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Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

400 W. Magnolia Street, Leesburg, FL
July 7, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Opening: Barbara Howell, President

- Barbara Howell welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 10:01AM
- A quorum was present
- All said the Pledge of Allegiance
- Wendy Churchville led the devotion

Secretary: Laura Hannam took minutes in the absence of Secretary Jan Davis

- Lucile DiSanto made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes
- Laura Hannam seconded the motion
- The motion was unanimously passed

Treasurer: Barbara Howell for Becky Fadik

- The Treasury Report as of July 6, 2025, was presented.
- Beginning Balance \$20,539.87
- Ending Balance \$21,547.95
- Barbara Howell congratulated the group on having the best bank balance in years and informed the Board that the treasurer was in the process of consolidating accounts and moving them from United Southern Bank to Truist.
- Treasury Report was filed for audit.

Investment Treasurer: Pat Blaschka

- The Investment Report as of May 31, 2025, was presented.
- Balance as of May 31: \$331,505
- Pat Blaschka stated that the current balance is \$348,680.53.
- Plans are to work with managed fund person at First National Bank. A few adjustments have been made recently to move it from a total conservative approach to a higher risk for better yield. Considering looking at a different firm.
- Investment report was filed for audit

President's Message: Barbara Howell

- July Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
 - Barbara Howell reminded everyone that the Chamber Breakfast is on Thursday, July 24 at 7:00 a.m. Wear your Woman's Club of Leesburg green shirt or, if you don't have one, wear any green shirt.

- At the breakfast we plan to sell quarter auction, stamps, quilt and pre-sell calendars. Figured out an easier way to get payments
- Barbara Howel is going to take 10 minutes to talk.
- Laura Hannam has created a PowerPoint presentation to showcase pictures of Woman's Club of Leesburg activities. It will be shown in a loop on two large screens while Barbara Howell speaks.
- A retreat for all Board Members is being planned for August. The following was tabled for discussion at the retreat.
 - Barbara Howell is recommending a new position be created for community liaison
 - Becky Fadik has made recommended updates to the current bylaws.
 - Budget will be reviewed and adjustments made if necessary. It will need to be approved by all members in September.
 - Sale price of Calendars to be discussed as the cost of publishing them has gone up.
- Laura and Perri talked about the GFWC Florida Leadership Camp they attended on June 27 and 28 in Live Oak, Florida.
- Barbara Howell passed around sign-up sheet for the current meeting and asked everyone to use the sheet at their meetings to track volunteer meeting hours. Any non-meeting volunteer hours can be tracked by individuals, if desired. Please turn in volunteer hours reports to Barbara quarterly. It was requested that all Q2 reports be submitted to Barb by end of this week.
- Pat B will get new quarter auction signs made up.

Ways and Means: Lucille DiSanto, First Vice President

- Lucille DiSantoi gave an overview of the plan to share profits from stamp sales with LCWA to strengthen ties between our two volunteer groups.
- Lucille DiSanto discussed a partnership with the Booby Trap Foundation which focuses on breast cancer awareness and support.
- Reminder that the Quarter Auction planning meeting is August 11, 10:00 a.m. at the Colored Easel.

Community Service Programs: Arlene Golden, 2nd Vice President

- Arts & culture – Karyn Lambert stated she would be scheduling a planning meeting.
- Civic engagement and outreach – Arlene Golden stated that she needs a check for \$25 to participate in the Leesburg Veterans Day parade.

- Reminder that National Night Out is at the end of Tuesday, October 7th - membership should have a part. Arlene Golden will be purchasing a tablecloth for our table.
- August 8 ... teacher appreciation breakfast at Lake Square Mall. Info will be coming out listing volunteer info. Membership should have a part.
- Environment - need to get everyone involved to grow this community service.
- Health & wellness – An idea was presented to do chair exercises at one of the meetings as one of our activities.

Communications: Laura Hannam, 3rd Vice President

- A kickoff meeting was held on June 21 to brainstorm ideas around communications, marketing, and training.
- An email was sent out summarizing outcome, action items, and assigned resources.

Membership: Perri Cook

- Copies of an application from O'Kim Kaufman was passed around.
- Lucille DiSanto motioned to approve O'Kim as a new member
- Motion was seconded by Pat Blaschka
- The motion was unanimously passed
- Laura Hannam will be O'Kim's sponsor

New Business

- Barbara Howell suggested that all Board Members look at our website. The members only section has a wealth of information. Laura Hannam reminded everyone that the password for that section of the website is: wcl2425
- Jan Davis is having issues when sending out emails for meetings and lunch count. Getting accurate count is difficult. Cathie Cotton-Stocking is looking at applications that may help us improve this and will keep Jan in the loop.
- Jane Ward and Darlene Violetto - have a theme for each month on what they are going to do for Civic Engagement and Outreach this year. Plans are still in work at this point.

Next BOD tentatively planned for end of August.

Next Board of Director's meeting: TBD August.

Laura Hannam, 3rd VP