

Junior Woman's Club of Arlington
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2010
Kearny Senior Center

I. Call to Order (Lisa Sibrel)

A. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Junior Women's Club of Arlington was convened in accordance with the provisions of the WCNJ. Club President Lisa Sibrel called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

B. President's Thought for the Day

"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action" - W.J. Cameron (a 1800s pioneer)

C. Flag salute

Lisa led our members in the salute

II. Report of the Recording Secretary (Denise Ganzer)

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 15, 2010

On a motion made by Kim Ribiero, and seconded, we dispensed with the reading of the minutes. Thus the minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

It was brought up that some members didn't receive the minutes, so they will be re-sent.

B. Correspondence

Kim R. noted that 8 pieces of incoming mail were received, but were not brought to the meeting. They will be logged at the next regular meeting

III. Report of the Treasurer (Holly Capobianco)

A. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Holly we will review the report at the next regular meeting

IV. Report of the Program Secretary (Sandra Riveria)

A. Juanita Dudhnath from First Investors: Women and Financial Investments

Jamie Quinones presented with Juanita information about investing. They started with information about their company and then continued with an overview of mutual funds and the 9 strategies to investing.

Jamie and Juanita entertained questions from the membership regarding 529 plans.

After we took a short refreshment break.

V. Report of Federation Secretary (Kim Ribeiro)

A. Winter Coat Donations

While cleaning, Kim came across several old coats and will be donating them to Apostle House. If other members would like to make a contribution, Kim will be collecting coats. Members can bring coats to the next meeting or event.

B. UNICEF Trick or Treat Boxes

Two members brought in their boxes with donations. Others mentioned that they forgot to bring their box. Members can bring their donations to the next meeting or event.

C. Toy Drive

Families who are receiving a Thanksgiving basket were asked for wish list items. Most children range from 6 – 14 years old, with one 2 year old. Donations have come in - \$50 food card, \$200 donation as well as the ear-marked funds from the bank balance.

D. Turkey Drive

There are 22 families on our list, with an additional 4 families on Cyndie's list. Adriana has 2 baskets completed. We have 15 turkeys (including Ann Marie and Sandra's donations). We are uncertain if the Girl Scouts might be bringing turkeys. We have 26 trays, enough for all the baskets. Holly is requesting fancy desserts like tins of cookies, something nice to top off the basket. Members will be at the Girl Scout house on Saturday organizing all the donations.

VI. Report of the Membership Secretary (Rachel McFadden)

A. Status of Dues

The club currently has 20 paid members and 8 members who still owe the annual dues. At tonight's meeting we had 9 members, 2 liaisons and 2 prospective members in attendance.

B. Installation of New Members

Rachel had the honor of proposing to the membership Melanie and Christy for active membership in the Junior Woman's Club of Arlington. The motion was carried without discussion.

VII. Report of the Vice President (Cyndie Schrim)

In Cyndie's absence, Lisa gave a brief overview of the club's next fundraiser

A. Fundraiser:

Murder Mystery Dinner on January 22, 2011. SAVE THE DATE! Tickets are \$35 per person and include dinner and the show. This is a BYOB event. Cyndie will make up a nice certificate to give as a gift.

VIII. Report of the Federation Central Assistant Director (Christine Jablonski)

In Christine's absence, Lisa gave a brief overview of Federation events and Pat will elaborate.

A. Friends of the Library "Night of Laughs with Friends"

April 16, 2011 at Siena Fine Italian Dining – Sandra R has volunteered

B. Arlington Woman's Club "Author's Tea"

February 13, 2011 at Arlington Players Club – JWCA member must volunteer and be present as we are sponsoring the raffles.

C. Raffle Licenses

Will the JWCA be able to sponsor the raffle licenses for the above events? Riki made a motion to sponsor the events and it was seconded. The motion was approved without discussion.

D. Volunteers

We need Juniors to volunteer and help support the events.

E. District Spelling Bee

The district bee is being changed to a regional bee due to lack of participation. The new regions have been outlined as North, Central and South. Our club will host the new "Central Regional Bee" on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Franklin School in Kearny. We have the permit, but need members to volunteer. Bernadette is organizing this event, so please contact her if you can help out.

IX. Report of Woman's Club Representative (Pat Sherwen)

A. Baby Shower Fundraiser

The club hosted a Baby Shower fundraiser and it was a huge success. They collected 162 items valued at \$1,019.50. They received a nice array of items and extended thanks to all who donated.

B. "Author's Tea"

This is the first BIG event the club is hosting in a long while. Jennifer Cullen is organizing this event. It will be held at the Arlington Players Club on February 13, 2011. Tickets are \$25. It will feature Mary Ann McFadden who has written 2 books, one coming out in time for the event. She will do a reading and usually charges \$50 which indicates that she is committed to supporting the club. Pat has read her books and stated that she is a very interesting writer, who is sort of a generational writer who focuses on family novels.

C. Christmas Luncheon

This year the club is holding their luncheon at Park & Orchard in East Rutherford. Tickets are \$30 and you can add \$5 for a glass of wine. The event will take place on December 14th at 1pm. The club is honored to have the Women's Club of NJ president and Liberty vice president in attendance.

X. Report of EMD Representative (Jane Mackesy)

A. EMD Program

NJ Lottery Event, given by the Public Relations Department of the NJ Lottery. There was one \$2 winner. Discussion ensued about where the proceeds from lottery sales goes – education (community colleges, state board of education) and institutions (group homes) and \$0.05 goes to the vendor.

The Gold Store was there paying cash for gold. The club received 20% of the proceeds in the amount of \$1,800. It was commented that if one can stop being sentimental about old jewelry you could make some good

money and then you could buy that new jewelry armoire you had your eye on!

B. Washington School Choir to perform

The choir will perform for the club. Each year the club invites the choir from a different elementary school.

C. Brotherhood Luncheon

The luncheon is scheduled for February 15, 2011. JWCA president is expected to attend and speak about the different events and charities the club is involved with.

D. Town Clean Up

The club sponsors this event each year and is considering holding it in conjunction with the River Clean Up that is scheduled for April 16, 2011. The club would like more Junior High School kids to be involved. Some teachers give extra credit for participation.

XI. Report of President & Announcements (Lisa Sibrel)

A. Spelling Bee

B. Junior Jots Newsletter

Lisa and Helen published the first edition under the new board. Lisa encouraged members to provide short articles to include. The newsletter will be published every three months. Members can read it on the website at www.JWCARlington.com. Helen is doing a great job updating the site. Lisa requests that if a member runs an event that they write a blurb (that includes money) – this will make report writing much easier. The newsletter can include more than club news – personal notes and other events can be included. Lisa printed 4 copies for members, but won't be printing too many copies. As members were reading the

newsletter, some noted open chairperson positions on our club committees. Anyone interested can sign up.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Candlelight Bowling

B. Girl's Career Institute

Alexis Truskolawski accepted. We still need to identify an alternative. Marybeth made a suggestion at the last meeting but has not confirmed if she accepted.

XIII. New Business

none

Lisa reminded the club that our next meeting is the International Dinner that is being hosted by Helen. It will be held at her home on Jefferson Ave on Friday, December 10th. This is a Pot Luck dinner where guests will bring their favorite dish – as an International Dinner, guests are invited to bring their favorite ethnic dish. Helen will provide the drinks.

There will also be a Yankee Gift Swap. If guests want to participate, they bring a wrapped present with a maximum value of \$25. Numbers are given to each player; the person with #1 gets to open one present, #2 can choose to pick another gift to open or take one that's already been opened – and so on. At the end, #1 gets to choose any of the opened gifts. A gift can only be swapped three times. This event is great fun! Helen will be sending out more information, so stay tuned!

There being no further business to come before the club, this regular meeting is adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

In Junior Spirit,

Denise Ganzer
Recording Secretary

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