

Goldilocks and the Junior Club Bears

A book about the size of a Golden Book held the text of the installation ceremony. The book was titled Goldilocks and the Junior Club Bears. The book was decorated with Bears and was later presented to the new President. Small handmade bears holding items indicative of the office were presented to each new officer as she was installed.

Once upon a time, there was a young lady named Goldilocks who was somewhere between the age of 21 and 40. Goldie was a funloving girl, but she also wanted to make (city) a better place to live. A friend of hers suggested that Goldie attend a Junior Club meeting and check the group out. This club might be "just right" for Goldie.

So one Thursday night, Goldie went to the Club den to see what she could see. Unfortunately, she got there very early and no one was there yet. But she decided to look around anyway. Inside Goldie saw many interesting chairs.

First Goldie came to a chair marked **Treasurer Bear**. She had heard that _____ had been chosen for that position because she is a very responsible bear. Being responsible is very important because the Treasurer shall hold and disburse, as instructed, all the funds of the Junior Club and shall be responsible for all financial records. (A small bear holding money was presented to the new Treasurer.)

Goldie looked around and saw the chair for the **Corresponding Secretary Bear**, _____. As Corresponding Secretary, she is responsible for all correspondence, the membership roster, and a monthly newsletter. She also appoints other bears to telephone members about special events or obligations. That sounded like a big job, but Goldie knew that _____ could manage it. (A small bear holding an envelope and a mock newsletter was presented to the new Corresponding Secretary.)

Next Goldie saw the **Recording Secretary Bear's chair**. _____ must be a fast writer and a good listener because _____ Club bears are fast workers and talkers. As Recording Secretary, _____ shall keep proper minutes of all general and Board of Directors meetings and shall assist the Corresponding Secretary in preparing the newsletter if requested. (A small bear holding a pencil and notepad was presented to the new Recording Secretary.)

After walking around the room, Goldie saw 4 chairs in a row. The first chair belonged to, the **4th Vice Bear**. Goldie knew that _____ was a very important bear because she is the Chairman of the fund-raising committee and all fund-raising projects, except the Christmas gift wrap booth. Goldie knew that _____ would be a good 4th Vice President.

The second chair--in the row belonged to _____, the **3rd Vice Bear**. As 3rd Vice President, _____ shall as Chairman of the Social Committee assume the responsibility for all social functions. Goldie thought she would like _____ and all her fun-filled socials. (A small bear holding a wine glass and a record player was presented to the new 3rd Vice President.)

The next chair in the row belonged to _____, the **2nd Vice President Bear**. Goldie knew that she would get to know _____ quite well because the 2nd Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President. Goldie heard that _____ would work well with the present members as well as the new members. (A small bear holding a red flower and a mini-membership roster was presented to the new 2nd Vice President.)

The last chair in the row belonged to _____, the 1st Vice President officer is very important because she is also the President-Elect. Also, _____ shall perform the duties of the President, if necessary, and shall serve as Program Chairman. Goldie's friend said that _____ would be a very good 1st Vice President because she is so enthusiastic. (A small bear holding a list of possible programs was presented to the new 1st Vice President.)

Then Goldie looked to her right and saw a BIG chair. She thought that this must be the chair reserved for _____, the Mama Bear. As President, it is your duty to preside at all meetings and oversee the workings of the Junior club. Goldie felt that _____ would make a good president because she heard that _____ is a very organized, efficient person. (A small bear holding a gavel was presented to the new President.)

After Goldie had checked all chairs and thought about the Bears who would fill them, she decided to stay and meet all of the other Junior Club bears. She had heard from her friend that the members are friendly and do a lot of good community service work. And besides, they serve good snacks -- not yucky porridge.

To make a long story short, Goldilocks found a chair that was "just right" for her and decided to join the Junior Club Bears. And she lived happily -and busily -- ever after.

After closing the book, the following was said: "You might be wondering where the Papa Bear is -- he's home answering the telephone!!" (A small bear wearing a necktie and holding a telephone was presented to the President to give to her husband.) The new officers had remained standing at the front of the room. The following was said to them. "By accepting the bear representing your office, you have been duly installed;" To the audience: "Ladies, may I present to you the 19___ officers of Junior Club."

