



February General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Meeting

Poland Library

311 S. Main St., Poland, OH 44514

Speaker:

Jenny Kennedy
Founder of Making Kids Count

Please Note:

We will be making "no sew" blankets for the Making Kids Count organization. Please bring a pair of fabric scissors if you can.

After Meeting Social:

Michael Alberini's , 1140 Boardman-Poland Rd
Please R.S.V.P to Maggie Matune (maggieamatune@gmail.com)

Mission Statement

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The Junior League of Youngstown is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of training volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Briefly Speaking is published ten times per year for members of JLY. The deadline for each edition is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Information should be submitted via email, as a Microsoft Word document, to Liz Kijowski at elizabeth.c.kijowski@us.pwc.com

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BRIEFLY SPEAKING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Beth Drennen
President 2015– 2016

We are undergoing a transformation in the JLY. We are removing requirements and letting the members choose their roles in the JLY so they get more out of the league. I personally saw the league as a way to push myself into roles I would have never thought of doing before. The league has given me so many opportunities to grow in areas I was not comfortable such as leadership and public speaking. Just writing the words “public speaking” still makes me cringe. I have also had the opportunity to strengthen my financial and management skills. Please consider this when deciding what you want to do with the league in the fall. The league is a place to try things out and as a past president once said to me, “not get fired”. We have so many opportunities that there is sure to be something you are interested in.

Here are some areas to think about:

Training and Education – Plan and organize meetings and speakers

Provisionals – Welcome, train and mentor new members

Marketing – Promote the league

Membership & Recruitment – Connect with current and future members and help them find their place in the league

Financial Committee – Help the league make financial changes for a strong future

Research and Development - Strengthen or develop a focus area that all league members can be involved with

Fund Development – Party planning! Provide the league with a fun night out and help the league stay strong

State Public Affairs Committee - Representative Youngstown with other Ohio Leagues

And many more....I'm sure there are areas that you think the league could use help. Don't be afraid to speak up! I'm sure there are others who have the same ideas.

Sustainer Corner

The Sustainer Council will meet on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6pm at the League Office. Invitations will be send to council members in the near future.



WANTED

READ 4 FUN VOLUNTEERS

Join us for the second
"Dr. Seuss Day Celebration!"

Participating Schools
Bascom Elem. (Labrae)

Champion Central

Howland Springs

Howland Glen

Hubbard Elem.

Lakeview Elementary

Mathews Elementary

Newton Falls Elem.

Niles Primary

Prospect Elem. (Girard)

Seaborn Elementary

Warren City Schools

Jefferson PK-8

Lincoln PK-8

McGuffey PK-8

Willard PK-8

The Reading Great by 8 Literacy Initiative, launched in 2014, provides reading support to students grades K-2. Under this initiative is the Read 4 Fun program that aims to keep students engaged in reading by providing an enjoyable experience.

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, we invite you to read a Dr. Seuss book to children in grades K-2 across Trumbull County!

WHEN: Tips & Tricks Session: led by 3rd grade teacher, Jennifer Soloman, for all volunteers on **Thursday, February 25th at 5:00 p.m.**

at United Way of Trumbull County (3601 Youngstown Road SE)

Dr. Seuss Day: Volunteers will visit classrooms during the day of **Wednesday March 2nd, 2016.**

A Dr. Seuss book will be provided to each volunteer by United Way of Trumbull County.

WHERE: Each volunteer can select a school and read to two classrooms, totaling approximately one hour. (Time slots may vary.)

RSVP: Fill out or provide the information below by Friday, February 5th to Cindy Rogers at crogers@unitedwaytrumbull.org or 330-369-1000 ext. 29 or fax 330-369-5555



**Reading 8
Great by 8**

LITERACY INITIATIVE

A United Way of Trumbull County Initiative

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Company: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Preferred School: _____

Will you attend the February 25th Tips & Tricks Session? Yes No

**United Way
of Trumbull County**

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Way**



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

The Junior League of Youngstown GMM Minutes 1/12/16

The Junior League of Youngstown

Neighborhood Meeting-Canfield Location

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, 1/12/2016, 6:30 PM

Present: Leanna Kemble, Lois Koval, Kristen Miller, Kristina Ross-Pavlicko, Elizabeth Tecnza, Kim Urig, Kelley Schuler-Sustainer/Hostess

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Welcome	Kristen Miller called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.	
Spotlight on Hostess	Elizabeth Tecnza introduced Kelley Schuler, Sustaining Member and our hostess for the evening. Kelley spoke about her time in the League and the different committees she served on, and the various fundraisers that she participated in.	
Approval of November General Membership Meeting Minutes	No corrections or additions were made.	Kristen Miller initiated a motion to approve the November 2015 GMM Minutes. Kristina Ross-Pavlicko 2 nd the motion. Vote was unanimously IN FAVOR. Motion carried.
Research on Possible Focus Area	Elizabeth Tecnza updated the group on the status of the League's possible new focus area -infant mortality. There is a need in the community considering that Mahoning County has more deaths than the state and national averages. There are a couple intervention groups that we could potentially work with in some capacity, be it donations or volunteering. Everyone in attendance seemed to think this was a good idea and receptive to hearing more about how we could be of service in this area.	The committee hopes to have a more concrete direction by the end of the month.
Feedback on Scholarship Survey Results	It was unanimous among the group that the scholarship is a great way to give back to the community and to get the League's name out in the community. Everyone thought that it was a great idea to present the award yearly at the Annual Dinner. It is also a positive that the YSU Foundation would be in charge of the application and selection process. There was one question in regards to the criteria. If we open it up to both undergrads and graduate students, is that a level playing field? There was also a comment about it being open only to freshman applicants.	Kristen Miller will meet with the Finance Committee in the coming months to discuss the funding of the scholarship.
Feedback on Membership Pilot Program	Kristina Ross-Pavlicko went over the proposed Member Compact. Overall, it was well-received. The discussion ran the gamut from increasing member retention to scaling down on our fundraisers, having more socials, and increasing training opportunities. Giving a breakdown of where the dues go was suggested and we talked a little about the placement process. It was pointed out that the "Trainings" line item should be changed to "GMM/Trainings".	Next, the Membership Committee will send the template of the Compact to AJLI for review.
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM by Kristen Miller. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016: 6:00 PM @ Poland Library	Kristen Miller adjourned the January 2016 Neighborhood Meeting. Elizabeth Tecnza 2 nd the motion.

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The Junior League of Youngstown
 Neighborhood Meeting-Poland Location
 Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, 1/12/2016, 6:30 PM

The Junior League of Youngstown general membership meeting minutes for Tuesday January 12, 2016. This was the Poland neighborhood meeting hosted by active member Laura Rumble. The following people were in attendance: Heather Elder (pres-elect), Kelly Frammartino, Barbara Banks (sustainer), Susan Stewart, Debbie Hartig, Laura Rumble, Mercia L. Stevens, Mercia M. Stevens, Elizabeth Kijowski, Marion Dunham, Amy Banks, Joanna Sicafuse.

The meeting was called to order by president-elect Heather Elder at 6:33 pm. Amy Banks thanked our hostess, Laura Rumble, for opening her home to our group. Heather Elder made a motion to approve the November GMM minutes and 2nd motion was made by Susan Stewart. Volunteering at St. John's soup kitchen on January 24th, members were asked to sign up if interested in volunteering that day. Members were also encouraged to help out with the planning of the Kentucky Derby party this Spring. Venue for Derby party was discussed and everyone more interested in having at the Fifth Floor restaurant.

Research and Dev. Discussion, lead by Heather Elder, began with the direction of our focus area being on infant mortality in the Mahoning county. Started the discussion with statistics in our area and how they compare statewide and nationally. Mahoning county being third in the nation for highest infant deaths. Group discussed how we can reach out to other organizations and partner with them. Susan Stewart offered to get more information on Resource Mothers from Mercy Health. Susan indicated that their program was successful in acting as an advocate for the moms during prenatal care as well as staying with them through the first year of birth and advocating for the child. It seems like a promising opportunity for the Junior League. The code day we hosted was brought up and Jessica from Dayton was referenced in her role as safety officer to the children's hospital and perhaps we could do something similar with Akron Children's. Discussion moved on to next agenda topic.

Heather Elder led the next discussion on the proposal for the YSU scholarship. Feedback was very positive and everyone agreed we should move forward with the proposal. The group suggested that we start out with the \$10,000 and take an additional 3 years to build up to the \$25,000. All agreed with the understanding that the initial scholarship would be \$400 a year until fully vested. Suggestions were made on criteria for eligibility. Making minimum school status as sophomore and or contributing 10 hours a year toward the JLY. Opportunities for volunteering hours could include: Rich Center, Red door Café, and Oh Wow!. The recipient would also be honored at annual dinner. It was also suggested that in order to really cultivate a future JLY member, that we offer discounted price on first year of membership.

Heather Elder led the last agenda topic on the Membership pilot program. Discussed how the new program will give members more flexibility and training opportunities. Will allow them to better showcase their talents and create more social and networking opportunities. This will allow members to be more satisfied in their commitment to the league. Discussed member compact, overall feedback was positive. The only suggestion made was to have dues split into 2 payments. Heather suggested adding in the tickets to fundraisers and annual dinner to dues as and incorporate into split payment. That way financial obligations are earlier on. Dues could be due Jan 15 and June 15.

There was a final topic brought up regarding Marketing that was not on the agenda. Barbara Banks addressed the lack of media attention the JLY received this past year. The PRT was only mentioned in the vindicator and it was a very small write up. It was suggested that we go back to monthly releases, even if it is just mentioning our GMM's and information on becoming a member. It was also suggested that Brenda update our media list. Perhaps we could do a recap of 2015 and what our plans are for 2016 and get it published in vindicator/Town Crier?

Heather made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm and Amy Banks Second.

Next meeting February 9, 2016 at Poland Library with Making Kids Count.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Elder President-elect

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

The Junior League of Youngstown

Neighborhood Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 12, 2016

6:00 PM Social; 6:30 PM Meeting

Location: Neighborhood Meeting/Liberty (Youngstown), Ohio/Home of Sustainer Suzanne Fleming

Present: **Sustainer:** Suzanne Fleming/**Actives:** Beth Drennen, Jennifer Soloman, Maggie Matune, Katie Fleming, Sara Wenger, Amanda Krygowski, Anna Masi; **Provisionals:** Paige Rassega, Paula Gilliam

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Soloman January 24, 2016

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
<p>Welcome Beth Drennen, President</p>	<p>Beth Drennen called the meeting to order at 6:28 PM. She thanked Suzanne Fleming for graciously agreeing to serve as a hostess for the evening and presented her with a small token of appreciation.</p>	
<p>Spotlight on Hostess Suzanne Fleming Maggie Matune, Training & Education Committee Chair</p>	<p>*Suzanne shared some of her personal history and JLY involvement. She experienced great fulfillment as a past League President. *Leadership Youngstown was her favorite project and, subsequently, she was hired as the director. *Suzanne later worked (at YSU) as a director of strategic planning for non-profits and govt. agencies.</p>	
<p>Approval of November 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes Jennifer Soloman, Recording Secretary</p>	<p>No corrections or additions were made to the November 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes (hard copies were available).</p> <p>Jennifer Soloman notified those present that copies are available (this evening) of the 2015-2016 JLY Yearbook and 2015-2016 Membership Pages, if anyone is interested.</p>	<p>Jennifer Soloman initiated a motion to approve the November 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Katie Fleming 2nd the motion. No discussion ensued. Vote was unanimously IN FAVOR. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Discussion: CIFA Sara Wenger, Research & Development Committee Co-Chair</p>	<p>The Research & Development Committee has decided to focus on infant mortality (death of children under the age of 1) for JLY's next CIFA (Community Impact Focus Area). There is a pre-existing interest base in the Mahoning Valley. Contact has already been made with Akron Children's Hospital.</p> <p>The CIFA has been narrowed down to four areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education 2. Involvement 3. Donate 4. Advocate <p>The R&D Committee Brief was provided (for review by those in attendance) and included (with this document) in JLY Recording Secretary binder.</p>	<p>Contact Sara Wenger or Elizabeth Tencza if you happen to know of someone or an organization which may offer insight on infant mortality and how the JLY can contribute to this cause. More information to follow.</p>

<p>Discussion: JLY/YSU Foundation Scholarship Fund Beth Drennen, President</p>	<p align="center">YSU FOUNDATION Scholarship Fund SURVEY RESULTS</p> <p>*Scholarship would be 4% of the total investment</p> <p align="center">Example Investment:</p> <p>*\$25,000 - can be paid over 5 years (\$5,000 per year), after \$10,000 the scholarship is endowed *The scholarship would be \$1,000 a year for perpetuity</p> <p>The Treasurer and Finance Committee will determine how we will reach \$25,000; it will not be left to the General Membership to decide.</p> <p align="center">Feedback:</p> <p>Possible Essay Question: How do you see yourself contributing to the community; in what ways could you improve your community?</p> <p>Recipient could be invited to the Annual Dinner.</p> <p>The scholarship certainly aligns with the JLY Mission Statement.</p> <p>The JLY YSU Scholarship Proposal (based on survey results) was provided (for review by those in attendance) and included (with this document) in JLY Recording Secretary binder.</p>	<p>Results of survey (e-mailed to JLY members) indicated a majority support of JLY pursuing a YSU Foundation Scholarship (in alignment with JLY's mission statement) with the recipient meeting the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Female *3.0 GPA or greater *Proof of commitment to community service *Graduate or Undergraduate student at YSU *Full OR Part-time student *Tri-County Resident <p>General Membership vote to occur at the March or April 2016 meeting.</p>
<p>Discussion: Membership Pilot Program Beth Drennen, President</p>	<p align="center">PILOT PROGRAM FOR MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT:</p> <p>Goal: To ensure the long term health and viability of Junior Leagues for years to come. This will be a "Member-centered member experience."</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the Member Compact, with the goal of acquiring feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Flexibility is a nice feature! *Allows the availability to plan ahead and attend the voting meetings in the Spring (having enough attendance is crucial to conduct business). *Placing the form on Google Drive would be convenient; it is editable. *Information would be filled out at the beginning of the League year, but can be changed throughout, as needed, with the ebb and flow of members' lives. <p>A hard copy of the Member Compact was provided (to those in attendance) for review and recommended changes; the draft is included (with this document) in JLY Recording Secretary binder. It is up to the JLY as to whether or not Sustainers will utilize the Member Compact.</p>	<p>More information/updates to follow with the strengths/weaknesses of this pilot program. It is important to remember this is a PILOT program.</p>
<p>Closing Remarks Beth Drennen, President</p>	<p align="center">Announcements:</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday, January 24, 2016 @ St. John's Red Door Café (323 Wick Avenue, Youngstown), beginning at 10:00 a.m. Womanpower is needed.</p> <p>Assistance is needed for the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 7, 2016.</p> <p align="center">Next GMM: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 Poland Library**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION** Speaker: Making Kids Count</p>	<p>Notify Beth Drennen or Laura Rumble if you are available to volunteer.</p> <p>The next Kentucky Derby Party meeting will follow the JLY Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM. (at the JLY Office)</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>If you are on Facebook, please LIKE the JLY page!</p>	<p>January 12, 2016 Neighborhood Meeting adjourned, at 7:15 PM, by President Beth Drennen.</p>



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2015-2016 General Membership Meetings & Done in a Days

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	DONE IN A DAY
March 8, 2016 *Bring A Friend*	Girard Multi-generational Center 443 Trumbull Ave. Girard, OH 44420	Impact on Senior Community	TBD
April 12, 2016	Austintown Library	Girl Scouts Girl Scouts of Northeastern Ohio	Help the Provisional Members with their project
May 17, 2016	Annual Dinner	TBD	Streetscape, Saturday, May 28th



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2016 Annual Kentucky Derby Party will be held
on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Please make every effort to attend our premiere event of
the year!

Formal invitations to follow.