

The Lantern



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- League Meeting:** February 16, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church
Mandatory Meeting/Election of Officers & Admissions Committee
Please be prompt. For security reasons, doors will be locked at 7:15 PM.
- Board Meeting:** March 9, 6:30 PM, Hostess: Dee Carraway; Co-Hostess: Susie Herlong
Provisionals: March 16, Immediately following the General Meeting.
Camp Scamp and Get Real About Violence
- Lantern Articles Due:** February 20th Placement Council, Vice President's Report, Sustainer Representative, and Community Research
- Admissions Committee Meeting:** March 2, 5:30 PM, Location TBD



LEAGUE DUES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1.

\$69.00—Actives

\$40.00—Sustainers

\$25.00—Non-Residents

(No charge for Sustainers 65 and over)

Dues may be paid at the February or March General meetings, or you may mail your dues to Assistant Treasurer Cindy Ardis.

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

Members whose dues are not paid by April 30 shall be removed from membership. The by-laws will be enforced.

Please submit your dues in a timely manner.

Congratulations to Active,
Sara Smith, on the birth of
her baby boy.



SJWL General Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2015

President Suzanne Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed all members back after the holidays.

Ann Cannon shared the devotion. She spoke beautifully about the need for us all to have a servant's heart as we strive to serve the community of Sumter.

Suzanne asked the elected officers to share a little about their job description later in the meeting and encouraged members to consider serving in an elected position and to not take their names off the eligibility lists unless they are really sure they are unable to serve. She reminded everyone that February is a mandatory meeting.

The Lantern was emailed and should have been received by all. Everyone attending appeared to have received their copy.

The minutes from the November general meeting were provided through the Lantern. Mary Geddings made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Nancy Lee Zimpleman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice-President Mary Geddings reported that no proposals for by-law changes were received. Interest indicators for placements were put on tables for members to fill out. She explained that all members should give it some thought and fill them out. Mary Beth Mims asked which positions were considered your placement and which ones required a placement in addition to the position. Suzanne explained in most of the co-chair positions you would still have an additional placement. That does not apply however to the co-business manager placement. Suzanne also explained about cards on the tables listing needs of the United Ministries medical clinic. She explained that anyone could purchase and bring back those items at the next meeting.

Molly Matthews reported for Secretary Meg Hill that sustainer and semi-active status requests are due by February 1.

Assistant Secretary Molly Matthews announced that eligibility lists will be available at the end of the meeting if anyone would like to cross their name off the lists, and Sarah Smith had a new baby boy, John Austin.

Treasurer Dee Carraway had no report.

Assistant Treasurer Cindy Ardis announced \$497.10 donated to the Salvation Army from passing of the kettle.

Admissions Chair Susie Herlong reported that her committee met in December and the committee will meet again March 2 at 5:30. If you proposed someone you'll be called on for that day.

Community Research Chair Dibble Parker announced that her committee met and next meeting will report the grant disbursements.

Computer Chair Nancy Lee Zimpleman had no report.

Gift Shop Chair Gretchen Meyers reported that Christmas went very well. She said there were lots of new things coming in from market.

There is a new procedure for issuing a credit. Requests for credit should be left for the WW chair or co-chair to approve with the customer's name and number. The customer will be issued a credit on orange card stock.

Hospitality Chair Amy Moss had no report.

Lantern Editor Kelly Mills notified those from whom she needs articles and pictures.

Placement Council Chair Vicki Singleton reported that she had her Placement Council meeting and will report what placement recommendations were made at the next general meeting. She will also provide a refresher of the placement descriptions.

Provisional Chair Valerie James asked certain placements to stay and speak to the provisionals about their jobs.

Sustainer Representative Gayle Booth had no report.

Suzanne shared a brief description of being president of the SJWL. She said it was the easiest job she has done so far and is only called on if there is a problem. She explained approximately how many meetings she attends and how long they are. You get to know so many people and she highly recommends it.

Mary Geddings shared that the time spent in her role is similar to the President's and she gave a brief description of the job of bylaw changes and observing the president.

Suzanne shared that the Secretary is probably the most time consuming job in keeping the directory and updating and keeping the minutes.

Suzanne shared that the treasurer needs to be able to keep up with the checkbook, the budget, reports and reimbursements.

Molly shared that the assistant secretary keeps up with condolences and births, board schedule and board list.

Suzanne shared that the assistant treasurer passes the Salvation Army Kettle, sets up the emergency fund, and send out due reminder cards to sustainers and non residents.

Gretchen shared that the Wishing Well Chair job requires various amounts of time each week. The hours vary by the season. Some weeks could be 12-15 hours a week while others might be 3 hours a week. There are lots of texts and phone calls. She explained that part of her job is going to market and buying twice a year. She relies on her co-chairs and buyers for lots of help.

Old Business: none

New Business: Suzanne explained her concern about 85% of hours at the Wishing Well must be volunteer hours or we will have to pay income tax. This could mean that we would potentially pay \$10-15 thousand taxes. She explained that we should be fine this year if we can keep the number of paid workers to a minimum. She encouraged all members, if at all possible, to please try to keep your shift or switch with someone or ask another volunteer to work for you as opposed to getting a paid worker.

The next board meeting will be Feb 9. And the next general meeting will be Feb 16 and will be mandatory as we will be electing officers.

Mary Beth Mims said to keep in mind that you can switch with a paid worker and you don't have to pay them. You just trade.

Suzanne drew a number for someone to win a 40% off coupon at the Wishing Well. Lisa Andrews won.

Suzanne adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Matthews for Meg Hill

Gallery of Art By Nancy Ferriell

The Sumter County Gallery of Art is a nonprofit art institution and features traditional and contemporary art by local, regional and nationally recognized artist. The SCGA also offers free group tours, opening receptions, classrooms and media room rentals. Art classes are also offered year round for kids, teens and adults. This year the League members assigned to this placement are Lisa Burke and Nancy Ferriell, chair. We assist the SCGA staff by volunteering on gallery openings, and in the art classes on second Saturdays and summer art camps. All opportunities are very educational and rewarding. If you haven't visited the SCGA I encourage you to do so!



Sumter Little Theatre

By: Chrissy Hutto

The Sumter Little Theatre is a non-profit organization that plays an important role in the Sumter community. The Theatre has been showcasing local talent and providing acting classes for children and adults of all ages for many years. Scholarships are also available to those in need of assistance with the cost of the classes.

This year the League members assigned to this placement are Janelle Smith, Amy Jones, Amy Stallings, and Chrissy Hutto, Chair. As members of this placement we assist the SLT staff by making ticket reservations by phone and in person for season and non-season members, ushering before the show, working the box office during performances, selling concessions at intermission, and even helping back-stage or with props when needed.

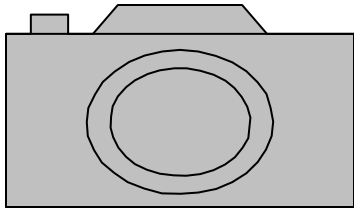
The 2014-2015 season began with The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, followed by The Shape of Things, and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. SLT will start the second half of the season with Godspell (February 12-15 and February 19-22) and Beauty and the Beast (March 19-22 and March 26-29). The final performance will be Steel Magnolias (April 30-May 3 and May 7 -10). Performances are scheduled for Thursday-Saturday nights and a matinee on Sunday. Each performance runs for two weeks. Season memberships are available.

Call the SLT at [803.775.2150](tel:803.775.2150), or visit the website at www.sumterlittletheatre.org for more information on upcoming performances. If you have not been to the Sumter Little Theatre lately, find a time to go and support our local talent and theatre...you will not be disappointed!



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Picture Reminder

Pictures will be taken of the
**Community Research Chair,
Placement Council Chair & Co-Chair,
Sustainer Representative, and Vice President**
following the February General Meeting.

Please email your articles along with any
additional pictures from your placement to
kellygmills@yahoo.com

Happy Valentine's Day

Light News

By: Bronwyn McElveen

Nicole Norris, sustainer, was recently the recipient of the 2014 American Society of Interior Designers Carolinas (ASID Carolinas) Dora Gray Award. This award recognizes and honors Nicole as an ASID Carolinas designer who has made continuous outstanding professional achievements, demonstrating her creative and innovative concepts, all while also serving her local and professional community. The Award is an incredible honor and we are proud to have Nicole as a member of the Sumter Junior Welfare League.

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