

**GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club  
General Meeting Minutes - 9/27/2010**

**Call to Order** – 7:08 pm Dee Sokol called to order.

**Attendance** – Mary Behn, Deana Cooper, Donna Cross, Janet Manzi, Deirdre Nelson, Nancy Rodier, Dee Sokol, Kathleen Tyralla, Becky Weber, Kelli Zaremba, Kathleen Nackers, Elyse Bales, Cindy Guede

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – Kelli Zaremba - Approved as amended.

**Correspondence** - Kelli Zaremba – A donation of \$25.00 was made by GFWC-MGHJWC in honor of past president Nancy Rodier. A donation of \$20.00 was made by Malinda Feit in honor of the Bloomington-Normal & Metamora Germantown Hills Juniors Women Club. A thank you letter was received from the Global Literacy Project for our donation of \$515.00. A thank you letter was received from the Epilepsy Foundation of North Central Illinois for our donation of \$805.00 raised from the Tiny Tots booth at Old Settler Days. A thank you card was received from Carl and Peg Heinz in Metamora for receiving the Rose Award. A thank you letter was received from Homes for Our Troops for our donation of \$80.00. A thank you card was received from the Beaver family for our donation from the New Hope fund to provide school lunches for their family in the month of September. A congratulations letter was received from Debra Strahanoski for winning the outstanding club project award for the work done in the Health Program of the Home Life department. Our club received a certificate, a check for \$50, and recognition for our great participation.

**Treasurer's Report** - Becky Weber – Reported \$2616.89 9/13/10 balance. Fund account balances: Holding Fund - \$200.00, Sunshine Fund - \$169.88, Avenue of Flags - \$144.98, New Hope Fund - \$67.84, and Community Improvement Project - \$50.00. Proposed 2010-2011 budget with discussion. If you have a project that needs additional funds please bring the request to the General meetings. Budget approved as presented.

**Community Service Program Reports**

**Education** - Kathleen Tyralla – Would like to meet with her department after this General meeting.

**Home Life** – Kathleen Nackers – Reported a donation to the Bennett Stalter benefit, and that we will continue to cook meals Greg. She also needs additional members for her department.

**International Outreach** - Deirdre Nelson – Please see the newsletter.

**Public Issues** - Donna Cross – Please sign the 80 Christmas cards on the tables this evening for the Troops. Completed a project with MTHS during their Homecoming dance. They collected 181 canned food items that went to the Metamora Area Food Pantry and \$433.00 was collected and given to Operation Santa to be used for shipping.

**Special Projects** - Dee Sokol- There is an extra MTHS Volley for the Cure shirt for sale at the meeting. She would like the club to collect the Yoplait lids for Breast Cancer, please bring them with you to General meetings. Please see the newsletter as well.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Avenue of Flags** - Donna Cross – Please see the newsletter. Flags will fly on Veteran's Day 11/11 weather permitting. She will call those who signed up and email club by 7:00 am should weather affect set up. Set up begins at 8:00 am.

**Breakfast with Santa** - Deana Cooper – We will be handling a few things differently. We are going to focus on presale of raffle tickets. We will only be having 4-5 large raffle items and the remaining items we receive through donation will be used at more door prizes. She still needs a chair for Photo and Tickets.

**Community Improvement Program (CIP)** - Becky Weber – Spoke with the Metamora Police Chief, Chief Todd about partnering with the Metamora Business Association to Stuff the Bus at the Metamora vs. Washington football game. He asked that our club spread the word about this event. Becky presented a letter to the Superintendants of Metamora GS, Germantown Hills schools and St. Mary's notifying them of the availability and forms for the New Hope Fund. The New Hope Fund is

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money for the neediest of families; forms must be submitted with a request for specific needs. Becky is enhancing a resource list that can be placed online on community and school links. She needs help naming the resource list. If you have suggestions please email them to her. Another project for 2010-2011 will be to revamp the Children's Corner at the Metamora library. Janet and Kelli, and anyone else that would like to participate, are going to come up with a design and then we will receive help from the HS students to do the labor. Curves will be collecting items again for this year's Holiday baskets. Food for the Holiday baskets will be delivered to the Christian Union Church on 11/14. 11/15 all are invited to help organize the baskets. 11/20 from 8-11 the baskets will be distributed. Cindy Guede requested we investigate getting some calculators for the math classes at the schools. Dee Sokol has a Daisy Scout Troop leader that wants to work on CIP projects with our club and will pass the contact information on to Becky.

**Ways & Means** - Dee Sokol – Nancy has Kroger cards for \$5.00. Do not let the balance drop below \$5 or the card will go inactive. We will sell Uncle Al's Pecans again this year. The catalogs and order forms were passed out at this meeting.

**Communication & Identity** – Nancy Rodier - Submission of articles, photos, flyers & newsletters for schools must be submitted way in advance. If you know of something you want in the school newsletters please send the information to her as soon as possible. Dee Sokol mentioned that the Club media book for 2009-2010 that won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the state of IL has been returned to us. This is the club history for the year.

**Website** - Nancy Rodier – If you have any information to place on the website please send them to Nancy.

### **Unfinished Business**

Club Yearbook - Dee Sokol – Will distribute these at the October General meeting. If any change is needed to the directory please email Dee.

Junior Week/Month - Dee Sokol – Please see the newsletter for dates. If you have any ideas on how to celebrate this day/week/month please contact Dee Sokol.

### **New Business**

Donna Cross said the State Board has IL Junior sweatshirts, coffee cups, lighted compact and flags for sale at a discounted rate. She will pass around a sheet of the available items. Please contact her if you would like to order anything and she will get the information up north.

### **District & State News**

Next District Board Meeting – Saturday, October 9, 2010, at the United Methodist Church, Normal, IL

Next Jr. District Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Patty McManus' house.

Fall Jr. State Board Meeting – November 19-20, 2010, Princeton, IL

### **Announcements**

Next General Meeting: Monday, October 25, 2010, at Germantown Hills Fire Station, 6:30 pm doors open, 7:00 pm meeting will begin.

Hostess: Conservation; Auction Basket: Becky Weber; Reflections: Kelli Zaremba

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 11, 2010, 7 PM at Dee Sokol's house

**Adjournment** - 8:08 pm Dee Sokol adjourned.

Secretary Submitted

Approved as written and filed.