



November GMM

October 6, 2025 @ The CAC Capitol Lounge

6:30 P.M. Social Time, 7:00 P.M. Meeting

Attendance: Melissa Kelley, Lindsay Crist, Bryn Stork, Shannai Karren, Siri Matos, Molly Garczynski, Shelly Bailey, Lauren Horton, Kristin Kaderli, Lindsey Harner, Rhoda Sawyer, Amy Resh, Amanda Gresh, Brittany Dent, Jordan Brininger, Jamie Brininger, Erin Smith, Michele Meredith, Rose Thomas-Sarno, Ashley Adomiak, Katie Musheno, Bridget Kane, Alyssa Bailey, Katelyn Smith, Carrie Brown, Mary Holstein, Peachie O'Connor, Jen Flint, Hallie Lupert, Susan Best (We currently have 53 active members. There were 23 active members, 2 provisional members, and 5 sustaining members in attendance. We would have needed 32 active members in attendance for a quorum.)

- I. Melissa Kelley, President, called the GMM to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. Code Blue Presentation
 - a. Melissa Kelley introduced Susan Best with Code Blue. Code Blue is a non-profit organization that provides emergency, overnight shelter and a warm meal to homeless individuals on nights with dangerous cold weather, typically when temperatures drop below a specific threshold. These shelters aim to prevent hypothermia and other cold-related health issues and often connect people with additional resources for long-term support. They are a collaborative effort between nonprofits, faith-based groups, and community volunteers. They are looking for donation items of coffee, lemonade, water, Gatorade, meal train assistance, and hygiene items. Clothes and shoes are donated by another organization.
- III. Advocacy Activity
 - a. Lead by Kristin Kaderli and Amy Resh: Post card writing activity to our commissioners to support funding for our library.
- IV. CodeRed.Period Activity
 - a. Lead by Siri Matos: A Period Trivia game was played by our membership to gain further knowledge and insight on this initiative.
- V. Updates
 - a. **President** – Melissa Kelley
 - i. Motion for Approval for October GMM Minutes
I, Melissa Kelley, motion to approve the October GMM Minutes.
Second: Michele Meredith
Discussion: None
All in Favor: Yes, Motion Passes

- ii. Welcome to our Newest Member: Katelyn Smith, Carrie Brown
- iii. JLW Award – The Board recently voted on creating a graduation award on behalf of the JLW for Williamsport Area High School. This award will be given annually with each Board voting on the desired amount, also with potential to expand to other school districts.
 - 1. \$250 to a college-bound young woman who has earned a minimum 3.5 GPA, demonstrates strong leadership skills or the potential to further develop as a leader, and is actively involved in community service. She exemplifies academic excellence, dedication to others, and a commitment to making a positive impact in both school and community.
 - 2. Amy Resh had a question regarding, which budget line this was going to be allocated to. She was guided to reach out to Laura Beauchesne (Treasurer), who was not present.
- iv. Volunteer Data
 - 1. Between August – October we have had 10 community service events offered on different days and varying times. (We currently have 51 active members.)
 - a. 25 Members have Volunteered
 - i. 2 Provisional
 - ii. 21 Active
 - iii. 2 Sustaining
 - b. 16 Members Attended 1 Event
 - c. 9 Members Attended 2-5 Events
 - 2. Complete Follow-Up Participation Survey
 - a. All members were given a paper with the following question prompts to answer anonymously. The Board will review and discuss these due to concerns with active member participation.
 - i. What kind of membership engagement/social events do you want to see?
 - ii. What kind of community service events do you want to see?
 - iii. What has prevented you from attending social and volunteer events this League year?

- v. January GMM (NO December GMM)
 - 1. Monday January 5th – 6:30pm Social Time, 7:00pm Meeting
 - 2. Date Your Slate / Placement Form Completion

- b. **Treasurer** – Laura Beauchesne
 - i. Budget Update – See Attached

 - ii. Audit – Erin Smith (active member) is willing to donate her time to help us complete an audit for the 2024-2025 League year, in good faith. This Board and previous Boards have researched outside organizations to complete an audit for us, but we either cannot afford it or they will not audit an organization of our small size. The plan is to have this completed by the April GMM to be presented to the General Membership.

 - iii. Budget Sheet – The updated budget sheet through October 31, 2025 was distributed.

- c. **New Member Committee** – Michele Meredith, Jodi Wolesslagle
 - i. New Membership Application Deadline: Monday December 1st

 - ii. Upcoming Tours
 - 1. American Rescue Workers Tour: Monday November 10th from 6-8pm
 - a. We will deliver all peanut butter and jelly donations for ARW's food pantry.

 - 2. Salvation Army Tour: Thursday December 4th from 6-8pm
 - a. We will be packing food boxes and Christmas gift bags for their Christmas Assistance Program.

- d. **Community Committee** – Bridget Kane, Siri Matos, Jessica Naughton
 - i. Upcoming Volunteer Events
 - 1. CodeRed.Period Packing Event
 - a. Thursday November 6th 7-8:30pm @ Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy Office

 - 2. YWCA Boutique Recurring Volunteer Opportunity (2nd Saturday each month)
 - a. Next opportunity is on Saturday, November 8, 10am–12pm & 12pm–2pm.

- b. Sign up on ME for one time slot or both
- 3. YWCA Creations of Courage German Christmas Market Tabling
 - a. December 6th 10am-7pm
 - b. 2-hour shifts are on ME.
- 4. EmpowerStride – Kringle Fest
 - a. Saturday, December 13th: volunteers needed for set-up in the afternoon for the fest the next day
 - b. Sunday, December 12: We will do two shifts of running games: 10am-1pm & 1-4pm which includes set-up and clean-up
- e. **Fund Development Committee** – Shelly Bailey, Amanda Phillips
 - i. Holiday Auction
 - 1. Thursday December 11th @ Holiday Inn
 - 2. *Ways YOU Can Support the Auction:*
 - a. Sign-Up for Shifts to Help (are in ME)
 - i. Preparing baskets before the auction
 - ii. Setting up the auction space the day of
 - iii. Volunteering at the auction
 - b. They also need help with auction items – reach out to Fund Development to sign up to ask businesses. (List of businesses also listed in the November Leaglet)
- f. **Membership Engagement Committee** – Rose Thomas-Sarno, Ashley Adomiak
 - i. Hot Girl Walk
 - 1. Recurring event; once-a-month walk to encourage us to get out and move, make some connections, and explore the community!
 - 2. **Saturday November 15th at 10am @ Alabaster Coffee**
 - a. Plan for a walk over to the Farmer's Market and back to downtown to visit shops. Join us for the entire morning or pop in when you're able!
 - ii. **Jolly Trolley**
 - 1. Let's take the Trolley around for some holiday fun

2. Friday **December 5th, Time: TBD**

- a. Planning for stops at New Trail, Candy Cane Lane, German Christmas Market, and additional downtown locations.

g. **Nominating** – Jamie Brininger

- i. **Placements** – Begin thinking of what placements you may be interested in for next league year. Placement Forms will be completed at our January GMM. Reach out to Nominating with any questions.
- ii. **Women of Excellence Event** – Wednesday November 12th, 7pm @ CAC
 1. We are offering tickets to membership (up to 6 tickets). If you are interested in attending, let Lindsay Crist know!
- iii. **AJLI 40 under 40 Nomination**
 1. This initiative aims to celebrate and honor outstanding Junior League Members who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in various fields and careers. We believe in acknowledging and highlighting the accomplishments of women who have made a significant impact on their professions and communities.
 2. Eligibility Criteria
 - a. Must have 2 years of active service.
 - b. **Empowerment** – The nominee, through her work and community involvement, empowers both herself and others. Examples may include initiatives that uplift and inspire individuals to reach their full potential.
 - c. **Leadership** – The nominee demonstrates outstanding leadership in her profession or area of service. This can include accomplishments, innovations, or a demonstrated commitment to driving positive change.
 - d. **Community Impact** – The nominee is actively creating a positive impact on her community. This can encompass contributions to local organizations, volunteer work, or initiatives that address community needs.
 3. Please send your nomination to nominating@jlwilliamsport.org by November 16th.

VI. Raffle Prize Winner – Jamie Brininger

VII. Melissa Kelley, President, adjourned the GMM at 8:16 P.M.