



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF LEESBURG

Celebrating 115 years of service to the Leesburg community

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

100 E. Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748

August 18, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Opening: Barbara Howell, President

- Barbara Howell welcomed all to the Summer 25 BOD Think Tank meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:15AM.
- A quorum was present.
- The Fall convention for all GFWC members in Florida will be at the Rosen Center in Orlando from September 26-28, 2025. Hotel room (two beds, one bath, sleeps 4) will be booked by Barb, Sandi Velardo will room with her; there's room for two more. Let Barb know if interested. Registration deadline is September 2nd. Deb Gudzone will drive.

Bylaws: A single sheet from the bylaws drafted by Becky Fadik was distributed.

- Each board member was asked to read the sheet she received and provide comments/suggestions pertaining to that one page.
- Comments were incorporated into the draft Bylaws.
- A motion was made by Lucille DiSanto to approve the amended bylaws. The motion was seconded by Karyn Lambert. The motion passed unanimously.
- Final approval of the Bylaw will go before the general membership on Monday, September 8, 2025.

Agencies to Support:

- A motion was made by Deb Gudzone to modify the allocation of funds for the Fall Quarter Auction to split the proceeds $\frac{1}{2}$ to The Booby Trap Foundation, that provides care and support for breast cancer, and $\frac{1}{2}$ to provide Leesburg Highschool with scholarships for women. Perri Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- The following agencies and amounts were approved by the Board of Directors for funds from 2025/2026 fundraising proceeds other than the Fall Quarter Auction. Karyn Lambert motioned to accept the below list. Sandy Velardo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Lake Sumter College (Nursing Scholarship)	\$2,000
The Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties (Victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault)	\$1,000
Lake Technical College (Paramedic and/or General Scholarship)	\$1,000
Ashley House (Transition housing for women veterans – Bedding package sponsorship)	\$ 200
Leesburg Fire Department	\$ 200
Animal League (Animal rescue and wellness center)	\$ 200
TBD (Breast scanning thermography)	\$ 200
Leesburg Police Department (bikes for kids)	\$ 100
Mercy Ships	\$ 50
Heffer International	\$ 50
TOTAL	\$5,000



Distribution from Investment Account: A discussion was had on additional support using allowed funds (up to \$31,000) from the Woman's Club of Leesburg's investment account.

- The BOD recommendations were to split any proceeds between:
 - Forward Paths to assist in building homes for homeless youth and those aging out of foster care,
 - Leesburg Highschool for a refurbishment of their common area called the Rock
 - Leesburg Elementary
- After much discussion, Laura Hannam made a motion to have Pat Blaschka, Investment Officer, lead a small committee to determine how much of the available investment funds should be awarded to each of the recommended agencies and for what.
- The recommendations are to be brought back to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Sandy Velardo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Fundraising and Community Service Schedule for the Year: Each Committee Chair reviewed their current plan for the upcoming year and answered questions as they arose.

Membership: Perri Cook provided copies of membership applications for all to review. Approval will be requested at next Board Meeting for the following:

- Pam Bonhoff
- Sandra Bock
- Mary L Bush
- Connie Ellis
- Shirley Kotouc

Budget: Copies of the current approved budget were passed out and members reviewed current actuals to budget. Becky Fadik will work with Barb Howell to adjust the budget based on what we learned over the summer. The final budget will be submitted to the general membership at the September 8, 2025 meeting.

New Business:

- Perri Cook has found a new vendor to supply our club shirts. This vendor will allow us to order on an as needed basis rather than waiting until we have a larger order. The new shirts will be polyester so they will be cooler to wear. It was agreed that we would keep same color and branding that is on our current shirts.
- It was agreed that we would modify the interest inventory section of the membership application to include Fundraising as an option.
- Lucille motioned to add an interim non-voting Community Outreach Liaison position to the Board of Directors. Sandy Velardo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.
Minutes taken by Arlene Golden and Laura Hannam