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### MISSION STATEMENT

*Junior League of Lansing, Michigan is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*

Your Attendance is Requested  
 at the Junior League of Lansing's  
**Masquerade Ball**  
 October 30th 2009

## Fundraising

*Amanda Campbell, Signature Fundraiser Committee*

Travel back in time to the 15th century Renaissance at Junior League of Lansing's first-ever Masquerade Ball. Come and join the festivities in your best attire and, of course, your masquerade mask. We promise you an elegant and fun-filled evening with live music, hors d'oeuvres, gaming tables and more. Don't forget to enter for your chance to win one of the several Becky Beauchine Kulka raffles or the Masquerade Mega Raffle!

The most important part of the ball is that funds will be used in part to support our newest Signature Project, a three-year, \$30,000 commitment in partnership with Care Free Dental. This partnership will help provide affordable, comprehensive dental care to families and individuals who would otherwise not have access to such care.

The ball will be hosted at the historic Turner Dodge Mansion in Old Town Lansing. There will be a large tent set up where live entertainment will be the hot spot for dancing the night away! To add mystery to your Renaissance experience, a Queen of the Ball will be nominated and announced at the event. It could be you!

Event and raffle tickets as well as masks will be available to purchase at the October GMM. You can also purchase tickets at the JL office with cash or check.

The Signature Fundraiser Committee would appreciate any suggestions for corporate sponsorships for this event. Please send company and contact information to **Amanda LaVoie** (apurdy37@hotmail.com) or **Becky Paalman** (bpaalman@nuwavepartners.com).



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Junior League of Lansing, Michigan reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. The JLL strives in all endeavors to be sensitive to the special needs of our members and guests. If there is a special need, please notify the Education Vice President, Tiffany Dowling.

**FOCUS** accepts advertisements to help offset the publication costs. For advertising rates or to place an advertisement, please contact the Junior League of Lansing office.

**FOCUS** submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before each GMM. Email submissions should be sent to Focus@jllansing.org in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman 12 pt. font. Articles should include a title, author and author's placement. All photos should be digital and sent to the Focus email address with the word "photo" in the subject line. Photos must include a caption with the names of those pictured and the title of the accompanying article.

# President's Message...

Tracy Jelneck, President



## Commitment

What a wonderful start to our Junior League year!! It was great to see everyone again. I hope that you are all as excited about the upcoming year as I am. I know that some of our Members have been hard at work throughout the summer and others are just gearing up. Either way, thank you for reaffirming your commitment to the Junior League of Lansing. Attendance at the first GMM was awesome. We accomplished so much...establishing GMM norms, learning more about breast and cervical cancer AND most exciting (at least to me), we completed our first Community Service activity. Our membership folded 500 t-shirts for the W3 race on Sunday, September 13 in less than 15 minutes. Way to go, ladies!! Also, looking around the room it appeared that we had 100% participation by those members present!

Thank you, ladies! You all should be so proud of yourselves. We have taken the first steps toward living our Mission...committed to promoting voluntarism and improving the community. The enthusiasm and energy that permeated the room was beyond compare. I felt the excitement of membership as we gathered together to learn more about what our year will entail. I just know that this year will be spectacular.

And this is just the beginning. Next month we will work on the remaining aspects of our Mission...developing the potential of women and trained volunteers. We have co-founder of Biggby, Mary Roszel coming to speak to membership about leadership. What a great training opportunity our Education Council has created for us.

In the meantime... Nothing is impossible to a willing heart. —John Heywood  
I will see you all on October 13th no later than 6:30 pm!

Tracy

## Membership

# Welcome Back From Member Relations

Angela Emlet-Dardas, Member Relations Committee Chair



Welcome to the 2009–2010 League year! Member Relations is excited to share some of the fun events that we are planning for you. Our first event will be held at Dream Dinners on Thursday, October 8 at 7 pm. You won't want to miss this fun girls night out! Each woman will make a wonderful three course meal to take home, while sipping wine and sampling delicious snacks.

Later this fall or winter, you can take part in some pampering on a Saturday morning with a Mimosa & Manicure/Pedicure event—details to follow!

In November the committee will be hosting an after-school Pottery Painting event at Art Unlimited in Okemos. Bring your kids to make great holiday gifts for grandparents, aunts, uncles or any other special person in their life.

After the holidays, you can warm up with our couples party, post season shopping, the JLL annual Easter Egg Hunt, and much, much more! We can't wait to get to know all of you at these fun Member events.

Finally, don't forget to, join your Member Relations committee after the GMM each month for drinks and socializing at Dusty's Tap Room in Okemos. Have a great League year!

## Membership Fall Interview Time!

Hillary Henderson, Nominating/Placement Advisor



In the near future, your advisor will be contacting you to schedule your fall interview. This interview is a requirement for all Active Members and you also earn three points by participating. All of the advisors appreciate your time and look forward to meeting with you to get an understanding of your League experiences and ideas.

This interview is important for many reasons. First, we want to make sure you are having a fantastic year and know of any concerns you may have. Second, we would like to know your JLL "wish list" for next year so we have that information for Slating Day. Finally, it is fun to get together, chat and share ideas!

During your interview, your advisor will be going over your "wish list" for next year. This may seem early to begin thinking about your placement for the upcoming year, but your advisor needs to understand where you are headed in League and what your goals are. This is also an opportunity to find out who may be interested in leadership positions for the next year. The Board, Nominating/Placement Advisors and New Member Advisors are all slated in November and are voted on by general membership in January. Soon after, all of the Chairs/Co-Chairs/Vice Chairs are chosen. Please let your advisor know if you are interested in any of these positions for the upcoming year, or any time in the future. (Please note: you are required to Chair a committee prior to serving on the Board).

Again, your advisor truly appreciates you taking the time to meet with her and she looks forward to getting to know you better!

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## Sustaining Sustainer News

Kris Kildea, Sustaining Advisor



### The League Year is under Way!

On September 8, the Actives and a hand full of Sustainers gathered at Walnut Hills Country Club for the first GMM of the year. Our president **Tracy Jelneck** ran a well timed meeting and had the members help set norms for the meetings. **Katie Bosscher** was the guest speaker from the American Cancer Society highlighting cancer facts for women. A few of the agenda items included updates on the Endowment Fund 25th Anniversary Celebration, the upcoming Signature Fundraiser and the Community Service Grants.

### Sustainer "Kudos"

I would personally like to thank and honor many Sustainers' this month. **Debby Harrison** opened her home for a JLL Sustainer gathering on August 19th. **Mary West** provided delicious refreshments while **Ginny Brooks** presented us with an agenda that sparked great conversation! **Maggie Frankland, Cathy Kerwin, Joan Stapleton, Suzanne Tuck** and **Amy Uecker** offered to chair the Sustainer luncheon and **Debby Harrison** will open her home again on October 7 at 5:30 pm for a follow-up gathering. **Chrissie Brogan, Liz Morgan, Kim Hartman, Annie Hayes, Lynn Fiedler** and Active **Tracy Jelneck** were also in attendance to share their wisdom. One last kudo goes out to **Donna Gardner**. Donna was the guest trainer at the September board meeting. She provided wonderful insight on a "working board" and wearing two hats, being a JLL board member and committee vice president.

### HELP WANTED

Have you always dreamed of having your words published? This is a job for you! The hours are flexible, you can work from home and there will be Kudo's galore from the Sustaining Advisor. I would like to devote a small section of FOCUS to Sustainer activities and news. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

### Upcoming Events

Sustainer Luncheon	September 30
Sustainer Gathering	October 7
Signature Fundraiser	October 30
GMM in Sustainer Homes	November 10 (Looking for 5 volunteers!)
Chicago Bus Trip	November 20
Holiday Open House	December 8





## Backpacks Pile Up for St. Vincent Charities

Thuy Pham, DIAM Vice Chair



**A**ugust DIAD project for 2009–2010 was a success at St. Vincent Charities. Operation: Backpacks was organized to help with the sorting of donated school supplies and stuffing the backpacks. In the past, 200–300 backpacks were collected, and this year approximately 500 backpacks were collected

and stuffed!

Twelve JLL members had signed up to volunteer their time and women power to help with this project. Some members signed up for the full shifts and others signed up for part-time shifts. Six of our members showed up at 10am to start and by 12:30pm when I showed up for pictures, all were done. I was amazed at how fast our members got the job done! I even had to hurry to send out an email to cancel the rest of our part-time shifts. Great job ladies!

Thanks to the following women who participated in this event: **Ann Vogelsang, Christie Lemon, Amy Sue Melville, Tiana Hawver, Courtney Schnelker, Nanette Naser, Patricia Black, Stephanie Bredahl, Kathryn Quinn, Torye Santucci, and Andrea Branhoff.**



Dear Junior League Members,

Thank you for your continued support to the mission and ministry of St. Vincent Catholic Charities (STVCC). Please extend our gratitude

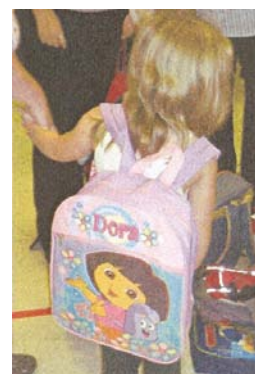
and appreciation to the Junior League of Lansing Members who volunteered their time to sort the school supplies and pack the backpacks.

It is a wonderful experience to watch the excitement and joy in the faces of the children as they pick out their backpacks. They are our future and by providing them the basic educational tools we reinforce our belief in their potential. We can rest assured that the children were prepared for the first day of school and felt proud carrying their new backpacks.

Through the Operation Backpack collection and distribution we were able to provide help and create hope for hundreds of children in our community. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Andrea E. Seyka*  
Andrea Seyka, CEO



*Approximately 500 backpacks were collected and stuffed!*

## Members Roll Up Their Sleeves for Habitat for Humanity

Jill Tuley, Done In A Day Committee Member

**T**hank you to all the ladies who participated in our DIAD project with Habitat for Humanity on August 12, 2009. JLL's crew of 11 women got down to work to help prepare a home in Lansing for its new owners. We rolled up our sleeves and sanded, painted and cleaned to move this house one step closer to occupancy. Not only did we manage to get the entire house painted we also donated \$1000.00 on behalf of the Junior League of Lansing.

Thank you to the following women for their hard work: **Diane Sloane, Kristin Hicks, Alex Wiesner, Amanda Campbell, Christina Carr, Kelli Hughes, Amanda Purdy, Melissa Topplewski, Mercedes Martinez and Nicole Schuppner.**



# Board Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues (MSC)

Amy Suhrheinrich, MSC President



We always like to say "welcome back" at this time of year, but I know most of you have never left. It is very exciting to see all of the progress that has been made over the summer months. I would like to recognize and thank all of you who have been meeting to prepare goals and finalize strategic and annual plans throughout the summer months. It is your efforts that make our Leagues run smoothly and continue to be successful.

One of our goals is to educate membership regarding MSC. Our Mission is as follows: MSC is an organization of the nine Junior Leagues of Michigan committed to providing added value to the Junior League membership and to supporting each of the member leagues in fulfilling our common mission. In addition, our Vision provides that through the strength of association, the Council increases the effectiveness of individual League members and enhances the potential of community impact of the Michigan Junior Leagues. MSC is composed of the President-Elects, Presidents, Immediate Past Presidents and Immediate Past-Past Presidents of the nine Michigan member Leagues. To further familiarize you with MSC, we are planning a series of short informational articles on other aspects of the Council.

Another goal of MSC is to provide support to our member Leagues. One of the main pillars of support is training. The trainings are funded by the dues paid to MSC from each of the Michigan Leagues. Consequently, we encourage everyone to take advantage of these unique opportunities, as well as to network with women from around the state. At this time, I am very excited to announce that state-wide training sessions have been set for **Saturday, January 16** and **Wednesday, March 10**. Detailed information regarding the topics, speakers, and locations for these two sessions will follow shortly.

Please contact me or one of the Executive Committee members with any questions or suggestions that you may have. On behalf of the Executive Committee and the members of the Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues, we wish you a successful and rewarding Junior League Year!

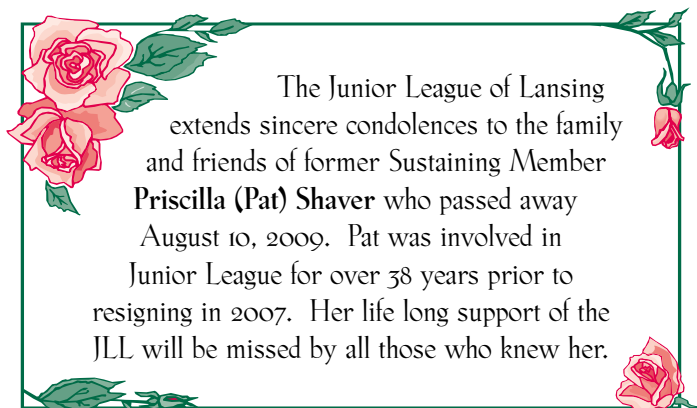
## October/November Birthdays

### ACTIVES

Gilkey, Heather	10/01	Marazita, Ellie	10/25
Garrett, Lynn	10/08	Vincent-Riemer, C	10/26
Hughes, Samantha	10/08	Kositckek, Ruth	10/27
Henderson, Hillary	10/13	Bullock, Marnie	10/28
Schnelker, Courtney	10/18	Patterson, Susan	10/28
Seifert, Kristina	10/21	Kerwin, Cathy	10/31
Sambaer, Melissa	10/23	Shanker, Margie	10/31
Sifuentes, Meg	10/23	Carr, Janet	11/01
Carr, Chrissy	10/24	Walworth, Mary Lou	11/05
Glass, Alison	10/24	Cawood, Becky	11/08
Knake, Renee	10/29	Galloway, Barbara	11/08
Proulz, Nicki	11/09	McCoy, Sally	11/08
Gibson, Ginnie	11/12	Cornelius, Marilyn	11/09
Vlahakis, Angela	11/14	Duncan, Susan	11/10
Martinez, Mercedes	11/15	Nolen, Sally	11/10
Lupo, Susan	11/21	Overholt, Frances	11/14
Chan, Molly	11/24	Peters, Van-Anh	11/16
Latchana Beth	11/28	Gross, Jan	11/17
Marchyok, Kate	11/29	Frankland, Maggie	11/18
		Harrison, Debby	11/18
		Logan, Kay	11/18

### SUSTAINERS

Hostetler, Lori	10/02	Ballein, Michele	11/19
Korroch, Marian	10/05	Tarpoff, Diane	11/19
Uecker, Amy	10/06	Richards, Bea	11/20
Sukenik, Barb	10/07	Scott, Toni	11/20
Beauchine-Kulka, B	10/09	Obsitnik, Marilyn	11/21
Paxton, Shirley	10/09	Fauquher, Grace	11/22
Crippen, Susie	10/10	Fiedler, Lynn	11/23
Howe, Julie	10/12	Burnett, Beth	11/25
Forbush, Krista	10/15	Collins, Mary	11/25
Spousta, Dottie	10/17	Brennan, Catherine	11/26
Wilson, Mary Jane	10/20	Gallagher, Michelle	11/30
Austin, Mary Ann	10/22		
Carr, Shary	10/22		
Kregel, Suzanne	10/22		
Clark, Barb	10/23		
Dwight, Lynn	10/23		
Tabler, Janie	10/23		
Haley, Jamie	10/25		



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## Junior League of Lansing Endowment Fund

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**1984 – 2009**

## *25th Anniversary Every Member Drive*

### \$25 for 25 years

**Let Us Continue to Build  
Our Commitment  
to the  
Greater Lansing Community**

Our goal is to have every member of the Junior League of Lansing New Member, Active, Sustainer, Non-Resident Active and Sustainer contribute a minimum of \$25 to the Endowment Fund as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

All donors will be recognized in upcoming issues of Focus and at our year-end Anniversary Party on September 13, 2009. We hope to see your name listed in our **\$25 for 25 EVERY MEMBER Drive** in the next issue of Focus!

\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_ \$250    \_\_\_\_ \$2,500    \$ \_\_\_\_ Other

Name (as you would like it to appear in the Focus)

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the JLL Endowment and identify it as **\$25 for 25 EVERY MEMBER Drive**  
271 Woodland Pass Centre, Suite 115  
East Lansing, MI 48823

## Membership

### Kudos Korner

*Angela Emlet-Dardas, Member Relations Chair*



**T**his could be you! Every month we will recognize Members who have made an outstanding contribution or extraordinary effort for League.

Please help us show our appreciation by nominating a Member you notice doing something that deserves Kudos! This could be going above and beyond in her placement, helping out in other committees where help is needed, reaching out to other members in some extraordinary way, or anything that you think deserves recognition.

To nominate a Member, please email her name, placement and a brief description of the achievement to **Angela Emlet-Dardas** at [jiaphobe@aol.com](mailto:jiaphobe@aol.com) or **Pattie McNiell** at [pattiemcniel@gmail.com](mailto:pattiemcniel@gmail.com). We will select the Kudos recipients for each month a few days before the GMM and will announce the Kudos recipients at each GMM, so don't wait to send in nominations!

## Community

### EPO Benefits from DIAM

*Kirsten Hicks, Done In A Day Chair  
Thuy Pham, DIAM/DIAD Vice-Chair*



**E**xpectant Parents Organization (EPO) was chosen as the first recipient for the 2009–10 DIAM projects.

EPO is an organization that provides prenatal education and parenting information to the community. They requested books of stamps. Sixteen members donated at the September meeting and a total of eight books of stamps and \$40 was collected. Thanks for participating and getting DIAM off to a great start this year!

## New Arrival

*On September 3, Dawn Kroger had a baby girl, Harper Elizabeth, weighing 7 lbs, 9 oz., 19 in. long. Congratulations Dawn!!*



# Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2009 • Junior League Office

PRESENT: Shelley Meilock, Communications VP; Tracy Jelneck, President; Betsy Svanda, President Elect; Lori Noyer, Secretary; Suzanne Johnson, Membership VP; Nicki Proulx, Treasurer; Kris Kildea, Sustaining Advisor; Tiffany Dowling, Education VP; Becky Paalman, Fund Development VP

ABSENT: Lisa Gnass, Community VP

GUEST: Christie Lemon, Bylaw/Policy Parliamentarian

## I. Tracy Jelneck, called meeting to order at 6:32 pm

- **Tracy Jelneck** moved DDD Policy Change (h) to action item (d)
- **Tracy Jelneck** called for a motion to adopt Meeting Agenda as amended. Betsy Svanda moved to adopt the Meeting Agenda as amended. **Nicki Proulx** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Tracy Jelneck** called for a motion to approve of Board Meeting Minutes from the July 14, 2009 Board Meeting. Suzanne Johnson moved to approve. Shelley Meilock seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## V. Announcements

- **Nicki Proulx** distributed spreadsheets (2008–09, YTD (thru 7/20) revenue/expenses); postage & coping charges included; scholarship amount being checked; **Tracy Jelneck** following up regarding overages procedure
- **Becky Paalman** shared that Signature Fundraiser met last Tues; Additional expenses identified such as valet parking and porta-potty(\$155/unit); Decorations being donated; Sponsorships packets have gone out, JNL possible, National Bank; Pension Trend, NuWave, **Betsy Svanda** contacting Strong Speech; Committee added live auction component; Board commitment is to sell 10 raffle tickets, secure an auction item or sponsorship. **Kelli Hughes** working on auction items; DJ services are donated, saxophonists free, Jason Colthorp has been asked to co-host the event; Looking for another host for the last part of the night.  
Art Van grant announced tomorrow.
- **Betsy Svanda** reported on updates regarding the Rent Committee. Looking into 2 Old Town options; 1 downtown; Betsy setting appt to determine options.
- As a Community Service project, JLL will fold t-shirts for W3 at the Sept GMM.

## VI. Action Items

- **Betsy Svanda** made a motion to approve annual plan as updated (change Celebrity Luncheon to Spring Fundraiser); **Tiffany Dowling** seconded; discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Becky Paalman** recommended that Ad Hoc Signature Fundraiser Committee not needed due to Sustainer Advisor on the committee;
- **Betsy Svanda** made motion on behalf of Community Sponsorship to approve sponsorship of \$1000 to Children's Health Initiative Teddy Bear Picnic. **Suzanne Johnson** seconded. Discussion ensued. Time expired. **Betsy Svanda** made motion to extend discussion 5 minutes. **Lori Noyer** seconded. Motion carried. Discussion

continued. Motion called to vote. Motion did not carry.

- **Suzanne Johnson** made motion to accept 11.5 New Member Project policy change. **Betsy Svanda** seconded. Discussion ensued. Time expired. **Suzanne Johnson** made a motion to extend 2 minutes. **Lori Noyer** seconded. Motion carried. **Suzanne Johnson** made a motion to accept policy change as amended. **Becky Svanda** seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **Christie Lemon** will submit for Focus and Redbook.
- **Shelley Meilock** made a motion to approve **Stephanie Bredahl** as Vice Chair of Public Relations. **Suzanne Johnson** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## VII. Delegate, Decide, Discard

- **Shelley Meilock** discussed FOCUS layout/printing proposals. **Tiffany Dowling** identified a conflict of interest and removed herself before discussion. Time expired. **Becky Paalman** motioned to extend discussion 10 minutes. **Lori Noyer** seconded. Motion carried. Time expired. **Kris Kildea** motioned to extend time 5 minutes. **Becky Paalman** seconded. Motion carried. **Kris Kildea** made motion to have Keystone do layout/printing for Aug/Sept issue. **Becky Paalman** seconded. **Shelley Meilock** abstained. **Tiffany Dowling** abstained. Motion carried; 7 ayes. **Kris Kildea** will be meeting with Sustainers to discuss future options regarding electronic newsletter.
- **Shelley Meilock** presented recommendation to the Board regarding Focus schedule. Printed: Aug/Sept; Dec/Jan; March; April; May. Electronic: Oct; Nov; Feb; June/July
- **Suzanne Johnson** indicated that Signature Fundraiser Committee currently running with 4 people. Board needs to support them in every effort. Discussed that planning for following year needs to start before the end of this year.
- **Becky Paalman** discussed meeting sponsors for GMM. Time expired. **Becky Paalman** made a motion to extend 5 minutes. **Shelley Meilock** seconded. Motion carried. Arrangements will arrange meeting sponsors (\$100) and coordinate with Fund Development VP.
- **Betsy Svanda** reviewed Redbook Policy on keys with the Board. Board will collect the keys from their Council at year end instead of Assistant to the President.
- **Tracy Jelneck** passed around list of DIAM for 2009–2010
- **Becky Paalman** indicated that **Diane Sloan** is researching additional ideas for Spring Fundraiser.

## VIII. Tracy Jelneck called for new business.

- **Tracy** called for motion to adjourn. **Shelley Meilock** made the motion. **Becky Paalman** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:27p



Respectfully Submitted,  
**Lori Noyer**, Secretary

# Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2009 • Junior League Office

**PRESENT:** Tracy Jelneck, President, Suzanne Johnson, Membership VP, Betsy Svanda, President-Elect, Nicki Proulx, Treasurer, Kris Kildea, Sustaining Advisor, Tiffany Dowling, Education VP, Shelley Mielock, Communications VP, Lisa Gnass, Community VP, Lori Noyer, Secretary, Becky Paalman, Fund Development VP

**GUESTS:** Donna Gardner, Sustainer and Diane Sloan, Spring Fundraiser Chair

- I. **Tracy Jelneck** called meeting to order at 6:31p
- II. No additional items for the meeting agenda
- III. **Nicki Proulx** made a motion to adopt meeting agenda. **Tiffany Dowling** seconded. Motion unanimously carries.
- IV. **Tracy Jelneck** called for a motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for August 4. **Shelley Mielock** made a motion to approve August 4, 2009 Board Meeting. Lisa Gnass seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- V. Announcements
  - a. **Donna Gardner**, JLL Sustainer guest, provided professional development for Board on Managing vs. Governing.
  - b. **Tracy Jelneck** reminded Board to use her jelneck@cablespeed.com or tjelneck@audgen.michigan.gov email addresses
  - c. **Suzanne Johnson** reported that first New Member Recruitment event was held. Thanks to Becky Beauchine Kulka for hosting.
  - d. **Suzanne Johnson** indicated that Member Relations is planning first event at Dream Dinners in October
  - e. Digital Cheetah provided an on-line demonstration of software for potential website upgrade. Discussion ensued. Time expired. **Lori Noyer** made a motion to extend 5 minutes; **Suzanne Johnson** seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Discussion ensued. **Shelley Mielock** awaiting price quote and will bring info to next Board meeting.
  - f. **Kris Kildea** indicated she has a potential list of volunteers of Sustainers willing to help with committees and will pass on to appropriate groups.
  - g. **Betsy Svanda** presented location options from Ad Hoc Rent Committee. Time expired. **Betsy Svanda** made a motion to extend 10 minutes, **Becky Paalman** seconded, Motion unanimously carried. Discussion ensued. Three options were presented. Option A: A location off of I-96 at Lansing Rd. 1100 Square Feet, approximately \$990 (with the inclusion of \$138 average utilities), spacious parking 2 restrooms, kitchenette. Will knock down walls if necessary. Option B: Property leasee is the Dowling family and is located on Seymour St. just north of downtown Lansing starting in the outskirts of Old Town. Rent between \$1,000 and \$1,100. Street parking, could use leasors parking in the evening. Full bath, kitchen. Option C: Location on Michigan Avenue near Cedar St. \$700 per month including util-

ities. One parking space included located within an approximate 5 minute walk. Near the Stadium District, Nuthouse, Harem. **Shelley Mielock** made a motion to extend 5 minutes. **Nicki Proulx** seconded. Motion unanimously carried. **Betsy Svanda** setting up time for Board members to see the location if wanted.

- h. **Lisa Gnass** indicated that Girls on the Run has canceled their event (5K) due to regrouping. Next highest vote getter, St. Vincent landscaping, was selected as DIAD replacement.
- i. **Nicki Proulx** provided updated YTD (thru 8/20) revenue/expenses).
- j. **Becky Paalman**, provided update regarding Signature Fundraiser. \$4,000 in sponsorship; Mega raffle; Asked Board to donate a bottle of wine for Wine for a Year raffle. Board asked to bring 1 sponsor and sell raffle tickets. Raffle and event tickets will be sold at GMM.
- k. **Tiffany Dowling** indicated that several community speakers have been scheduled to provide professional development opportunity offered to membership at 6:30p. Walnut Hills site for GMMs. **Tracy Jelneck** requested laptop and projector to be available at each GMM.
- VI. Action Items
  - a. **Suzanne Johnson** made a motion to accept resignation of Faye Pickleman. **Tiffany Dowling** seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion unanimously carried
  - b. **Betsy Svanda** made a motion to accept Community Advisory Board slate. **Shelley Mielock** seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion unanimously carried
- VII. Delegate, Decide, Discard
  - a. **Diane Sloan** presented Spring Fundraiser idea, St. Patrick's day event for tentative date March 12 at P2 in Old Towne. **Becky Paalman** made motion to extend 5 minutes. **Suzanne Johnson** seconded. Motion carried. **Becky** made a motion to extend 10 minutes, **Tiffany Dowling** seconded. Motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of a detailed budget. It was noted that the budgeted expenses for this fundraiser was \$1,100 and the presented budget showed \$1,050 not including expenses for shirts and other suggested items. **Becky Paalman** made a motion that Spring Fundraiser move forward with St. Patty's Day Celebrity Luncheon. **Betsy Svanda** seconded. Motion carried by hand count, 7 yes, 2 opposed. **Becky Paalman** made a motion to strike previous vote and amend motion to give another month to committee to put together a detailed budget. It must be explained to the committee that expenses must not exceed that of the JLL budget. **Suzanne Johnson** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. **Lisa Gnass** indicated that Red Cross has applied for Community Impact Grant. **Nicki Proulx** will check balance in Reserve Fund to determine if Community

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# General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2009 • Walnut Hills Country Club

- I. **Tracy Jelneck**, President called the meeting to order at 7:01p. **Tracy Jelneck** welcomed the members to the General Membership Meeting. Indicated last call for the evening for DIAM donations and to purchase Signature Fundraiser raffle tickets.
- B. **Tracy Jelneck** asked group to establish GMM norms. Each table shared the ideas they generated for GMM norms. **Polly Synk** made a motion to accept the GMM norms. **Tiana Hawver** seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. **Kate Powers** made a motion to approve minutes from May 13, 2009. **Shelley Mielock** seconded. Motion carried.
- II. American Cancer Society represented by Katie Bosscher and Lauren Cypher, was our featured speaker. They discussed breast cancer awareness and cervical cancer prevention.
- III. Finance Council
  - a. **Sue Mills** updated membership regarding Endowment Fund. One year ago **Sue Mills** challenged membership for their 100% participation—to date 35% of New Members contributed; 53.5% of Actives; and 58% of Sustainers. Currently, Endowment has raised \$22,985 toward \$25,000 fund match to equal a total raised of \$47,985 toward \$50,000 goal with over \$24,000 coming back to JLL next month.
  - b. **Nicki Proulx** provided Treasurer's Report (up through end of August) to membership.
  - c. **Nicki Proulx** reminded membership that **Julie Morgan** processes check requests on the 5th & 20th. Forms need to be submitted by deadline. Forms can be found on-line.
- IV. **Betsy Svanda** provided membership with an update on behalf of the Rent Adhoc Committee. Looking at various locations to move the JLL office as lease expires in December 09.
- V. Community Council
  - a. **Kristin Hicks** indicated that Girls on the Run is not happening this year as DIAD due to being "in a state of transition." St Vincent Landscape Day will be offered in the Spring as the replacement. Those members assigned to Girls on the Run are assumed to participate in the St. Vincent Landscape Day. Members are to contact their placement advisor if that is not the case.
  - b. **Ann Vogelsang** indicated that Signature Project is underway. JLL will serve as Patient Educators at Head Start clinics; while kids receiving dental services, JLL will provide dental education to the parents; calendar will be arranged quarterly. Other opportunity is in-class presentation with dental hygienist. Sept 30 at 7 pm at the JLL Office is training day for committee members. A future date will be arranged for the other members.
  - c. **Shelly Bugg** indicated that Community Service has been asked to fold t-shirts for the W3 race. JLL folded 500 shirts during the meeting.
  - d. **Lisa Gnass** reported that quarter one Community Response grants were awarded. American Red Cross received \$300 to scholarship kids to attend babysitting class and MSU Community Music School received \$800 for scholarships. Grants awarded quarterly. Applications can be found on-line if you know of an agency that is interested in applying.
- VI. Communications Council
  - a. **Katie Gallagher** indicated that Redbook is available for pick-up. Reminder that FOCUS deadline was on Monday and to be sure to follow the identity standards for submission as outlined in last Focus issue.
  - b. **Shelley Mielock** updated membership regarding the decisions that FOCUS goes electronic; this decision will save JLL approximately \$4000 per year.
- VII. Fund Development
  - a. **Amanda LaVoie** updated membership regarding the details of the Masquerade Ball. BBK raffle tickets available for \$20. Mega raffle for \$50 to win 1 out of 10 "for a year" prizes. Invites printed next week; still accepting sponsorships; Tues, Sept 15 is next committee meeting for anyone interested in helping on the committee; masks available for \$5; reminded membership of their financial commitment. **Tracy Jelneck** stressed that it is important for membership to take ownership of the Signature Fundraiser as the event provides 33% of the required revenue for JLL. Membership can support the committee by securing a sponsor, purchasing event tickets, selling raffle tickets or purchasing a masquerade mask. **Catherine Brennan**, sustaining advisor to the Signature Fundraiser Committee asked that membership volunteer either Friday for set-up, Sat during the event or clean up as this is an impossible task for a committee of 4.
- VIII. Membership Council
  - a. **Angela Emlet-Dardas** indicated that Member Relations is planning Oct 8 Dream Dinners in Frandor (no cost for 1st meal), limited to 40 people; Pottery painting in Nov; working on arranging Pampering event in Spring. Contact Angela with ideas. Junior Pals forms distributed. Accepting kudos to be recognized at each GMM. Nominations should be sent to **Patty McNeil**; After GMM outing at Dusty's
  - b. **Courtney Schnelker** indicated 15 perspective New Members attended 1st event; next event is in Williamston at the Riverhouse Inn on Sat, Sept 12 from 9:30–11am; Tues, Sept 22 at the University Club from 7–8:30 pm; call Courtney if you can come.
- IX. Education
  - a. **Tiffany Dowling** indicated that JLL is focusing on training. October OPS is at 6pm, required for leadership; Speaker will begin at 6:30p. Walnut Hills is providing space for free for our GMM. Plan that all GMMs will

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# Board Meeting Minutes

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PRESENT: Tracy Jelneck, President; Suzanne Johnson, Membership VP; Shelley Mielock, Communications VP; Lisa Gnass, Community VP; Lori Noyer, Secretary; Becky Paalman, Fund Development VP; Nicki Proulx, Treasurer; Betsy Svanda, President Elect; Tiffany Dowling, Education VP

- I. **Tracy Jelneck** called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.
- II. **Lisa Gnass** made a motion to accept the proposed recipients of the Community Response Grants: \$300 to the American Red Cross and \$800 to MSU Community Music School. **Shelley Mielock** seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Shelley Mielock** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Suzanne Johnson** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm

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start at 6:30p.

- X. **Kristin Hicks** reported that 16 people donated to DIAM Expectant Parents Organization; \$40 was collected and 8 books of stamps;
- XI. **Suzanne Johnson** made a motion to adjourn. **Samantha Hughes** seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.



Respectfully Submitted,  
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Impact Grant can be awarded. **Nicki Proulx** checking net income for fundraisers to determine balance for Community Response Grant. Section 13.1b indicates that the amount available for the grant is up to a maximum of 10% of the net fundraising revenue of the previous fiscal year (not to exceed \$10,000).

- c. **Kris Kildea** brought up the issue that Community Sponsorship should have policy written to establish deadlines for submission. **Tiffany Dowling** indicated that a press release has been released requesting applications.
- d. **Tiffany Dowling** asked for ideas from the Board for OPS Training.
- e. **Shelley Mielock** discussed the issue of space in Focus being consumed by minutes. Policy indicates publication in Focus. Discussion ensued. Time expired. Becky Paalman made a motion to extend 5 minutes. Lisa Gnass seconded. Motion carried. Shelley bringing policy change to next Board meeting.
- f. **Tracy Jelneck** will be creating an activity to establish GMM Norms. Keep it positive.
- g. **Tracy Jelneck** asked for additions or changes on proposed GMM Agenda/Backpage

VIII. No new business

- IX. **Shelley Mielock** made a motion to adjourn, 10:23p. **Lisa Gnass** seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

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- 13 OPS at 6 pm at Walnut hills Country Club  
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- 13 GMM at 6:30 at Walnut Hills Country  
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- 30 Signature Fundraiser

### November

- 10 GMM in Sustainer Homes
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