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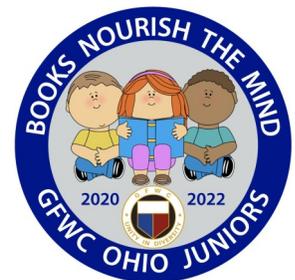
of the

GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs



April 24, 2021

Virtual Convention



“In This Together”

Special Guest Speaker, Kristina Higbee

A dedicated clubwoman for over 16 years, Kristina is currently serving as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. She has served on the GFWC Board of Directors for the past six years. She is a past GFWC-WI State Director of Junior Clubs, receiving an Outstanding Director of Junior Clubs award in 2016. She has served as Convention Chairman and Nominating Chairman for the Great Lakes Region. Joining the Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club in 2004, she has served in many offices including club president twice. She received the GFWC-WI Junior of the Year award in 2017. She is a 2009 LEADS graduate.

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2021 OFWC CONVENTION Can I Vote? Am I a Delegate Or Delegate-at-Large?

Clubwomen attending the State Convention are participating in the yearly business meeting of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. Each club has at least one vote on the issues that are presented before the assembly. Know if you are a delegate or a delegate-at-large and may vote.

DELEGATES

1. Each per capita club of 25 members or less is entitled to ONE delegate (or her alternate).
2. Each per capita club of 26-50 members is entitled to TWO delegates (or their alternates).
3. Each per capita club of 51-75 members is entitled to THREE delegates (or their alternates).
4. Clubs with more than 75 members are entitled to ONE delegate for each additional 50 members up to a membership of 1,200.
5. Direct members may meet at each Convention and elect ONE delegate who is also a Direct Member to represent them.
6. Each City-County Federation of 10 clubs or less is entitled to TWO delegates and ONE additional delegate for every 20 additional member clubs.

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

1. OFWC Board of Directors and Junior Board.
2. Those members having served in ELECTIVE offices at state or district level.
3. Officers and chairmen of GFWC residing in Ohio.
4. ALL CURRENT State and District Community Service Program chairmen.
5. ALL members of Standing and Special Committees.
6. Trustees of all funds and *The Buckeye* staff.

NOTE: It is possible that members are in both categories, but only one vote per member is allowed. Have clubs decide before registering who will be the club delegate and vote the club's wishes.

*If you are not a delegate or delegate-at-large, you will check the "Non-Voting Member" line on the registration form.



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GFWC Ohio's President's Message



Marjean Sizemore
2020-2022 President

Hello Fellow GFWC Ohio Clubwomen!

The GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, the Board of Directors and the dedicated members of the hostess district, Southeast, invite you to attend the upcoming State Convention on April 24, 2021 which will be held virtually via Zoom. Your Second Vice President Meetings & Convention Chairman Esther Gartland has planned a wonderful meeting, that you will all enjoy. It certainly will be different from what you are used to but, we are making history.

Our GFWC Guest will be Kristina Higbee, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. This will be Kristine's first visit with us. She is an interesting person and can bring valuable information to our convention. Plan on attending this virtual convention, meet Kristina and welcome her to our convention, I know you will all enjoy meeting and getting to know her!

The Convention Agenda is elsewhere in this magazine. It has been edited to fit everything into one day. Please look it over and start getting "fired up" for Convention. You will be able to see our Federation Friends/Sisters in the Zoom format. Register for this Convention and help us to make history. You can attend this year's convention from the comfort of your home, and no travel.

As you all know, GFWC is celebrating its 131st Anniversary this year. The exact date we started is April 24, 1890. The convention falls on the exact date and we are planning to celebrate. With your registration you will be entered into a drawing for a Mystery gift (value \$100), winner must be present. We will also be having a raffle for designer purses, and a split the pot raffle, tickets will be available prior to convention and winner need not be present for these raffles.

We will be announcing the 2021 LEADS Candidate. Be sure to attend so you can meet and congratulate both the 2020 and the 2021 LEADS Candidates.

This Saturday virtual meeting will be a challenge to say the least, but thanks to technology we will be able to meet and celebrate our accomplishments. It is amazing how our clubs were able to be creative and accomplish so much under such difficulty. You are to be commended. You are AWESOME.

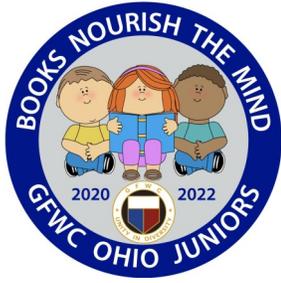
By the time you read this message reporting will be finished and we will be looking forward to our District Legislation Days where clubs will be receiving their much-deserved district awards. This is where we are rewarded with recognition for all of our hard work in our communities. And, if your club wins a district award then the club is eligible for a State Award which will be announced at Convention. There are a lot of reasons to be at Convention – this year is no exception; WE ARE MAKING HISTORY.

I am so proud to be a member of this great organization. I marvel at all the great programs, projects and activities, you as clubs and members planned and accomplished under such difficult times. So, as you look at your statistics and projects for your club, take pride in what the numbers and words represent and the difference you made in your community. Toot your own horn and be proud of your membership in GFWC Ohio. We may all do things in just a little different way, but we are all "In This Together".

Yours in Federation Friendship,

Marjean

2020-2022 GFWC Ohio President



Message from the GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs



Mary Witkowski
2020-2022 Director of
Junior Clubs

Greetings Federation Friends—

As you read this message, we have passed the one-year point of living with this pandemic. Many GFWC Ohio clubs have found ways to meet and contribute to Ohio communities while taking measures to keep members and others in the community safe. Other clubs have completed projects without the benefit of in-person or virtual meetings. The annual reports have been penned and sent in for judging. We are preparing for our first Zoom Convention. I did not anticipate that another annual meeting would not be held in person. I am very excited about the plans for the one hundred twenty third GFWC Ohio Convention.

I have finished reading all the Junior Club and Juniorette reports. Every club should be proud of the projects completed. You have touched many lives of neighbors and strangers needing more support than ever before. As clubwomen you have adapted and succeeded making programs and projects work within the confines of social distancing and other measures in reducing exposure to one another and the virus. As residents of the same state, different levels of restrictions at different times, have challenged the efforts of our membership. It is unfortunate that club members cannot meet with their fellow clubwomen in person in April. Every project has a story behind it. I hope that clubs will find ways to share the catalysts and the innovative efforts of completed projects.

I hope that many members will be able to attend the Convention virtually. The Convention will be a single day event on April 24, 2021. GFWC/Ohio will be celebrating Federation Day on April 24th. The GFWC keynote speaker is Kristina Higbee, Director of Junior Clubs. She will join Linda Crish in presenting one of three workshops during the Convention. There will be opportunities to win cash, purses, and a mystery gift. I am looking forward to attending a Convention without packing a suitcase, making a long drive, and sleeping in a strange bed this year. I will miss renewing friendships in person. Until we Zoom meet on April 24th, stay healthy and continue with the great work you do for your communities.

Mary Witkowski

GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

2021 GFWC OHIO VIRTUAL CONVENTION ~ APRIL 24, 2021

Registration and Credentials Form

This form must be filled in and mailed, postmarked by April 10

SEND FORM AND FEES TO:

Bea Corra
1534 20th Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Phone: 740-350-2226
Email: bcorra@hotmail.com

CANCELLATION DEADLINE:

April 17, 2021
We are limited to 100
participants.
Make checks payable to
GFWC/OFWC 2021 Annual
Convention.
Payment must be
enclosed with this form



Registration and Credentials Form

NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NAME OF CLUB or CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION _____

Check one: GENERAL JUNIOR JUNIORETTE CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION DIRECT MEMBER

VOTING STATUS Check one – not sure, use page 2 to determine your voting status: NON-VOTING MEMBER _____

DELEGATE _____ Club Office _____

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE _____ Office/Chairmanship. _____

Please note: Your registration fee includes a free ticket to win a Mystery Gift, valued at \$100. The drawing will be held at the close of the Convention on Saturday.

REGISTRATION FEE

Fee for Saturday's Events: \$25.00 \$ _____

Are you a first-time Convention attendee? _____ 25-year member? _____ 50-year member? _____

(Special Guest Speaker, Kristina Higbee Continued from page 1)

Kristina has been a scout leader for over 10 years, earning the council District Award of Merit in 2015 and Silver Beaver Award in 2019. She is the Committee Chair for Venturing Crew 196 and has served as a Wood badge staff member. She is a lifelong Girl Scout, earning her Silver Award in her youth. She is a member of First Congregational UCC, Oconomowoc where she has served on the board of directors for the preschool, as a Sunday school teacher and worked with the scouts of her church to earn their scout religious emblem awards. She earned the BSA God & Service award in 2016.

Kristina is an accomplished artist and photographer. She owns a glass studio and also works for Lifetouch photography.

Married to her best friend Michael, they have three wonderful children with whom they enjoy many adventures, whether it is exploring the National Parks or camping with the scouts.

**GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs
Endowment Fund
January 31, 2021**

Value of Endowment Fund: as reported March 31, 2020	\$ 50,711.06
Dividends-April 2020 to January 2021	1,995.31
Unrealized gain(loss)	<u>31,102.11</u>
Value of Endowment Fund-as of January 31, 2021	<u>\$ 83,808.48</u>

Deidra Devore
OFWC Treasurer

The Ohio Memorial Forest and Shrine

By Rose Logston GFWC OH Memorial Shrine Trustee Chairman

Are you a calligrapher or do you know someone who is? We need someone to add the names of the four most recent casualties to the Great Books housed in the Ohio Memorial Shrine. The Shrine trustees are also in the process of reviewing all Ohio brothers and sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice to make sure their entries in the Great Books are in the proper places and their names are easily found by family and friends.

If you have never visited the official Ohio Shrine, please try to attend our next Gold Star Mother’s Pilgrimage and Memorial. It will be September 26, 2021 on the day commemorated as Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day.

Members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs from throughout the state raised the money, in two years, to build the Shrine, which was dedicated on April 27, 1947. Inside the Shrine are two “Great Books” inscribed (in calligraphy) with the names of individuals who made the supreme sacrifice not only in World War II, but also in the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict, Persian Gulf War and the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Over the years, state foresters from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) have planted more than 310,000 trees in the area as living memorials to the over 20,000 Ohio war dead honored within the Shrine. In 2008 the “Memorial Walkway” was unveiled, and the newer “Friends Walkway” was dedicated in 2009. Both walkways are constructed of Ohio made bricks and pavers purchased through members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs with donations and/or engraving of the bricks or pavers. Those wanting to honor or memorialize someone can order standard size bricks with up to three lines of letters or larger pavers up to the size of four bricks with graphics and letters, other sizes are also available. We now have a new engraver, and more options are available.

Please send the design and lettering to the Paver chairman so she can make sure it is doable from the engraver and if there will be an additional cost. After notification you will send your check to GFWC Ohio Treasurer (Deidra Devore). Rose Logston serves as state chairmen of the Bricks and Pavers Committee and Ohio Memorial Shrine Trustee Chairman.

Just send an email to Rose Logston, rlogston@yahoo.com, if you have any questions or any suggestions of a calligrapher.

The GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers

The Pioneer Workers of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs united on October 16, 1912, in Athens, Ohio, during the 17th annual convention. Twenty women, consisting of Founders (Pioneers - women who had served as officers, club presidents or delegates at the OFWC organizational meeting at Springfield in October 1894), chairmen of standing committees, presidents and delegates of Federated Clubs who participated in the convention prior to and including 1900, were enrolled at that meeting.

The purpose of this union was to strengthen the bond among the early workers of this great organization and this union continues today with your membership in the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers.

Officers and members of the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Board of Directors, all chairmen of community service programs, standing committees, *The Buckeye Magazine staff and trustees of the scholarship funds and the Memorial Forest who have served a full two-year term on the state level are eligible for membership.*

NOTE: If you did not receive a letter of invitation and have served in any of these capacities please notify an officer of the Pioneer Workers listed below.

The Pioneer Workers Annual Meeting will be held after the GFWC Ohio Annual Meeting (Convention) via Zoom.

When: Monday, April 26th 7:00 PM.

Where: Zoom Meeting

We hope our current Pioneer Workers (members) and new Pioneer Workers are planning to attend the 2021 GFWC Ohio Convention and look forward to seeing you at The Pioneer Workers Zoom Meeting. During the meeting we will be reviewing By Laws, electing and installing officers, presenting awards, announcing the winners of the Pioneer Workers Appreciation Award for 2020 and recognizing "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" and the "Book of Friends" honorees.

"The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" was established in 1964 to honor those women in Ohio who have made significant contributions to their clubs, communities and state and, by their accomplishments, character and influence for good, have earned the recognition to have their names entered in "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women". "The Book of Friends" of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs was established in the year 2013 for the purpose of honoring those non-members who, by their assistance to the Federation, have earned the recognition to have their names entered in the Book of Friends.

A name to be recorded in "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" or "The Book of Friends" may be sponsored by an individual or a club and be sent to "The Blue Book of Distinguished Women" and "The Book of Friends" **chairman (Kathy Combs) along with a ten-dollar (\$10.00) donation per honoree name.** A name may be recorded more than one time however a ten-dollar (\$10.00) donation must be enclosed each time. **Kathy's address is 275 South Market Street, West Union, OH 45693**

NOTE:

Administration Membership Dues: \$3.00 due by April 9, 2021

Member Registration Fee for Zoom Meeting; \$2.00 due by April 9, 2021.

Pioneer Workers reservations MUST be postmarked ON OR BEFORE April 9th to Pioneer Workers Treasurer:

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Treasurer



THE PIONEER WORKERS

A Member of GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs

Lin Wilken President
Yvonne Ford Vice President
Scarlett Ebenhack Secretary/Treasurer
February 26, 2021

Dear Pioneer Workers and Prospective Members of the Pioneer Workers,

The Annual Convention of GFWC Ohio will be held on Zoom, April 24, 2021.

The Pioneer Workers Meeting will be held Monday, April 26th at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom. We hope you are planning to attend the Zoom convention and look forward to seeing you at The Pioneer Workers Zoom Meeting.

During the meeting we will be holding elections for the 2020 – 2022 Administration, installing officers, updating Bylaws, presenting awards, announcing the winner/s of the Pioneer Workers Appreciation Award for 2020 and recognizing “The Blue Book of Distinguished Women” and “The Book of Friends” honorees.

Please return the lower portion of this page with your registration which must be **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE April 9, 2021.**

Please Note: No reservations will be accepted after April 9th.

The Pioneer Workers

Please mail to: Scarlett Ebenhack
28901 Ebenhack Road.
Circleville, Ohio 43113 Phone: 740/474-4211 ebenhacks@frontier.com

_____ I will attend the Pioneer Workers Zoom Meeting
Enclosed is my check for **\$2.00** for Registration **AND \$3.00** dues for a **total of \$5.00**

_____ I am an Honorary Member and will attend the Pioneer Workers Zoom Meeting.
Enclosed is my check for **\$2.00** for Registration.

_____ I will **not** be attending the luncheon however \$3.00 is enclosed for my 2020-2022 dues.

Note: Dues are only paid once per administration and are due **NOW** for the 2020-2022 Administration. Honorary Members (*Past State President*) dues are complimentary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

2021 PIONEER WORKERS BY-LAW CHANGES

Current: ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer, all of whom shall be elected biennially by ballot in the same year (even numbered years) that the officers of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs are elected. They shall serve for two (2) years or until their successors are elected. If there is but one nominee for each office, the election may be by voice.

Proposed Change: Section 1.: first sentence insert “ballot”: which may be cast electronically during virtual meetings

To Read if Adopted: ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

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Rationale: Allow for elections to occur during virtual meetings

Current: ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

b) The vice president shall serve as membership chairman. She shall advise the Executive Committee of the members of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs who are eligible to join THE PIONEER WORKERS. She shall invite those eligible to attend the next annual meeting and include luncheon registration and dues information.

Proposed Change: In Second sentence after “include” **Delete:** luncheon

To Read if Adopted: ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

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Rationale: Current Practice

Current: ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. An annual meeting shall be held each year preceding or during the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs annual convention, at which time annual reports of officers and committees shall be given and any awards that are appropriate shall be presented.

Proposed Change: Section 1. First Sentence, Delete after “year”: preceding or during the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs annual convention **Insert:** “in conjunction with the GFWC Ohio Annual Meeting (Convention)

To Read if Adopted: ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. An annual meeting shall be held each in conjunction with the GFWC Ohio Annual Meeting (Convention), at which time annual reports of officers and committees shall be given and any awards that are appropriate shall be presented.

Rationale: To allow flexibility of scheduling the annual meeting

Current: ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been mailed to each member with the notice of the annual meeting.

Proposed Change: Delete “mailed to” Insert after “been”: published not less than 6 weeks prior to the meeting by mailed/emailed to address on record for

To Read if Adopted: ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been published not less than 6 weeks prior to the meeting by mailed/emailed to address on record for each member with the notice of the annual meeting.

Rationale: Improve Communication with members for potential Bylaw changes



The Madeira Woman's Club Delivered a Holiday Dinner to the Joseph House



On December 16th, members of the Madeira Woman's Club delivered a delicious ham dinner to the veterans at Joseph House. The meal included everything from salads, a ham entree, veggies, Hawaiian rolls (their favorite) and desserts. Our valued veterans even got some celery sticks filled with peanut butter. The chefs in December were Dee Hopping, Sue Adams, Norma Simon, Mary Jo Morgan, Shirley Kallmeyer, Arlene Koon, Nancy Silvers, Pat Schoo, Marisa Mousa and Pam Landgraf. The Madeira Woman's Club has been delivering meals there on a monthly basis for over four years.

In addition to the meal, all of the residents received a "goodie bag" filled with the treats that the men were missing from their homeless days (Ho-Hos, candy, cheese and crackers, etc.). The club also included a Holiday card expressing gratitude for their service to our country.

When the food arrives, the men rush out to carry in the wonderful home-cooked meal that they look forward to each month. As each man comes out to help, they always overwhelm the club members who deliver the food with their many thank you's and bless you's. They also comment on the quantity of the food delivered asking "is this all for us?".

The Joseph House is a homeless shelter for veterans that offers out-patient and in-house care, counseling, education and support for PTSD and addictions. Joseph House is located in Over-the-Rhine. You can learn more about the Joseph House at Josephhouse.com.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN by Barbara D. Whitaker

With the need for social distancing, work of the Historian this administration has been to continue work on gathering Buckeye Magazines for inclusion in bound copies for The Ohioana Library. Slowly, but surely, old copies are being found to try to complete the missing materials. In addition, research was conducted to determine how Ohio Federation responded to the pandemic of 1918 for help in determining a course of action for the pandemic of 2020. The answer was that convention was canceled but the organization had had the foresight in 1917 to place into the bylaws a group of officers and club presidents to act on behalf of the whole. Over the years, the purpose of this group was forgotten, and it was felt no longer needed, and was removed from the bylaws in the 1970's or early 1980's. This group still would have been too large for the current governor's size limitation on gatherings. So, looking to history, the conference call convention of 2020 was held. With a precedent set, examples from the past emergencies to guide us, and modern technology, this year a virtual convention will be held.

There are still a very few copies of the fifth edition of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs History available for sale. This history gives a brief history of each administration from the founding through the 2012-2014 administration, with emphasis on 1984-2014. You will be amazed at the work that our organization has accomplished and the similarities between the work of today and the work of the Founders. Please contact President Marjean Sizemore if you would like a copy.

The Buckeye Magazine Rerport by Sharon Cole-Isner, Editor

The following Clubs have submitted articles to share with their fellow club members: Madeira Woman's Club; GFWC Ohio Junior Cyberlinks Club; GFWC/Triad Club; City Federation of Women's Club of Springfield; Woman's Tourist Club; GFWC Belpre Woman's Club; GFWC Ohio Eastlake Woman's Club; East Springfield Junior Women's Club; Junior Woman's Club of Barnesville; GFWC Ohio Austintown League; GFWC Wintersville Women's Club; Montgomery Woman's Club and GFWC Ripley Women's Club. Thank you all for your submissions.

Saturday Opening of Virtual Convention

April 24, 2021

Theme: "In This Together"

8:45 Musical Interlude

9:00 am – 4:00pm Business Session

Call to Order- Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio President

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Singing of the National Anthem

Inspiration- Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President

Appointment of Tellers

Welcome to the 123rd Annual Convention – Hostess Southeast District President, Mary Beth Allan

Response- Mary Boone & Kathy East, Co-Presidents Northwest District

Host District Chairmen Introductions - Esther Gartland, 2nd Vice President

SED General Arrangements Chairman – Rose Logston

Pre-registration Report - Bea Corra, SED Pre-registration Chairman

Convention Rules – Barb Savarin, GFWC Ohio Secretary

Presentation and Introduction of Executive Committee, District Presidents, District Junior Directors

Aides – Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio President

Approval of 2020 GFWC Ohio Convention Minutes – Barb Savarin

Club Awards Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/ Dean of Chairmen, Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen

Environment, Health and Wellness, Leadership

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Mary Witkowski, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Kristina Higbee, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Break

Strategic Long-Range Plan – Lisa Hedrick, LRP Chairman

Commercial Break- Pat Ketzell, GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman; Pam Vines, GFWC Ohio Junior Fundraising Chairman

Bylaws and/or Resolutions-Lin Wilken, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman & Barbara Whitaker, PRP, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman

Recognition of GFWC Ohio LEADS Graduates

Announcement of the 2021 GFWC Ohio LEADS Candidate –Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio President and 2020 LEADS Candidate- Ruty Patterson

Club Awards –Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen~

Education & Libraries, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Membership

**Recognition of 25- & 50-Year Members, City County Federation Members,
Recognition of 2020 and 2021 Club Anniversaries
Announcement of Number of First Time Attendees
Announcements – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President**

BREAK

Workshop Introductions- Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio Dean of Chairmen

Membership Workshop Presentation- Kristina Higbee, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, and Linda Crish, GFWC Ohio Membership Chairman

Federation Day Celebration

GFWC Ohio Junior Award Presentations - Mary Witkowski 2020-2022 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs and Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs

GFWC Junior Special Project -Advocates for Children Awards

Juniorette Awards- Deidra Devore, GFWC Ohio Treasurer, GFWC Ohio Juniorette Chairman

Great Lakes Region Nomination – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio GLR Nominating Committee

Club Awards –Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen~

Communication/PR, GFWC Signature Project

Announcements – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

Lunch Break

2018-2020 Update – Linda Crish, Past GFWC Ohio President, and Esther Gartland, Past GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

Club Awards – Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen~

GFWC Ohio State President’s Special Emphasis, WHRC

Scholarships - Winners Announced, Harriet Groh, GFWC Ohio Scholarship Committee Chairman

Virtual Meeting Workshop (Alternative Meetings) – Barbara Whitaker, PRP, GFWC Ohio Parliamentarian

Membership Activity (Scavenger Hunt): Deidra Devore, GFWC Ohio Treasurer

Club Awards – Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/Junior Dean of Chairmen~

Leg/Public Policy/Resolutions, Fundraising

Commercial Break: Pat Ketzell, GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman, and Pam Vines, GFWC Ohio Junior Fundraising Chairman

Bylaws/Resolutions-Lin Wilken, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman & Barbara Whitaker, PRP, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman

Club Awards –Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and Karen Margala, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/Junior Dean of Chairmen

Writing Contest, Arts & Culture

ESO Awards – Evelyn Bachman, President, Alpha Delta Chapter

Raffle Winners Announced: Pat Ketzell, GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman, and Pam Vines, GFWC Ohio Junior Fundraising Chairman

Special Awards Presentation – Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio President & Mary Witkowski, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs
Past Presidents' Awards
Top 20 Honor Roll Clubs Ruth Miller Memorial Bowl
Jessie June Magee Junior Achievement Cup Jessie June Magee Achievement Cup

Awarding of Mystery Gift (Convention Registration Prize)

Invitation to 2022 Convention: Mary Boone & Kathy East Co-Presidents NWD (4/28-5/1~ Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio)

Announcements – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President

Parting Words -Kristina Higbee, GFWC Director of Junior Clubs

Closing Thoughts -Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio President

Junior Pledge – Mary Witkowski, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

Club Collect - GFWC Officers

Adjournment – Marjean Sizemore, GFWC Ohio President joined by Mary Witkowski, GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

Let There Be Peace on Earth – Voices of Hope Children's Choir

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

By Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio First Vice President serving as the Dean of The Community Service Programs and Liaison to the Board of Directors.

GFWC Ohio continues to encourage members to "Bee" Leaders. Leadership materials are available in the GFWC Ohio Directory and members are also encouraged to use the GFWC Leadership Toolkit and to keep checking the GFWC website.

Our leaders are evolving and changing in these very unusual times. Many Zoom meetings were held to update and encourage communication with members.

A District Presidents Zoom meeting was held to go over reporting and a special Zoom meeting was also held to go over reporting with State Chairman on the responsibilities of their positions. This information will also be shared with District Chairman.

Chairmen have written Articles for the Buckeye and will continue to do so throughout the 2020-2022 administration to share information with members.

Ohio's LEADS Candidate will be announced at our Virtual Convention in April. She will be attending the GFWC Convention in August.

We hope to see everyone at our GFWC Ohio Leadership Day July 17 where you will hear more from some of our exciting Leaders.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORY EDITOR

Barbara D. Whitaker

First, let me thank those who contributed to **The Directory** this last year. No production with multiple formats and multiple authors is flawless. This year's production was made even harder by the need for social distancing and delays caused by lack of state and national conventions. Many hours of work went into the production of the guide. Yes, there are a few errors, in spite of proof reading. Yes, there were problems with translation of fillable forms from my computer to the website and even my computer to someone else's. Hopefully these issues were solved in a timely fashion. Thank you all for your patience. There were a lot of changes due to the changes of programming from GFWC. There will be more this year. Watch for the updates coming this summer. The Board strove to make **The Directory** useful and with content placed in a logical manner. We are trying to make it as useful and easy to use as possible.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By Dana Heid

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on normal everyday life. It has changed the way we interact with others and our everyday environment. Everyone has no doubt been thrown into the world of virtual learning and or working and even virtual happy hours. It has even impacted the way we as GFWC are able to execute on club projects.

As the Junior Chairman of Arts and Culture, I am happy to inform you that there are still some opportunities to complete projects in this arena. How projects are completed just might look different.

A lot of museums have online exhibits that can be viewed from the comforts of home. A club can either hold an in person meeting provided social distancing guidelines can be met or hold a virtual meeting and view an exhibit.

Another idea is for individual club members to paint small rocks. Each member can decorate a few rocks. The rocks can be displayed in a public place to add beauty.

Clubs can also initiate an art supply drive for either a school or a nonprofit organization that serves children. Club members can reach out to businesses and individuals in their community for donations.

Lastly, can sponsor art scholarships for unprivileged youth to attend an art program.

These are just a few ideas for Arts and Culture projects which will enable clubs to have an impact on their communities.

The deadline for the Summer edition of
The Buckeye Magazine
Is May 15, 2021.

Please email all articles and pictures to:
gfwcohiobuckeye@gmail.com

Reminder: please send pictures in jpeg format.
THANK YOU!

GFWC/OHIO FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for your club is vital. Members should explore innovative ways to raise funds for their club to continue their volunteer efforts in their communities and to support GFWC Ohio and GFWC.

Fundraising is taking a whole new look due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Traditional fundraising is often not possible. Here are some ideas that may spark ideas for your club.

Promote the purchase of Fundraising items at meetings and events. Wear the GFWC Ohio Administration Pin proudly. They are \$4.00 – available from your District President.

Host an online auction, raffle, or sale using Facebook live or similar application. Arrange with the buyer for pick-up or delivery in a safe manner.

Have a virtual paint or craft night. Once payment is received, the buyer is sent the link to group Zoom class.

Kroger Community Rewards program is an effortless way for those with Kroger cards to donate to charity.

Support local merchants that will give you a percentage to sell their product.

Have a Bakeless Bake Sale.

If a club has posted anything to their Facebook page of online fundraiser or virtual one please consider supporting them. Clubs may have to do a few small fundraisers such as Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Premier Jewelry, Rada Knives to raise the funds for some of the clubs projects, no amount is too small.

The Director of Junior pins are still available. The Junior's are selling large quilted pouches in red and black and also small make up bags in red and black for \$15.00 each. If anyone is interested please contact Pam Vines, Junior Fundraising Chairman: vines316@yahoo.com

We are all in this together. Mask covering, social distancing and not having our meeting in person have put a strain on all of us. We will strive to accomplish our goals. If you need any other suggestions, please notify GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman - plketzell@sbcglobal.net.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE JANUARY 2021

Barbara D. Whitaker, PRP, Chairman

Kathy Fink

Nancy L. Lombardo

As the report of the 2018-2020 committee was not addressed at the 2020 teleconferenced GFWC Ohio convention, this report comprises both those resolutions that would have been considered in 2020 and those for consideration in 2021.

The following resolutions were reviewed and are recommended to remain unchanged:

1-97 COMMUNICATION

2-97 CONSERVATION

1-01 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES/STROKE RESEARCH

2-01-ELDER ABUSE

3-01 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

4-01 IDENTITY THEFT

5-01 VIOLENCE BY AND AGAINST CHILDREN

Emergency Resolution 01-01 SAFE HIGHWAYS

3-02 SUPPORT OF THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

1-04 SUPPORT OF TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

4-04 INTERNET SEXUAL PREDATORS

2-09 HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, HAZING, AND BULLYING

1-17 VIOLENCE AGAINST TEACHERS

The following resolution is recommended to be rescinded:

1-05 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE REFORM. The work of the resolution has been completed with the passage of the Ohio Medical Malpractice Improvement Act, effective, March 20, 2019.

The following resolutions are recommended for amendment:

Resolution 3-04 GYNECOLOGIC CANCER (Reaffirmed 2008, 2013; Reviewed 2017)

WHEREAS, **according** to the National Cancer Institute, ovarian cancer is the **fifth thirteenth** most common cause of cancer death in females and the ~~leading~~ **second most common** cause of death from gynecologic malignancies; and endometrial cancer is the fourth most common cause of gynecologic cancer; **and highest among women ages 65-74;**

WHEREAS, Greater than fifty percent of gynecologic cancers in the body cavity are detected in the advanced stage and therefore have a higher mortality, and there currently are no cost-effective screening tests for gynecologic cancers within the body cavity; therefore

RESOLVED, That members of GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs are encouraged to have annual bi-manual pelvic examinations and annual PAP smears (or as recommended by their health care provider), know the early warning signs of gynecologic cancers, have ultrasound and CA125 tests as indicated; and further

RESOLVED, That the members support education, legislation and medical research to advance the early detection and treatment of gynecologic cancer.

Justification: Updating to current statistics

Resolution 1-16 CURSIVE HANDWRITING

Whereas, Cursive writing is becoming a lost art form, one which stimulates brain synchronicity, assists in overcoming motor challenges and increases intelligence and language fluency;

Whereas, Cursive writing allows for artistic expression through the interplay between hand, eye, mind, pen, and paper.

Whereas, Cursive writing connects students to the past by giving them the ability to read historical documents that were written in cursive, not only public documents but family history;

Whereas, learning cursive writing reinforces learning by giving students another opportunity to fully comprehend the alphabet and a clearer understanding of how letters are formed, improving their print writing art as well by training fine motor skills; and

Whereas, the Ohio Board of Education adopted a resolution in February, 2015, reiterating its support for the instruction of cursive, noting benefits in developing fine motor skills and improving literacy.

Whereas, Students with learning disabilities are given another option that can decrease dyslexic tendencies as in **the printing of** several letters **which** resemble another, such as b and d

Resolved, That the GFWC Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to

- **Continue to encourage school systems and teachers to include cursive as part of the curriculum in their classrooms as early as possible and continuing through 5th grade and beyond, if warranted.**

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- Support teaching the art of cursive writing to children beginning at age 7 or 8 and to those who were not previously taught the art of cursive handwriting.
- Assist with the teaching of the art in schools and libraries.
- Support **further** legislation to keep cursive handwriting as part of educational curriculum, such as House Bill 146.

Justification:

Gov. Kasich signed HB 58 on December 19, 2018. This new law requires the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to include supplemental instructional materials on cursive handwriting in the English language arts model curriculum for grades K–5. These materials must be included by July 1, 2019, and will be updated periodically. Use of the supplemental instructional materials is not mandatory. R.C.

3301.0726. The need for further instruction in Cursive should be available to teachers who were not introduced to its instruction while in college as well as students who might have fallen into non-cursive instruction in elementary school. Classes can also be offered as an elective in schools, universities and as community education opportunities.

-Resolution 1-09 PROTECTION OF OUR OCEANS

Resolution 1-09 PROTECTION OF OUR OCEANS (Reviewed 2016)

WHEREAS, Oceans cover more than 2/3 of the Earth's surface, play a critical role in the global water and carbon cycles and in regulating climate, sustain a large part of the Earth's biodiversity, provide an important source of food and other natural products, act as a frontier for scientific exploration, are critical to national and economic security and provide a vital means of transportation;

WHEREAS; The oceans are susceptible to change as direct and indirect results of human

activities, and such changes can significantly impact the ability of the oceans to provide the benefits to the Earth which affect global climate patterns, ecosystem productivity and health, biodiversity, environmental quality, availability of energy, vulnerability to natural hazards and transportation safety and efficiency;

WHEREAS, Human pressure on ocean resources is drastically increasing due to chemical, nutrient and biological pollution, over fishing and use of destructive fishing practices, habitat damage and ocean acidification; and

WHEREAS, While there is a plethora of laws, government agencies and programs dealing with ocean resources activities they are poorly coordinated and do not constitute a unified and comprehensive public policy towards the oceans and it is the continuing mission of the Federal Government to create foster and maintain conditions, incentives and programs that will further ensure the sustainable and effective conservation, management and protection of the oceans in order to fulfill the responsibility of each generation as trustee in protecting such resources and ensuring that such resources will be available to meet the needs of future generations; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs supports effective water conservation and management efforts at the local, state and federal levels, the development of a National Ocean Policy that unifies and coordinates ocean preservation efforts, specifically the National Ocean Policy and Leadership Act of 2008 (S. 3314) and H.R. 21;

RESOLVED, that in 2010 the National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Coasts and Great Lakes was established and created a National Ocean Council (NOC) to address conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of the ocean, our coasts and the Great Lakes; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs urges it members to practice and advocate water conservation and support the Ocean and Great Lakes Conservation Trust Fund by encouraging the use of a special postage stamps to afford a convenient way to support efforts to protect, maintain and restore marine ecosystems **when available**.

Justification:

President Trump has introduced on June 19, 2018 H.R 6300 to the 115th Congress rescinding some of the protection of the oceans as outlined in the original act under Presidents Clinton and Obama in favor of military and business uses of them. The National Ocean Policy and Leadership Act Of 2008 and National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Coasts and Great Lakes along with the National Ocean Council (NOC) will be greatly affected by this new House Rule. As the Resolution stands now it is still current. Postage stamps have been printed for the Great Lakes Dunes and Bio-luminescent Marine Life although these are not a result of H.R. 6300, but can still be used to raise awareness for the Great Lakes and our Marine Ecosystems.

The following new resolution is presented for adoption:

VAPING AND YOUTH

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has found that vaping (use of electronic cigarettes, also known as JUULing) has risen in teenagers and may be driving an increase in nicotine use;

WHEREAS, The vapor may contain nicotine (the addictive drug in tobacco), flavoring, and chemicals and may contain marijuana, hash oil, or other substances;

WHEREAS, Exposure to nicotine during youth can lead to addiction and cause long-term harm to brain development and the vapor can also contain toxins (including ones that cause cancer) and tiny particles that are harmful when breathed in;

WHEREAS, the results of the study suggest that vaping is leading youth into nicotine use and nicotine addiction, not away from it and that teens are attracted to the marketable technology and flavorings seen in vaping devices;

WHEREAS, JUUL is a brand of e-cigarette that is shaped like a USB flash drive and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) found that approximately two-thirds of JUUL users aged 15 – 24 do not know that JUUL always contains nicotine; and

WHEREAS, federal and state officials have reported thousands of cases and dozens of deaths related to a newly identified lung disease that the CDC has named EVALI (the acronym stands for e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury);

WHEREAS, as of October 19, 2019, the sale of e-cigarettes to those under 21 is prohibited, youth still obtain the products; therefore

Resolved, that GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs members encourages parents to talk openly and freely about vaping—with the caveat that they provide accurate information in age-appropriate language,

Resolved, that GFWC/Ohio Federations of Women's Clubs members continue to support legislation restricting advertising and sale of e-cigarettes and vapor products either in store or online to those over 21; and

Resolved, that GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs members encourage restriction of e-cigarettes from all public venues.

Submitted by GFWC Internet Service Providers

Sources:

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2019/02/vaping-rises-among-teens>

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/teens-e-cigarettes>

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/Quick-Facts-on-the-Risks-of-E-cigarettes-for-Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adults.html

<https://www.yalemedicine.org/stories/teen-vaping/>

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/media-center/odh-news-releases/initiatives-educate-youth-parents-vaping-dangers-tools>

Fundraising items that the Junior Clubs have up for sale are the Red or Black quilted large pouch bag for \$15.00 @ also a small black or red make up bag for \$15.00.

These bags would be a nice gift for your federation sisters or you own personal use. They can be use for so many things storage for make up, pens, names badges etc.

The quilted bags we have limited quantities so get while the supplies last. These can be mailed to you for a fee of \$2.00 shipping you would make check payable to GFWC OHIO an in the memo put Junior Voluntary Fund.

You can mail your check to: Pam Vines at 2929 Sedgewick St. NE, Apt. 207, Warren, OH 44483.

Pam Vines
OFWC Ohio Junior Fundraising Chairman



Arts and Culture

Scarlett Ebenhack and Kathy Fink co-chairmen

At the time of writing, the snow is falling, and we are eagerly awaiting your club's reports. Even with the limitations the pandemic has posed, we are confident that our Ohio clubwomen have risen to the task and still have served their communities in highly creative and useful ways, "Feeding their hearts with Art".

As we await the vaccine roll out in our areas please remember the isolation that our seniors in care facilities and their own homes are feeling. Reach out to them with handmade cards, favors, and craft kits. Until our schools and recreation facilities resume, our children for the most part are not receiving their usual art and music program exposure. Find ways to send out grab and go kits and encourage virtual showings of artwork, readings of creative writing, and music performances. We all long for the concerts, plays and art shows in the schools, churches, and public facilities and hope for a quick return to these activities. Hopefully, warm weather will bring back the outdoor, socially distanced and drive-in performances that helped us through last summer and fall.

With the decision of our GFWC Ohio Board to hold a virtual state convention in 2021, it was also decided to cancel the photography contest and arts and crafts auction. It is our hope to have a photography contest/show at our summer leadership day if the pandemic regulations allow an in-person event. More details will follow. Save your arts and crafts auction items and your pennies too for a fabulous show in 2022.

GFWC OHIO WEBSITE REPORT

Our website got a total revamp this past Summer, due to the new administration. We have a total of 308 people signed up for the Membership part of the website. That's an awesome number of members signed up, but it can be better! If you have an email and a password, you can sign up. It's that easy! If you have any questions or concerns about the website, you can email me at maddiecrish@gmail.com. Our web address is gfwcoho.com.

Thanks, Maddie



2021 GFWC Annual Convention

By Marian St.Clair, International President

I'm extremely happy to announce plans for the 2021 GFWC Annual Convention! Although it is unfortunate we cannot gather in Toronto in June as initially planned, I hope you will be excited to travel to Atlanta in August to engage in business sessions that will enhance our work, and to enjoy celebrations and awards, plus many opportunities to learn, share, socialize, and connect. Please mark your calendar with the preliminary details below and watch for a future announcement in *News & Notes* that the Call to Convention has been posted on the [GFWC website](http://gfwc.org).

The 2021 GFWC Annual Convention will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. A Board of Directors Meeting, the 2020 and 2021 LEADS training, a 2020-2022 Installation, and a Celebration Banquet, Gateway to the World will be held on Friday, August 27. The Convention will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 28, and will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30. There will be no tours offered in conjunction with the event, but individuals are free to make private arrangements. The room block extends from August 25 to August 31. The contract between GFWC and the Atlanta Marriott Marquis includes provisions to make the event as safe as possible. GFWC will continue to monitor the national situation and make prudent decisions for the well-being of members.

THE PIONEER WORKERS - A member of GFWC Ohio

Lin Wilken President
Vice President Yvonne Ford
Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Annual Meeting May 3, 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the GFWC Ohio Pioneers Workers was held Friday May 3, 2019 at the Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Lin Wilken.

President Wilken welcomed members and attendees and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Wilken gave the thought for the day "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" By Robert Frost.

President Wilken introduced the officers of the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers, namely, Secretary/Treasurer Yvonne Ford and Kathy Combs, Blue Book of Distinguished Women/Book of Friends Chairman. She then welcomed and introduced with a short biography our special guest Suellen Brazil, GFWC Second Vice President. Suellen Brazil, GFWC Second Vice President brought greetings.

President Wilken introduced the Past Pioneer Workers Presidents in attendance. President Wilken Thanked the Past Presidents for their leadership and continuing support of GFWC Ohio.

Past Presidents of GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers

Lisa Hedrick 2008-2010	Rita Hall 2010-2012
Barbara Whitaker 2012-2014	Rose Logston 2014-2016
Harriet Groh 2016-2018	

President Wilken then recognized past GFWC Ohio Presidents and past GFWC Ohio Directors of Junior Clubs in attendance:

Past GFWC Ohio Presidents

Barbara Whitaker 1998-2000	Lin Wilken 2004-2006
Rose Logston 2008-2010	Evie Bachman 2010-2012
Corky Nosek 2012-2014	Linda Ross 2014-2016
Lisa Hedrick 2016-2018	

Past Directors of Junior Clubs

Linda Ross 2002-2004	Corky Nosek 2004-2006
Sherry McClellan 2006-2008	Lisa Hedrick 2010-2012
Linda Crish 2012-2014	Yvonne Ford 2014-2016
Deidra Devore 2016-2018	

GFWC OHIO PIONEER WORKERS MINUTES MAY 3, 2019

President Wilken also welcomed GFWC Ohio President Linda Crish and GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs Esther Gartland. President Wilken thanked President Crish and Director Gartland for their leadership and continuing support of GFWC Ohio.

Total		\$ 1188.71
Expenses:		
2019 Donation to GFWC Headquarters	\$128.00	
2019 Yvonne Ford Postage	11.00	
2019 Kathy Combs Blue Book Printing	12.82	
2019 Lin Wilken Gifts	209.14	
2019 Bank Service Charges	4.00	
Total Expenses	\$364.96	
Balance on hand May 3, 2019		\$ 823.75

President Wilken thanked Yvonne and asked the members if there were any questions on the report. The reports will be filed as presented.

Reports of the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Officers: Officer reports were read by Lin Wilken, GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers President and Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Vice President.

President Wilken dedicated the meeting to the fond memory of Patrice Booze who passed away suddenly. Patrice was the President of Pioneer Workers. With this unexpected passing, Lin Wilken moved up to the President position and Yvonne Ford moved up to the Vice President position leaving the Secretary/Treasurer position unfilled. An interim Nominating Committee was appointed in October, 2018 of past GFWC Ohio Pioneer Worker Presidents: Lisa Hedrick, Chairman, Harriett Groh and Barbara Whitaker

Election of Officers:

A Special election will be held for the position of the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Secretary/Treasurer.

Barbara Whitaker, GFWC Ohio Parliamentarian read the pertinent excerpts of GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Standing Rules, **ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The officers of THE PIONEER WORKERS shall constitute the executive committee. This committee shall: a) Approve names of qualified members eligible for membership in THE PIONEER WORKERS.

- b) Administer the Blue Book Fund *and the Friends of the Federation Fund with the help of the Blue Book Chairman.* c) *Decide if a GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs member shall be honored at the annual meeting and, if so, select the honoree.*
- d) Serve as a hospitality committee at the annual meeting.
- e) Fill vacancies in office.

Lisa Hedrick Special Interim Nominating Committee Chairman presented the Nomination for the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Secretary/Treasurer for 2019 – 2020.

Scarlett Ebenhack, GFWC Circleville Junior Women’s Club was nominated for the Office of GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Secretary/ Treasurer for 2019-2020.

President Wilken opened the floor for nominations.

There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed. As there was only one member nominated no paper vote was required and a voice vote was held. Scarlett Ebenhack was elected as the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Secretary/Treasurer.

The Election of Nominating Committee was then held: President Wilken then read:

Per the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Bylaws **ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES**

Section 2. At the annual meeting in the year preceding the election of officers (odd numbered years), a nominating committee of three (3) members shall be nominated from the floor and elected by voice. The committee shall present a slate of nominees for office at the next annual meeting. The president of the Pioneer Workers shall appoint the chairman of the Nominating Committee from among those elected to serve on the committee.

President Wilken asked for nominations at this time for the committee?

Nominee: Karen Kessen

Nominee: Peggy Bennett

Nominee: Debbie Weaver

As indicated in the Bylaws, a voice vote for the committee members was then held

The Committee will be as follows: Karren Kessen; Peggy Bennett and Debbie Weaver.

President Wilken then thanked the committee for agreeing to serve.

Kathy Combs, Blue Book Chairman gave the Report of the Nominations for the Blue Book and the "Book of Friends." Fourteen new entries were recorded.

President Wilken then introduced our GFWC Guest of honor Suellen Brazil, GFWC Second Vice President who provided us with inspiration and leadership pearls of wisdom. GFWC Second Vice President, Suellen Brazil then installed our newly elected GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Secretary / Treasurer, Scarlet Ebenhack.

President Wilken thanked Suellen and expressed how the women of the GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers truly appreciate the time to hear from Suellen and the opportunity to interact on a one on one basis. To express our appreciation a check was donated to the GFWC Capital Campaign in Suellen's name for \$128.00.

Pioneer Worker of the Year: The Pioneer Worker of the Year Award is given to a member who has demonstrated exceptional leadership to GFWC Ohio in some manner. The member chosen for the 2019 award was Marianne Nave of the Springfield City Federation and GFWC/TRIAD Club.

Tribute: Our annual meeting was dedicated to our departed President, Patrice Booze. Evelyn Bachman, GFWC Ohio President 2010 – 2012 provided a tribute to Patrice Booze, GFWC Ohio President 2006-2008; GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs 1996 - 1998 and GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers President 2018.

President Wilkin thanked Evie for this loving memory of our clubwoman who will always be that energetic champion of GFWC and GFWC Ohio who encouraged us all to join the movement. President Wilken then acknowledged that GFWC Ohio has lost a leader in Patrice but we have also lost our leader from the same administration, Helen Schatzschneider who served as GFWC Ohio President 1996 – 1998 with Patrice. President Wilken then asks that members take a moment to reflect on these two leaders and others who have passed from our midst.

President Wilken invited Yvonne Ford, Vice President and Scarlett Ebenhack, Secretary/ Treasurer to join her at the podium to adjourn the 2019 annual meeting of the Pioneer Workers. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m..

Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio Pioneer Workers Secretary/Treasurer

As a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the efforts of our Governmental Leadership to reduce the spread of the virus, GFWC Ohio Federation has experienced the need to explore new methods of meeting as an organization. Regular Meetings at the State and District Level have been delayed and reimagined to continue the governance of the organization. As a result numerous changes are needed to support the new methods of meeting within our Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee has recommended a collective motion to cover meetings, elections and new electronic terminology; therefore the detailed changes will not be listed. Be assured that these changes are within the scope and practice of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised and have been reviewed by the GFWC Ohio Board of Directors and GFWC Ohio Parliamentarian.

Collective Motion	Current Bylaw Impacted by Motion:	Rationale
<p>1. GFWC Ohio Federation may meet by electronic communications media in synchronous or asynchronous meetings.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VI DISTRICTS Section 3. District Meetings ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 5. ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Renumbered Section 8-9 ARTICLE XI SCHOLARSHIPS Section 2. Scholarship Trustees Item A Sub Section 2. ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS</p>	<p>To allow for electronic meetings for committees, boards and other gatherings at the state and district levels</p>
<p>2. GFWC Ohio Federation may meet and conduct elections by electronic communications media in synchronous or asynchronous meetings</p>	<p>ARTICLE II OFFICERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS Section 3. ARTICLE VI DISTRICTS Section 3. District Meetings ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 5. ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 6. ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Renumbered Section 8-9 ARTICLE XI SCHOLARSHIPS Section 2. Scholarship Trustee Item A Sub Section 2</p>	<p>To allow for electronic meetings for committees, boards and other gatherings at the state and district levels</p>
<p>3. GFWC Ohio Federation Bylaws will be updated to reflect "current" electronic/technological terminology.</p>	<p>ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section 1. Board of Directors ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section 3. Executive Committee ARTICLE VI DISTRICTS Section 3. District Meetings ARTICLE XI SCHOLARSHIPS Section 2. Scholarship Trustees Item A Sub Section 3.</p>	<p>To reflect cutting edge verbiage recognizable by all members and non members.</p>