Olathe Junior Service League General Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 19, 2026

John Hutchinson, Olathe School District Chief Financial Officer, spoke to our members regarding the 2026 Bond renewal. He shared a video, explained the details, and answered member's questions. Ballots were mailed out and are due March 3, 2026.

Shobha shared that she and Cristan attended the Olathe Public Library's Volunteer Fair (Indian Creek location). There were 29 different organizations in attendance. They were surprised that many women they visited with were not familiar with OJSL. They were able to get names, email addresses, and phone numbers for 15 women that expressed an interest in our organization. These names were forwarded to Robbie, and they will be extended an invitation to attend our new member tea.

The minutes were accepted as written. Joyce Webb made the motion to accept, and Lesley Holmes seconded it.

Sandy went over the financial information (Barrie was out of town). A discussion was held regarding increasing the dues. Dues have not been increased for over 20 years and we are not collecting enough from dues to stay current with our Admin budget. Shobha moved that we increase dues from $50.00 to $75.00 for active members (the sustainers dues will NOT be increased), Stacy Rezak seconded. The motion passed. Dues will increase beginning with the 2026-27 year.

Terri Shoemaker, Member-at-large, sent "Thinking of You" cards to Judy Bradford and Pam McNicoll.

Robbie Robertson shared that the New Member Tea will be held at Sweet Teas on March 29, 2026, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to invite their friends to attend.

The Communications team shared their recent efforts to help with updating the website (Ami Levin is now in charge of the website), the Bluebook, Facebook postings, and the newsletter. Many members praised and thanked these ladies for their efforts because we have already seen an improvement in communications.

Ami Levin reported that we have four Community Grant requests and that there will be a meeting immediately after the general meeting to go over and vote on these requests.

Terri reminded members that the Pancake Breakfast at Longhorn Steakhouse will be Saturday, March 14th. We report at 7:30 a.m. and we have to be cleaned up and out of the restaurant by 10:15-10:30. There is a sign-up genius out and members were encouraged to get signed up to work as well as to share this event and purchase tickets. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door. The tickets can be purchased at ojsl.org.

Susie Zimmerman reported that the January coffee information was discussed at the Board meeting in February and that everything is taken care of and/or being worked on.

The Nominating Committee will meet on Monday, March 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at Fortune Wok to complete working on the slate of officers for the 2026-27 year.

Carla and Ami shared the results of the January Coffee pre-placement survey that members completed. Two projects showed very little interest to continue as service projects. This was discussed and voted on at the February Board meeting, so this was brought to the vote of the general membership. A discussion was held first on doing away with Sweet Six. After discussion with the membership the Board moved, and it was seconded by Terri Shoemaker. Mary Cobb will contact the Old Settlers to see if another group would like to pick this up and take it over. She will notify last year's Sweet 6 winner once she knows if this will be taken over by another group. The second project that the Board approved to do away with is New Educators. The discussion with membership included that we are no longer able to attend the actual event and we just drop off a basket and never hear anything back. Since we do so much for the school district in other ways the Board moved, and it was seconded by Sandy Madison to do away with New Educators as a service project as well. These changes will take effect for the 2026-27 year. Carla said that the Placement form will be sent out soon and to be looking for it so that we could select our new service projects so she and Ami can do their work to be sure all projects will be covered.

Mary reported that the Hospitality committee will be meeting next week to get details figured out regarding the May banquet. The banquet will be held on May 7, 2026.

Cristan reported that the Social committee has two Socials planned and details will be sent out soon. A cocktail night in March and a craft night will be held in April.

Nancy Meuten shared that the Sustainers will have their Spring meeting soon to get their slate of officers selected and voted on. They will be hosting a table at the Friends of the Library event again this year. This year's theme is "Cowboy/Cowgirl". Bev Whittenborn suggested contacting Hyer Boot Company for some help. Nancy also shared that Judy Bradford is not doing well and that her health has really declined. Nancy had a special birthday, her 80th. We sang happy birthday to her and Mary and Robbie brought a beautiful cake. We all enjoyed celebrating Nancy. She is a treasure!

$18.00 was collected for the 50/50 raffle drawing. Sandy Madison had the lucky number and won $9.00, the other $9.00 will be deposited for use by the Crafters committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sandy Keating
Filling in for Marci Waters