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**GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**
**WOMAN'S CLUB OF
LEESBURG, FLORIDA**

Serving the Leesburg Community since 1909

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Rogers Park, 610 S. 9th Street, Leesburg FL
March 10, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

Open: Barbara Howell, 1st Vice President

- Barbara Howell welcomed all and called the meeting to order @ 11:01 AM.
- A quorum was present.
- Wendy Churchville led the devotion.
- The members stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance and the Collect.
- Sandi Velardo made a motion to accept the January 2025 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mirriam Craig. The motion passed unanimously.
- Sandi Velardo made a motion to accept the February 2025 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mirriam Craig. The motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurers report was filed for audit.

President's Message: Barbara Howell, standing in for Rose Martins, President

- Laura Hannam provided an overview of the Florida LEADS seminar that she graduated from on March 1, 2025, and encouraged everyone to attend when they can.
- Barbara Howell stated that she had talked with Carla Connelly, GFWC FL District 7. They are looking at holding a FL District 7 LEADS seminar later in the year.
- Have raised over \$10,000 for our charities through stamp sales.
- Flight to Honor
 - Have raised over \$1,000 in raffle for the Honor Flight Quilt
 - Funky Fashion show being put on by district 7 – there are still tickets available.
- Call to convention
 - April 25 through April 27 – Register by April 1
 - Convention - \$50.00
 - Optional
 - Rosen Center Hotel - \$165/per night if staying overnight
 - Friday Night Dinner: \$52
 - Saturday Lunch: \$48
 - Saturday Dinner: \$57
 - Sunday Lunch: \$48

Note: meals include speaker sessions that can only be accessed if you purchase a meal.

1st Vice President: Barbara Howell

- Ways and means
 - Barbara Howell thanked Lucille DiSanto and Marissa Honka for their untiring leadership that culminated in a very successful Quarter Auction. The unofficial amount collected was \$12,000. Jane Ward let everyone know that they are still counting quarters.
 - Lucille DiSanto gave out thanks to specific members who went above and beyond for the Quarter Auction.
 - Barb Howell informed the members that additional fundraising opportunities are available or coming up:
 - Selling postage stamps – need helpers
 - Belk Spring Charity Days – we sell \$5 coupons, which we keep the proceeds from. The customers get the \$5 off plus an additional percentage when using the coupon. This opportunity netted us \$1,000 for our charities last year.

2nd Vice President: Linda Way

- The 50/50 raffle was conducted with a \$100 pot.
- Linda Way noted that at the Quarter Auction the 50/50 raffle netted \$1,080.
- Members with March birthdays were honored,
- **Arts and Culture:** Sandi Velardo
 - No update
- **Civic Engagement and Outreach:** Arlene Golden
 - Arlene Golden reminded all members that there will be a MLK Ecumenical Service on at 4:00 March 23, at the Christian Worship Center, 1414 E Main St in Leesburg. Members are encouraged to attend.
 - Flags for Florida's fallen vets – will be looking for volunteers to place flags in the Bushnell National Cemetery on 5/25 and to collect the flags on 5/31.
- **Education and Libraries:** Dee Ream and Jane Ward
 - The club was honored on March 6 by Lake Sumpter State College for the years of service dedicated to the many years of student scholarships for the Nursing program.
 - Jane Ward displayed a framed thank you from children for the Day in the Park event.
 - Mother's Day Jewelry event at Leesburg Elementary. Still waiting for the final date. Jewelry sorting will be conducted on 3/19 at 1:00 in the kitchen room at Legacy of Leesburg. It was noted by Jane Ward that this even originally started with just the 3rd grade and has expanded each year. This year this even will be for the entire school.
- **Environment:** Wendy Churchville
 - No update

- **Health and Wellness** – Rose Martens
 - No update

Officer Elections

- Perri Cook, as chair of the nominating committee, thanked Janet Schroko and Karyn Lambert for their assistance in contacting members to determine who would like to run for office.
- Ballots were passed out to all members in attendance. Jane Ward who was running for Investment Treasurer against Pat Blaschka withdrew her nomination.
- The slate of officer elects presented were:
 - President: Barbara Howell
 - 1st Vice President over Ways and Means: Lucille DiSanto
 - 2nd Vice President over Community Service Programs: Arlene Golden
 - 3rd Vice President over Communications: Laura Hannam
 - Secretary: Jan Davis
 - Treasurer: Becky Fadik
 - Investment Treasurer: Pat Blaschka
- Linda Way made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Miriam Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget

- A copy of the proposed 2025/2026 budget for the club was presented to all members in attendance.
- Laura Hannam made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Dee Ream seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m. and the Lake County Sheriff's office gave an overview of the services provided to Lake County Senior Citizens.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting to be held at Rogers Park, 610 S. 9th Street, Leesburg FL, April 14, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m. – Social 10:30 a.m.

Laura Hannam, Secretary