

Lisle Woman's Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 PM

Location: Lisle Library District

Attendance: 28

Executive Board

Liz Sulliven, Lorna Turner, Brenda Hatch, Kathleen Palia, Cathy Cawiezel

Chairs & Vice Chairs

Nancy Oij, Dot Battle, Lorraine Krzywosz, Luisa Buehler, Lucy Matune, Karen Burris,
Joanne Ehrhardt, Marie Hasse, Julie Tillotson, Sandy Harshman, Bea Fodor

Members

Marcia Boehm, Eileen Briggs, Trudi Weber, Susanne Murray, Inga Scheckel, Sandy Adrian,
Char Cleary, Pat Briggs, Bev Hudson, Barbara Green, Kelly Dixit

1) Program: GFWC General & GFWC Convention Presentations

- a) Ruth Sloom, GFWC 2024 Convention Chairperson, presented the history of the convention in Illinois starting in 1892 at the Chicago Central Music Hall.
 - i) The next convention is scheduled from June 28 to July 1, 2024 at the Hilton on S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.
 - ii) The GFWC International President is Deb Strahanoski, a member of the Joliet Woman's Club.
 - iii) Fundraising: sale of pins or aprons, raffles, club donations, etc.
 - iv) Need 200+ volunteers. Request will be sent to club from Sue Haa.
- b) Carol Jablonski, GFWC-IL Treasurer and member of Darien Woman's Club, presented hierarchy of GFWC
 - i) National- Regions (Great Lakes)- 5th/6th District-LWC
 - ii) Login to GFWC.org – great source of information. Must set up ID & password.
 - iii) Login to GFWCillinois.org – password same for everyone.
 - (1) gfwc-member (all lower caps.)
 - iv) Website for 5th/6th District is not utilized currently.
 - v) GFWC IL passed resolution on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

2) Announcements

- i) January meeting will be on January 10 at Lisle Library District
- ii) Members & Guests Sign In (reminder to sign)
- iii) Holiday Dinner at Lima Fresca, Woodridge, Dec 6th, \$35. Sign up passed around and payment requested.
- iv) Food Bank Holiday Children's Gift – Sign up sent around.
- v) Food Bank Holiday Thanksgiving Turkey or Christmas Ham. Sign up passed around.

3) Officer Reports

- a) Recording Secretary
 - i) Motion to Approve the Oct 4th minutes with below amendment: Approved.
"Keys for Library Cabinets – Contact the ~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Board if you need access."

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Motion: Approve the minutes with amendment by Kathleen with 2nd by Lorna. Passed.

4) Standing & Ad Hoc Committees

a) Communications & Public Relations –

- i) Reminder to check-in to LWC Facebook after leaving meeting.
- ii) Reminder to submit calendar updates for meetings.
- iii) Trick or Treat event in downtown Lisle was a success. Children enjoyed the bucket game and writing chalk messages on blackboards.
- iv) High-Level Website Overview presented by Eileen Briggs and Nancy Oij
 - (1) Reminder to complete PR form for website updates
 - (2) Web pages displayed / explained by presenters.
 - (a) Calendar of events & meetings
 - (b) Membership Directory (Has not been updated for 2023/2024 as of this mtg.)
 - (c) Forms (ie expense reports)
 - (d) Event Sprout for dues payment
 - (e) Financials
 - (f) Meeting Minutes
 - (g) Newsletters
 - (3) No search available.

b) Fundraising & Development

- i) Bunco – sold out! Volunteer need has been filled! Donations for prizes filled! The only item needed is two dozen baked desserts. Contact Barb Akkeron for information.

c) Membership –

- i) YTD 51 members have paid dues. Waiting for 8 members to respond to dues request.

5) Community Service Committees

a) Arts & Culture events:

- i) Wines for Humanity wine tasting at Kelly Dixit's on November 15th. At 6:30 pm. Tasting starts at 7 pm. Sign up going around.
- ii) Cancelled Nov. dinner at Lima Fresco due to Holiday dinner planned at that location.
- iii) Dec 2 10 am brunch at The Paris Bistro, 2656 Showplace Drive in Naperville. Sign up going around.

b) Civic Engagement & Outreach

- i) Food Bank Holiday Children's Gift – Sign up sent around. Family information will be available tomorrow. Food Pantry will provide assignments rather than individuals picking child/family. Spending per child \$30 limit.
- ii) Food Bank Holiday Thanksgiving Turkey or Christmas Ham. Sign up passed around. Currently 3 turkeys are being donated. Food Pantry requesting staples as well due

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to shortage in donations. (Example: Tuna, powdered milk.) No food requiring refrigeration please.

iii) Drop off dates in newsletter.

c) Education & Libraries

i) Will be donating to Stateville prison. List of acceptable books forthcoming after approval by prison chaplain.

ii) Bring donations of books for the Food Pantries to Brenda Hatch

iii) Little Free Libraries- two out of three participants want to do in Spring. May be able to use rebate from Menards for wood thanks to Four Lakes.

iv) Opportunity to meet 30 different authors on Nov 4 at Lisle Library.

d) Environment

i) Plastic bags are harmful to humans, animal life, and the environment, never break down, and are hard to recycle.

MOTION: Resolution for LWC to advocate to the Village of Lisle for a fee of \$.10 per single use plastic bag at stores within Lisle. 1st Dot Battle 2nd Eileen -Passed.

ii) Handout distributed. (see attachment)

iii) Collecting corks, bread tabs, etc. Bring to Dot.

e) Wreaths across America / Adopt a Veteran's Grave

i) The form for donations will be emailed from Karen.

ii) Adopt a Veteran's Grave collaborates effort with other organizations to decorate graves on Dec 2

f) Hospitality

i) Need volunteers to bring food to January meeting. Contact Julie Tillotson.

g) Zoom call – Report Writing Workshop Nov 4th. Sign up tonight (Nov1)

6) New Business

7) Old Business

Next General Membership Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 pm

Submitted by Kathleen Palia, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve at Jan. 10, 2024 General Membership Meeting with below amendments:

Kathleen Palia, 2nd Lorna Turner Passed – Zero Nays

1) a) iv) Request will be sent to club from Sue ~~Hah~~ Haa.

1) b) Carol Jablonski, GFWC- IL Treasurer

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Approved Jan 10, 2024 Kathleen Palia, Recording Secretary

Appendix A Motions

Attachments:

GFWC Annual Convention Flyer

Wines for Humanity Flyer

Environment Committee document explaining Motion to advocate to the Village of Lisle for a fee of \$.10 per single use plastic bag at stores within Lisle.

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Date	Motion	1st	2nd	Approved	Votes if counted
9/6/23	Motion to approve May 3, 2023, General Membership Mtg Minutes	Eileen Briggs	Karen Burris	Passed	
9/6/23	Motion to vote on approving 2023/2024 Budget as written	Kathleen Palia	Lorna Turner	Failed	27 Attendees: 11 Ayes
9/6/23	Motion to close discussion of budget	Julie Tillotson	Erene Panos	Passed	
10/4/23	Motions for below Amendments to budget				30 Attendees
10/4/23	Amendment to reduce Membership by \$600.00 and to be added to Philanthropy budget:			Passed	Ayes 18
10/4/23	Amendment to reduce large line items: Leadership and Membership by 30% and to be added to Philanthropy budget:			Failed	Ayes 4
10/4/23	Amendment to reduce 5 th /6 th District reps by \$50.00 and to be added to Philanthropy budget			Passed	Ayes 19
10/4/23	Amendment to reduce Arts and Culture to \$100.00			Failed	Ayes 1
10/4/23	Amendment to increase Civic Engagement to \$400.00 for specific gifts to First responders			Failed	Ayes 4
10/4/23	Amendment to increase transfer \$90.00 Communications/Public Relations from Membership			Pass	Ayes 16

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10/4/23	Motion to vote to approve budget as amended	Julie Tillotson	Lorna Turner	Passed	Ayes 18
11/1/23	Motion to Approve the Oct 4 th minutes with below amendment: "Keys for Library Cabinets – Contact the Board of Directors Executive Board if you need access."	Kathleen Palia	Lorna Turner	Passed	
11/1/23	MOTION: Resolution for LWC to advocate to the Village of Lisle for a fee of \$.10 per single use plastic bag at stores within Lisle.	Dot Battle	Eileen Briggs	Passed	



JUNE 28

LEADS

Board of Directors Meeting

Host State Night

June 29

Opening Ceremony

June 30

Gala Night

July 1

Installation

HILTON CHICAGO

\$229 + TAXES & FEES



A **Passion** for Wine... and a **Heart** for Others

Wines for Humanity raises funds for
the prevention of homelessness for families with
children.

Kelly Dixit is hosting a wine tasting on
November 15.

Where: 2105 Scarlet Oak Lane, Lisle, IL 60532

Time: 6:30pm for social time and wine tasting will begin at
7pm

Come join club members for a fun filled wine tasting and light
bites evening. Please bring a dish to share.

For more information about Wines for Humanity please visit: [About Us - Wines For Humanity](#)

Space is limited please sign up soon! Hope to see everyone!

Environment Committee

We are requesting the approval of LWC members to support a \$0.10 fee on single-use bags (plastic and paper) at checkout while shopping at specific retail locations in Lisle.

Background: Our committee is interested in working with our Lisle community (village government, business leaders, schools, and other willing parties) on implementing an initial fee-based program on single-use bags when shopping that will eventually lead to a complete ban on plastic bags. The purpose is to change behavior and encourage the use of reusable bags with the ultimate goal of minimizing plastic/paper use.



Significant adverse effects of **plastic bags** include:

- Made from non-renewable resources that do not decompose in landfills
- End up as litter in streets, highways, fields, and storm sewers (that causes flooding)
- Fatal for animals if ingested
- Difficult to recycle and jam equipment at sorting facilities.

Significant adverse effects of **paper bags** include:

- Requires more energy and resources to make than plastic bags
- Generates an excess amount of waste that takes up space in landfills
- Requires cutting down massive amount of trees
- Does not encourage use of reusable bags if paper is not included in the fee-based program

Data from other community bag fee programs: In Illinois, Oak Park, Woodstock, Edwardsville, Batavia, and Chicago have single-use bag fee programs already in place. Evanston has a complete ban on plastic bags with a \$0.10 fee on other bags which must be made of 40% recyclable material. Recently, the Naperville Mariano's proposed a ban on single-use plastic bags. A number of other communities in Illinois have a ban proposed, too.

Does the fee-based program work? The original thought was that if you charge a fee, the single-use bags at checkout would go down and reusable bags would go up. However, data from Chicago (population of 2,746,388) and Woodstock (pop. 25,646) showed the opposite.

Total Revenue from Bag Tax Collections

Town	2020 Collections	2021 Collections	2022 Collections
Chicago	\$6,259,043	\$7,479,829	\$15,822,805
Woodstock	\$75,280	126,804	127,122

Eventually we would propose banning all plastic bags at checkout but will start the program out by offering bags for a fee.

Bag Fee Overview Program: Here are a few thoughts on moving forward with the program:

- Work with the Village of Lisle to develop an ordinance to encourage use of reusable bags while shopping and impose a single-use bag fee on plastic and paper bags
- Businesses that will be initially affected (over 5,000 square feet):
Jewel, Aldi, Walgreens, Dollar Tree

- \$0.10 per non-reuseable bag (also includes paper)
 - The village receives \$0.07
 - The business retains \$0.03
- Village portion of the bag fee program goes to an Environmental Fund that may be used for sustainable programs, such as environmental education, reduction in yard waste fees, reduction in cost to recycle electronics (TVs, monitors), etc.

If the proposal is approved by LWC membership, then the Environment Committee will have discussions with Village Trustees by end of 2023 to gauge interest on the development of an ordinance.

We have talked with leaders from Woodstock and Batavia to get a general idea of the process and are very excited to move forward. In summary, this initiative is not meant to be a tax-generating proposal but an environmental sustainability proposal, whose time has come. After all, we are the Arboretum Village!

If you have questions, feel free to email Dot (mombattle@hotmail.com) or Lorraine (lorrainek5@gmail.com).