

Papillion Junior Woman's Club

MEETING MINUTES for: April 2, 2008

President Judy Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Papillion Firefighter's Station.

The meeting opened with the Club Collect, Junior Pledge, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy welcomed Nancy Zaraya as a new club member and presented her with a treble clef pin. Continuing with GFWC President Kathy Flock's theme this year, the treble clef pin is a symbol of working in harmony.

Secretary Theresa Richey called roll by asking club members to tell a first sign of Spring. Members present were: Dee Alfrey, Judy Anderson, Kerri Ann Becker, Renee Black, Roxi Clauson, Karen Crandall, Royce Dent, Jane Draper, Lisa Erxleben, Kathy Flock, Jackie Fowler, Kristy Funk, Barb Jackson, Angie Johansen, Jan Kay Kelp, Marie Kuklinski, Jackie Mach, Carol Milliken, Nadine Palmer, Kathy Pohl, Deb Reasoner, Theresa Richey, Cheryl Strickler, Jane Swartz, Mary Weekly, Shirley Witcofski, Diane Withem, and Nancy Zaraya.

Theresa read **thank you** for donations notes from DHHS Sarpy County (Child Protective Services), Project Harmony, and NE Easter Seals.

Theresa passed out a Committee Participation sheet for club members to record their individual participation on the various club committees this year.

Treasurer Kristy Funk gave the **treasurer's report**. Our beginning March balance was \$2,161.36 and our ending balance was \$1,976.03.

Our Guest Speaker was Kyle Canoyer from **Canoyer Garden Center**, a 3 year family business, at 11240 S 66th St. Canoyer is big on container Gardening. Kyle says the center has grown more than 100,000 annuals of Proven Winners. He says that with container gardening, gardeners have the ability to constantly change the look of their landscape by changing plants and colors. For containers, pick colors you like, planting the tallest plant in the center 1st. Kyle recommends 9 plants per container keeping texture of leaves and flowers alike. He also recommended using a soil less mix, which is a mix of peat and bark rather than using topsoil, using soil moist, a time release fertilizer, a large upsi-daisies pot and packing peanuts to take up room, and mulch. Kyle talked about the benefits of an independent gardening center versus a chain. He says the quality of the plants and products is higher at Canoyer and the prices are just a bit more than chain garden centers. Kyle gave each club member an annual plant from Canoyer. Theresa Richey won the hanging basket he brought since her birthday was next one in our club.

Judy Anderson showed another outstanding informative DVD this time about Strokes.

PRESIDENT'S MOMENT

Judy Anderson thanked club members for bring hats tonight for **Heavenly Hats**. These hats will be donated to Midlands Hospital to distribute them to those who have lost hair due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions.

The **Bellevue Junior Woman's Club** is hosting their annual Luncheon Style Show 4/12/08. Judy Anderson has names and telephone numbers for Bellevue's club if any PJWC members are interested in attending. Judy said that 4/27/08 she plans to walk in the **Walk America** , a March of Dimes fundraiser at Mahoney State Park. Contact her if interested in walking.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Club member, Jackie Fowler, said the **District II Arts Show** 3/29/08 was a success. There were fewer entries than last year but there was no shortage of outstanding arts and crafts talent. Jackie thanked club members for volunteering the help at the event.

Sophomore Pilgrimage- Club member, Kristy Funk, said that the Sophomore Pilgrimage was a wonderful experience for students Elizabeth Bracciano from PLHS and Cathryn Ellis from PLHS South. The students watched as the State Legislature worked on a bill about fluoridation water for populations over 1,000.

They went to the Governors Mansion for lunch and visited the Court of Appeals the Supreme Courtroom. They also met the State Governor Dave Heineman, Attorney General Jon Bruning, State Treasurer Shane Osborn, and lobbyists.

Roxi Clauson, **Conservation Committee**, said that Arbor Day posters by children in the Papillion-Lavista schools will be judged 4/14/08 at the Public Works Bldg 6:30 PM. OPPD will award PJWC with an \$800 grant 4/25/08 at 9:30 AM at an Arboretum Award ceremony at 108th and Blondo. Poster award winners will be announced 4/25/08 1:00 PM at the Arbor Day Celebration at Walnut Creek Amphitheater.

Theresa Richey said we have been getting quite a few checks and gift certificates to be used toward the **Papio Duck Paddle**. She thanked club members Jackie Fowler, Angie Johansen, Beth Ragland, and Kathy Pohl for their work soliciting businesses for donations. Barb Jackson said that the time of the Papio Duck Paddle will be 11:30 AM Sat 6/14/08.

Kathy Pohl and Debbi Reasoner thanked club members for the generous donations they brought to the meeting last month for **Child Protective Services**.

The GFWC State Convention is April 17-19, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lincoln, NE. Kathy Flock reminded club members she is still collecting pop top tabs to bring to the state convention for the Ronald McDonald House. She asked members to donate wash clothes and dish towels also needed at the House. Five club women that were nominated by their club for the Jennie Award (including our own Karen Olson) will be honored at the Saturday luncheon.

Jackie Mach said our club is still looking for a location to do **Plant a Row**. One alternative that was suggested- club members who grow produce could donate vegetables from their individual gardens to the project for our club.

Theresa Richey reminded those who signed up for the **Ronald McDonald House** that our next time to cook will be Thursday 4/24/09 at 5:30 PM.

Barb Jackson reminded club members about the Wine Tasting Tour of **Project Harmony** Monday, 4/6/08 at 7:00 PM

Kristy Funk invited club members to participate in the **Hat, Gloves, and Bags** Photo contest to let the community know that hats, gloves, and bags are still part of PJWC tradition. We will wear hats and gloves and carry grocery bags Sat 4/5/08 1:00 PM. Wear your blue PJWC T-shirt and yellow dish washing gloves to pick up trash.

Theresa Richey, **Nominations Committee**, presented PJWC officer nominations for the next 2 years: Karen Crandall, President, Renee Black, President-Elect, Marie Kuklinski, Treasurer and Royce Dent, Secretary. PJWC voted for these ladies to be our officers next fall.

Diane Withem suggested we have a club **Progressive Dinner** as a fundraiser. Discussion followed and several club members volunteered to have a phase on the dinner at their house in the fall or during the next year but as a fun-raiser rather than fundraiser.

The Past President are hosting the May meeting May 7, 2008 at Summer Kitchen. Jackie Mach is taking up Theresa also passed around a sign up sheet for the **Ronald McDonald House** that our club will work at 4/24/08. Our theme will be Italian food.

Our hostesses this month was chairman Cheryl Strickler, Roxi Clauson, and Kathy Pohl. We sang happy birthday to club membersSC Theresa Richey and Diane Withem.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Richey