

**Monthly Minutes**

# October 2021

**Next General Meeting**

Thursday, October 21, 2021 – Dinner/Refreshments @ 6:30 p.m.

Geauga County Library - West Branch, Eykyn Room  
13455 Chillicothe Rd., Chesterland

Hostess: Robyn Gattozzi

Join Zoom Meeting – Start @ 7:00 p.m.  
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**Next Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Christy Posler’s house  
8001 Morley Rd., Mentor

Hostess: Christy Posler

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:** *Carrie Lane*

Since joining WRJSL, I have always wondered why we re-read the Minutes from our Board Meeting, especially since we sent them out a little over a week before the General Meeting and our members had a chance to read them.  I have always felt that we would better use our General Meetings to educate through our speakers, energize through our announcements and get people more involved in our community fundraising projects.  So, after saying this, I would like to announce that we are going to change the structure of our General Meetings starting in October.

Our agenda will be as follows:

1.     Social - Light dinner or snack

2.     Icebreaker - to help people get to know each other better.

3.     Speaker – Presentation

4.     Committee Chairs will give any updates.  Note:  The committee chair will not repeat what has been printed in the Minutes.

5.     New Business

6.     Old Business

My hope is that this format helps people to be more engaged at our meetings as all the information will be new to our members.  If it does not work out, then we will adjust the agenda again until we get it right.  Since we are meeting both in person and on Zoom, members are asked to refrain from any side conversations to help ensure that the people on Zoom are able to hear what is being discussed.

***“Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance.”*  – Verna Myers**

I would also like to announce that Betty Jacobs, the Founder and Executive Director of LGBTQ+Allies, is going to speak to our group about **Diversity and Inclusion**.  I think this is a very important topic at this time of our organization’s history.  Diversity is the umbrella for topics such as age, income, educational background, career paths, religion, race, gender and sexual orientations. To me, listening is the first step to inclusion, learning is second and by the time you are sharing you are probably going to be friends.

This topic is not about politics, it’s about getting to know people and being open to new opportunities and friendships.  If we are to grow as an organization, we need to learn how to be more engaged with the people who are around us. While we may not always agree with someone, we must always try to be kind and respectful to everyone.  Sure, sometimes it may be difficult or uncomfortable, but the value that comes from kindness and respect is so great that it cannot be measured.  I am looking forward to welcoming Ms. Jacobs and listening to what she is going to share with us.  I hope to see you at the meeting.

**RECORDING SECRETARY**: *Vickie McDonald*

Please be sure to read the monthly minutes before the next General Meeting. If you require an additional electronic copy to be sent to you, please email me at [vixmcd@gmail.com](mailto:vixmcd@gmail.com). If you require a printed paper copy to be mailed to you, please contact the Corresponding Secretary, Jackie Smith, at [jackiesmith11769@yahoo.com](mailto:jackiesmith11769@yahoo.com).

**Attachments:**

* **2021-22 (Current) Pink Book**
* **Crafts for the Mansion (flyer)**
* **Provisional Autobiographies (4)**

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** *Jackie Smith*

Sympathy cards were sent to Susan Fatica, Myra Cochran, Cheryl & Matt Kuonen, and Rita & Scott Antalovich.

**TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Ali Wilson & Donna Skufca*

**Balances as of 9/30/21**

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| **Administrative Fund – Checking**  **Citizens Bank** |  |
| Beginning balance 9-1-21 $24,078.56  Subtractions - 1,355.40  Additions + 1,082.13  **Ending balance 9-30-21 $23,805.29** | Beginning balance 9-1-21 $ 27,086.40  Subtractions - 653.50  Additions + 546.07  **Ending balance 9-30-21 $26,978.97** |
| **Special Projects – Savings**  **Huntington Bank** | **Community Fund – Savings**  **Key Bank** |
| Beginning balance 9-1-21 $15,943.40  Interest Earned + .66  **Ending Balance 9-30-21 $15,944.06** | Beginning balance 9-1-21 $13,746.31  Interest Earned + .11  **Ending balance 9-30-21 $13,746.42** |

**ADMISSIONS:** *Paula Gordos & Diana Kokal*

Our 2021/2022 admissions recruiting campaign is underway. Members are encouraged to invite prospective members to our fundraising events and/or monthly meetings. Also encourage new members to check out the WRJSL website for more information about our organization.

We ask that you use our new admissions email: [WRJSL.admissions@gmail.com](mailto:WRJSL.admissions@gmail.com) to refer any new

members and to advise admissions that a prospective new member will be your guest at our events

so we can welcome them.

We will have an Admissions Open House on March 9, 2022 – Save the date! Location to be determined.

At the October General meeting the admissions committee will hand out postcards and business

cards to all members to use, which can be given to interested prospective members. Please spread the word about WRJSL to your coworkers, neighbors, family members and friends.

**COMMUNITY RESEARCH:** *Cheryl Kuonen & Sharon Simunich*

At the October general meeting Community Research members will present our slate of grant recipients for a vote.  This fall/winter we have two volunteer opportunities to share:

1. Girls on the Run 5K at the Cleveland Zoo on Sunday, November 14th.  Please register directly with the site to volunteer and let us know you registered.  All volunteers will be background checked for safety.   <https://www.gotrnortheastohio.org/5K-Detail#show-volunteer>

Volunteer Info: The GOTRNEO fall 5k will be held at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Sunday, November 14th. Due to the need for the event to start and conclude prior to the zoo's opening to the general public, we are looking for volunteers to commit to helping out for the entirety of the event. We will arrive for setup at 6:00am and plan to close the course at 10:00am. Please do not sign up as a volunteer unless you can commit to helping for that entire period. You will be required to arrive at volunteer check-in (located near the ticket office for the zoo) no later than 6:30am in order to receive your wristband for entry to the zoo. As a volunteer, you will be allowed to stay and enjoy the zoo for the entire day after the conclusion of our event.

1. Salvation Army bell ringing at Great Lakes Mall on Saturday, November 20 from 10am to 8pm.  Shifts will be in 2hr increments with 2 to 3 people at the Main Concourse by Dicks/Round 1. Shifts available are: 10am - 12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, and 6-8pm.  Email community research at [wrjslcr@gmail.com](mailto:wrjslcr@gmail.com) with your group of 2-3 and preferred time.  We'll have a signup sheet at the General Meeting too, but spaces may fill up.  If there's demand, and the Girls on the Run 5K isn't an option, I'll see about getting a second date.

**HISTORIAN:** *Kathy Williams*

A group of women posing for a photo

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Class of 2022 Provisionals: Tricia Hurst, Tina Beduhn, Michelle Haag, and Janet McGee.

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Three of the Class of 2022 Fantastic Four, Tina Beduhn, Michelle Haag, and Janet McGee, at the Provisional Cocktail Party at the home of Dianne Vanas.

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Provisional committee co-chairs and the Class of 2022: Kathy Williams, Michelle Haag, Tina Beduhn, Sue Fatica, and Janet McGee. Photo of Tricia Hurst (not present) being held by Sue Fatica.

**MEETING MANAGEMENT:** *Jennie Best & Christy Posler*

General Meetings are held as a hybrid format to allow members to participate either in person or online. The Zoom link for each monthly General Meeting is included on the front page of the respective monthly minutes. A reminder email will also be sent at the beginning of each week that a General Meeting is scheduled.

Meeting information is available through several resources: TeamSnap, the monthly minutes, the Pink Book and on our website, [www.wrjsl.org](http://www.wrjsl.org/). If you plan to attend a General Meeting in-person, please rsvp through TeamSnap so the hostess knows how many people plan to attend the dinner/social portion of the event.

In-person meetings will begin with a light dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting business will start at 7:00 p.m. Online participants are asked to join at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will not be recorded. Members are encouraged to attend meetings in whichever way is most comfortable or convenient for them, to ensure the success of our mission. Attendance will be taken at all General Meetings by Placement.

The upcoming October General Meeting will be at the Geauga West Public Library in Chesterland.  All meeting details are in the Pink Book and TeamSnap.

The 2021 Christmas Holiday Brunch will be held at Bass Lake Tavern in Chardon, on Saturday, December 11th. An official invite and more details are forthcoming.

**NOMINATING:** *Paula Gordos*

The following Officer positions will be open for members to consider:

* Vice President
* Treasurer
* Corresponding Secretary
* Recording Secretary
* 6 Nominating Committee members

We hope members consider an elected position within WRJSL for the upcoming year. This is a great way to be involved in the organization and help to lead WRJSL into the future. Members interested should indicate their interest during the Fall Placement interview and/or contact any Nominating Committee Member throughout this year. All names must be received by March 3rd, 2022.

**OFFICE**: *Robyn Gattozzi & Carrie Gorski*

Please submit any changes to your contact information so that the online Pink Book can be as up to date as possible, by using the form on the website to update personal information.  Committee chairs send updates to [officewrjsl@gmail.com](mailto:officewrjsl@gmail.com).

October Pink Book attached.  Updates were made to Membership, Committee Co-Chairs, October General Meeting heading, and NATR Committee members.

The 2021 hard copy of the Pink Book will be available for pick up at the October General Meeting. If you will not be able to attend the October meeting, this is the final call to request to have your book mailed to you. Please email office at [officewrjsl@gmail.com](mailto:officewrjsl@gmail.com) if would like to have your copy mailed to you.

**PLACEMENT:** *Karrie Shannon & Carolyn Blackwell*

We are still looking for 4 mentors for the provisional class.  Please contact Carolyn Blackwell or Karrie Shannon, if you are interested.

Placement committee advisors are contacting advisees for October Interviews.   Please return calls and or emails sent by advisors.

**POLICY & BY-LAWS:** *Robyn Gattozzi & Kelly Roush*

First meeting was not held due to last minute attendee cancellations and will be rescheduled.

**PROVISIONALS:** *Kathy Williams & Sue Fatica*

The Provisionals have completed most of their Wednesday classes. The group is small, but it is a great group of women who are engaged in the process and participating each week. Sue and I are enjoying getting to know them.

The Provisionals have visited the Lake County History Center Event Barn, Perry Township Administration Center, Rabbit Run Theater, Lifeline, and the Children’s Schoolhouse Nature Park.

On Saturday, September 18th, the Provisionals traveled to the home of Dianne Vanas for a cocktail party in their honor. Hostesses Marlene Castilyn, Mary Jo Miller, Chris Price and Pam Martin presented a wonderful event including delicious appetizers, drinks, and excellent conversation. A gift of an etched vase was given as a favor. The Provisionals were introduced with a “Fantastic Four” skit performed by co-chairs Kathy Williams and Sue Fatica.

The Provisionals have completed their autobiographies which are attached with this report. This month we will also have a trip to Lake Erie College to view the Women’s Rights Walkway. The Wrap-Up dinner will be held at the home of Jill Gibson.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/Web/Social Media**: *Cara Mia Duncan*

October Focus - welcoming the new Provisional Class and Candlelight Gala. PR/Social Media is preparing to post ‘Thank You’ posts for Candlelight Gala sponsorships.  As sponsorships are received there will be planned postings celebrating each sponsor.  If the sponsor has a Facebook page, they will be tagged in the post to increase visibility of the postings.

As committees have events, need help, want to celebrate - please send information to Cara Mia via email or text at [caramiaduncan@gmail.com](mailto:caramiaduncan@gmail.com) or 440-655-9516

**WAYS & MEANS:** *Heidi Landgraf & Joanne Miller*

The Ways & Means Committee held its first meeting on September 23rd.   Heidi and Joanne reviewed the purpose of the committee as well as its’ role and responsibility for future fund raisers. Mary Jo Miller reviewed results and key learnings of our 2020 Bag Lunch with the group which was very helpful for consideration of future fundraising events. Robyn Gattozzi provided an update of NATR (April 30th,2022), and Debbie Kennedy, an update of the Candlelight Gala.  The group brainstormed options for the next fundraising event with research takeaways.  The group will next meet in early 2022 with the goal of coming to consensus on the next fundraiser. The proposal would then be taken to the Board for review.

**Candlelight Gala:** The candle is burning! We have gotten quite a few sponsorships, but we are always looking for a few more.  We have several nice baskets to put in the auction. We need a few more dinners or a trip or two if possible. Invites were mailed out this week. The rally up link will go live on Nov 15

We still need help with following:

1. We need someone to do the program for the event.

2. We need another volunteer to help during the event.

3. We need volunteers (2-3) to take centerpieces from the tables, wrap them and give them to persons who ordered them as they exit at the end of the evening.

Please contact Debbie or Paula if you can help. Thank you.  ~ Deb Kennedy & Paula Gordos

**Wine/Beer/Spirits Raffles:** Vickie is collecting wine, spirits and beer donations for the auction/raffle. If you'd like to donate items for these raffle tables, please bring them to the next General Meeting, drop them off at her house, coordinate to have her pick them up from you, or you can purchase them at World Wines & Liquors and leave them with a store clerk, and she will pick them up there.

**Night at the Races**: And we're off!  Our first committee meeting was held on October 14th. We brainstormed a lot of great ideas for venues, entertainment, food, sponsorships (and more), decided which to follow up on and assigned tasks.  We will meet again on 11/17 to prepare for a full kick off at the January General Meeting.

**WRJSL Spirit Wear Store:**

The current WRJSL Spirit Wear Store is open until October 31st. Get your WRJSL t-shirt, polo, sweatshirt or jacket (and more!) to show your pride and promote WRJSL within the local community! Proceeds from store sales support the Endowment Committee Administrative Fund for the promotion and support of the Heritage Endowment Fund. Please click on the link to shop our current store which end October 31st at 11:59 p.m. [WRJSL Spirit Wear Store - ends Oct 31st](https://wrjslfall2021-2.itemorder.com/)

**ENDOWMENT:** *Pam Morse & Vickie McDonald*

The Endowment Committee met with the Cleveland Foundation on Thursday, October 14th, via Zoom, to review the Heritage Endowment Fund and discuss management tools and options for future growth. The balance of the Endowment Fund, as of August 31st, is $134,761. The quarterly statement for September will be made available in November, from the Cleveland Foundation.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our heritage funding leadership, becoming a “Founding 50” member, or donating on behalf of a loved one through benevolent giving, please contact Pam Morse or Vickie McDonald for more information. Please note that there are many options that allow members the financial flexibility to manage their giving through monthly payments/installments.

**PUPPETS:** *Sandy Patterson*

No report.

**EASTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER:** *Mary Jo Miller & Maureen Dolan*

No report.

**MENTOR AREA CHAMBER:** *Dianne Vanas*

No report.

**SUSTAINER TRUSTEES***: Mary Jo Fryauff & Diana Yount*

We had our fall cocktail party at Grand River Winery and had 30 people in attendance. We were given the choice of three different types of wine as well as a choice of three types of sandwiches for lunch. It was well received, and we get nothing but high compliments.

We are collecting donations for the Candlelight Gala committee, to give money for their program.  So far, we have collected $150 but are asking everyone to contribute $5 or $10 each, to help out our hard-working women in Service League.

Thank you, Mary Jo and Diana