

The Junior League of Macon, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

September 12, 2023

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

Georgia Sports Hall of Fame

*Katrina Spooner called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.*

1. **Call to Order and Welcome – Katrina Spooner**
   1. Introduction
   2. Reminder to sign in via QR code
2. **Sponsor Spotlight – Northwestern Mutual**
   1. JD Miller and Jeff Wilhelm discuss benefits packages and services they offer.
3. **Sustainer Panel – Jessica Ruddell and Julia Wood**
   1. Discussed involvement with the League as active members, what they learned, and how they used what they learned outside of the League
   2. Ruddell talked about saving Grand Opera House in 1970s, preventing teen pregnancy in 1990s, establishing handicap accessible waterpark at Amerson Park when focus was women’s and children’s health, helped Macon become certified literacy community designation once focus changed to literacy in 2009
   3. Advice to new members (provisional and transfers): You get out of it what you put into it. Live here as if you’re going to live here for the rest of your life. Reach out to sustainers and learn from them.
4. **Overview of year Ahead – Katrina Spooner, Evelyn Lopater, Hannah Couch, Heather Kane, Kristen Soles McCracken**
   1. Katrina:
      1. Introduction of Social Chair, Heather Kane
      2. Meeting Sponsors: refer potential meeting sponsors to Katrina
      3. Themed GMMs
      4. Pay dues by September 15
      5. Reach out to people who aren’t at the meeting and invite them back.
      6. Calendar invites to be sent.
   2. Evelyn:
      1. Meeting Buddies
   3. Heather:
      1. Interest survey – QR code provided
   4. Hannah:
      1. Finding new and better ways to serve Macon; changing focus area
   5. Kristin:
      1. Potential sponsor survey for annual campaign, fundraisers, and in-kind donations
5. **Provisional Introductions – Natalie Barrett**
   1. Amber Hamilton, Crysta Gober, Dana Griffin, Jessica Taylor, Maria Hart, MJ Smith, Sarah Bauer, Stephanie McRae, Cassie Alston, Georgette Brown, Gretta O’Dell, Kaitlin Walker, Kiaira Jackson, Kiara Patel, Mary Francis
   2. Katrina: Provisional spotlights to come
6. **Community Impact Projects – Virginia Blake**
   1. Will be posted on Digital Cheetah so everyone can sign up soon
   2. Description of CIPs: Backpack Buddies, Washington Memorial Library, Macon Periods Easier, Read for the Record, Real Impact, Methodist Home
   3. Upcoming volunteer dates/opportunities
7. **Literacy, Latin, and Libations – Jordan Bracewell**
   1. October 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
   2. Yollah
   3. Tickets: $40/adult, $20/child, kids under 8 free, tickets include food and one drink ticket,
   4. Lauren Mixon to perform with her band
   5. Raffle tickets available by sharing posts regarding event on social media, book donations, $10 donations
   6. Raffle prizes from Longleaf Distillery, Mercer Football
8. **Merchant Ideas: Lauren Fradenburg Mixon**
   1. Survey – QR code provided
   2. Chili Cookoff at November GMM
   3. “Just Local” Merchant Cards
      1. Will post names of potential businesses on Facebook
      2. Cards $10 each
9. **Member Announcements – none**
10. **Adjournment – Katrina Spooner**

*With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Hannah Couch*

*Recording Secretary*