screening for those who can't afford it.

Over \$1.9 million has been awarded to researchers at Clemson, MUSC, and USC through the research grant program.

Lucy reminded the members that most women with breast cancer have no family history of the disease, and it is critical for everyone to know and understand when something seems abnormal and to seek assistance.

Molly gave Lucy a small gift of appreciation for her time sharing with us.

Molly asked that members take time to see Day if they are not receiving the Lantern. Valerie made a motion to approve the minutes and Gretchen seconded the motion. All members affirmed the minutes.

**Vice President:** Valerie James Valerie opened the floor for questions regarding the bylaw changes. Bronwyn McElveen asked about Article 5 that changes "mail" to "e-mail." She asked if we could we adjust the language to read "mail and/or e-mail" to be more inclusive of people who have trouble with e-mail. Valerie agreed to make the amendment. With this amendment, Kelly Mills made a motion to approve the bylaw changes and Nancy Lee Zimpleman seconded the motion. All members approved, and the bylaw amendments passed.

**Secretary:** Sarah Smith Sarah reminded all members to sign in for the meeting. Additionally, members who will not be attending the May Dinner should contact the Secretary in writing.

**Treasurer:** Nancy Branham There is a balance of \$26,784.71 in the administrative account and \$17,173.52 in the community trust account. May Dinner checks go to Nancy and dues checks go to Cindy Ardis. Please write two separate checks because these funds are accounted for separately.

Nancy distributed the proposed budgets for the 2018-2019 year. She noted that the budgets were prepared by meeting with the Accountant and the Finance Committee. The Board has approved the proposed budget and it is available for review and discussion tonight. The budget will be voted on at the April meeting.

Mary Baird questioned the decrease in the Hospitality budget. Nancy assured her that the change was made based on actual expenses from prior years, and the change was simply to reallocate funds that were not being used each year.

Nancy noted that as great stewards of our funds, we have accumulated a large amount of cash over the years. Our accountant recommends we increase our Community Trust budget to distribute these funds into the community as appropriate. The budget for the 2018-2019 year will be \$70,000. In adjusting the budget, a number of grant recipients who submit and receive grants annually were added to the budget as line items. A full report of the budget changes was distributed at the meeting and is available on request prior to the vote in April.

**Assistant Secretary:** Amy Jones Amy wrote one birth notes and two condolence notes in February.

Amy thanked Sarah Smith for hosting and Cindy Ardis for providing refreshments at the last board meeting. The next board meeting will be April 9 at Cheryl Landstrom's house with Heather Eldridge providing refreshments.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Cindy Ardis Dues are due on April 1 and are late on April 2. They are \$70, be mailed to Cindy Ardis.

**Admissions:** Darla Dean No report

**Community Research:** Cheryl Landstrom No report

**Computer:** Day Caughman Please let Day know if you are not receiving emails.

**Wishing Well:** Whitney Dunlap A reminder was issued to the gift committee that May 31 is the inventory meeting.

**Hospitality:** Mary Baird The May Dinner is May 21 at the O'Donnell house. The cost for the May Dinner is \$35 and you can mail your check to Nancy Branham. Mary noted that the league is outgrowing this facility and so it is important to have an accurate headcount for the evening.

**Lantern:** Kelly Mills No report

**Placement Council:** Beth Poag Beth reminded all members to let her know if you need help with your hours.

**Provisional Chairman:** Cindy Ardis Cindy introduced Leslie Horton, provisional member, who reminded everyone of the Clothing Drop off on Sunday, March 25 from 3-5:30. Members can coordinate dropping things off in advance if that is easier. There will be light refreshments and lemonade provided.

**Sustainer Representative:** Heather Eldridge No report

**New Business** Molly had all members look under their seats for a door prize. Nancy Lee Zimpleman won the 40% off one item coupon!

Katie Holloway presented the Above and Beyond award to Meg White for the artwork done for the May Dinner invitation.

**Adjournment** Molly adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

The April 16 meeting is Mandatory. Bronwyn reminded everyone to bring their agendas so they can fill out their Wishing Well cards.

## **Admissions**

### **Darla Dean**

The Sumter Junior Welfare League has had the privilege and opportunity to serve our community for many years. It is 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 who 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 Jennifer McMahon, the Admissions Co-Chair, and the other dedicated women that served on the Admissions Committee. We held our first meeting in December at my house. Our second and final meeting was also held at my house this past week on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to thank each of our committee members for their dedication and confidentiali-

ty. Committee members were Darla Dean (Chair), Jennifer McMahon (Co-Chair), Lisa Andrews, Becky Craft, Tiffany Davis, Whitney Dunlap, Elizabeth Hyatt, Amy Jones, Lauren Locklear, Kelly Mills, Beth Poag, and Amy Stallings. Vicki Singleton was the nonvoting Provisional Co-Chair. Alternates were Nancy Ferriell and Caroline Motley. Sustainers serving this year were Tammy Achziger and Meg Creech with Anna Jones as Sustainer Alternate.

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 2018-2019!



## **Sympathy**

\* The SJWL extends deepest sympathies to Shannon Boykin on the passing of her mother, Betty Moon. Also, we offer our sympathy to \*

\* Anna Moorman on the passing of her mother, Jeanie Cowan Dynarski. \*

**All receipts are due to Nancy Branham by May 15th!**

**\*\*\*Please e-mail Sarah Smith if you are not going to be able to attend the May Dinner.**

**Mark your calendar...**

**League Meeting: April 16, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church—MANDATORY**

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

**Board Meeting: April 9th, 6:30 PM, at the home of Cheryl Landstrom, refreshments: Heather Eldridge**

**Many thanks to Meg White for the beautiful artwork on the cover!**

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## Hospitality

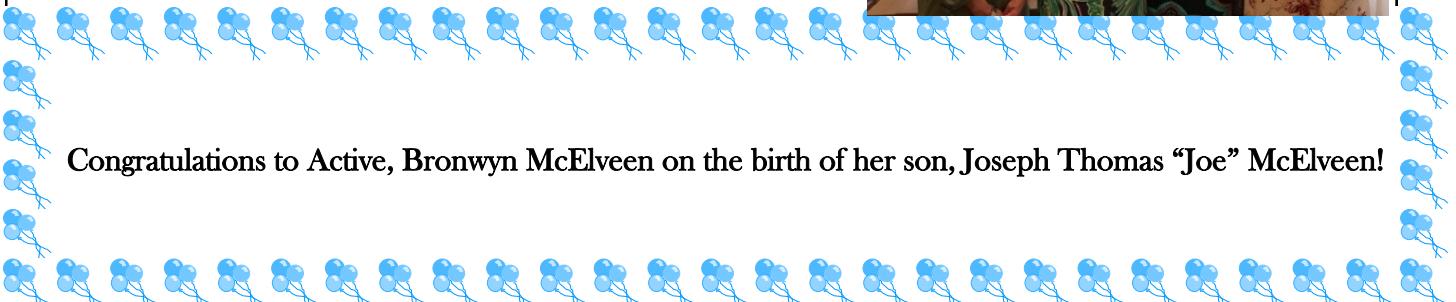
By Mary Baird

It has been a wonderful year serving as Hospitality Chair but I certainly could not have done it without the talented ladies on the committee. Co-chair Gretchen Meyers is so creative and did an excellent job with the table directions for every meeting, not to mention the tasty treats she would bring. Ann Cannon served as chair last year so it was great having her on the committee to help guide me in the right direction. And Karen Timmons always made the best sweets from scratch. Not sure how I ended up on the committee because I can't even find my way around in a kitchen. (I manage to burn popcorn...every time). But thanks to these ladies, we had a fantastic year. We all love to entertain and *they* all love to prepare things and bake.

The October Tea was held at the lovely home of Sustainer Dee Carraway. Although it was a chilly, rainy day it was still a huge success. Such a nice was to introduce the Provisionals.

We are now preparing for the May Dinner which will be held at the O'Donnell House on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, with the social hour beginning at 6:15 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. The venue is beautiful and the food is always delicious. We look forward to honoring those that have served 10 years of their time in the SJWL and also to congratulate and formally welcome the Provisional Class to the SJWL. This is always a memorable night spent with ladies that share a common interest which is to serve the Sumter community. Please make sure to mark your calendar for May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please send payment in the amount of \$35 to Nancy Branham.

It has been an honor to serve as Hospitality Chair. Thank you again to Gretchen, Ann, and Karen for their dedication. I would also like to thank President Molly Matthews for the opportunity to serve as chair person. It was truly a fun year and a great ending to my 10 years of service with the SJWL.



Congratulations to Active, Bronwyn McElveen on the birth of her son, Joseph Thomas "Joe" McElveen!