



Board Meeting

January 4, 2017

FineMark National Bank & Trust, Boca Grande Room

800 Laurel Oak Drive, Naples

President Margaret Brodeur called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. with a quorum present.

Present: Margaret Brodeur, Liz Winebrenner, Annalinda Ragazzo, Sallie Miller, Charlene Barnette, Carol Fullerton, Thayer Caskey, Pat Koenig, Maria Lane, Donna Loomis, Katherine Caskey, Gail Barry, Denise Hadley, Kerry Riner, Deirdre Benson, Jane Stone, Susan Mainwaring, Melissa McClayton, Gigi Stewart, Mary Beth Jones, Kristine Meek, Nancy Taylor, Kristine Feeney

Excused: Kelly Hutchinson

President's Remarks:

- President Margaret Brodeur welcomed everyone to the January board meeting.

Minutes of the December 1, 2016 Board Meeting:

- Motion to approve the December 1, 2016 Board Minutes was made by Charlene Barnette and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Pat Koenig and Thayer Caskey reviewed November financials and found them to be in order.
- Susan Mainwaring moved to accept the November 2016 financials, which passed unanimously.
- Committee chairs will be contacted for their input into next year's budget. The Finance Committee will meet on January 23 to begin the budgeting process.

Active Agenda

Membership – Carol Fullerton

- Current membership is at 592. Eight new members have been proposed: Karen Boucher, Rochester, NY JL Affiliation; Jane “Janey” Crosby, Omaha JL Affiliation (reinstatement); Ann Dietz, Greenwich CT JL Affiliation; Christine Haney, Westchester on the Sound JL Affiliation; Linda Markarian, Greater Springfield, MA Affiliation; Susan Ridenour, Lexington, KY JL Affiliation; Emily Sturman, Indianapolis JL Affiliation; Vicki Tullis, Cincinnati JL Affiliation. Two member deaths were noted: Charlotte Clarke and Barbara Sukenik.
- **Motion to approve the seven proposed new members and one reinstatement was made by Nancy Taylor, seconded by Susan Mainwaring, and passed unanimously.**
- Current membership is now 598.
- February 3 is the date set for the New Member Coffee at the Social Room of The Regent Condominium, 4101 Gulf Shore Blvd North. Eighty-one invitations have been mailed. Board members are asked to arrive by 8:30.

Development – Kristine Meek and Kristine Feeney

- Kristine Feeney and Kristine Meek reviewed the 2017 Corporate Sponsors and Business Partners and their contributions for the Lauren Bush Lauren: Charity by Design fundraising event to be held Friday, February 24.
- Donna Loomis updated the board on the number of members in the Circle of Friends. Pledges/contributions are estimated to be just under \$200,000. Donations will be accepted through April 30.

Bylaws- Donna Loomis

- Future planning proposed a bylaw change that incorporates language suggested by Florida law and by the latest edition of Robert’s Rules or Order regarding valid electronic meetings. Meetings affected by such a change would include the executive committee, board, and nominating committee.
- **Kerry Riner moved that the following additions and revisions be incorporated into our bylaws:**

Article VI Section 3 (d) In the event that members cannot be present; a valid electronic meeting is authorized. For this purpose, only telephone conference calls or teleconferencing are acceptable. (Page 19 in the Membership Directory)

Article VII Section 1 (b) They shall meet when deemed necessary. In the event that members cannot be present, a valid electronic meeting is authorized. For this purpose, only telephone conference calls or teleconferencing are acceptable. (Page 19 in the Membership Directory)

Article VII Section 2 (c-2) The Nominating Committee shall vote and present the results of the vote in the form of a slate to the Board. If members of the

Nominating Committee cannot be present for the vote, a valid electronic meeting is authorized. For this purpose, only telephone conference calls or teleconferencing are acceptable. (Page 20 in the Membership Directory. C2) will become C) 3; C3) will become C4

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Members will vote on this bylaw change at the March General Membership Meeting.**

Future Planning- Kerry Riner

- Future Planning has developed Gift Acceptance Guidelines to consider when soliciting and/or accepting gifts. The decision to solicit/accept a gift will be made by the Development Committee in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board. The primary consideration will be the impact of the gift on The League Club.
- **Kerry Riner moved that the Gift Acceptance Guidelines, as previously distributed to board members, be made policy and published in The League Club Directory. Motion passed unanimously.**

Community Involvement Committee- Annalinda Ragazzo

- Both the CIC and general membership approved the awarding of the 30th Anniversary Grant to Meals of Hope. The presentation of the check will be at the January General Membership Meeting.
- CIC has begun the grant giving process. Orientation was held December 2 and site visits have begun.

Fundraising- Charlene Barnette

- Charlene acknowledged the great news presented by the Development Committee and the Circle of Friends in regard to funds received. Plans for the decor and menu are completed. Reservations continue to be received. The number of reservations at this time are slightly lower than last year.

Area Meetings- Margaret Brodeur

- Hostesses for the area meetings have been confirmed. Attendees will be asked to bring an appetizer to the event.
- Kelly Hutchison has requested questions for the moderators. Please email Kelly with suggestions.
- Three suggestions for questions were made by the board: 1) Do you like the time/format of the General Membership meetings? 2) What volunteer opportunities would you like to see us add?
3) What questions do you have regarding our website? (tech expert at each site to demonstrate/promote usage of the website)

Events – Denise Hadley

- The details of the 30th Anniversary Gala have been finalized. The deadline to sign up for the event has been extended to January 16.

Communications- Mary Beth Jones

- The presentation check for the 30th Anniversary Grant is being created and will be given to Meals of Hope at our January General Membership meeting. Publicity for our Brief Case Breakfast is being developed.
- The League Club PR Brochure was reviewed and options for its use were discussed.

Corresponding Secretary- Gail Barry

- Three sympathy cards and four get well cards have been sent. Gail reminded everyone to let her know of any member who is need of a note from The League Club.

Other Business- Margaret Brodeur

- Margaret received a request from Invitation to Paper for us to consider creating a citrus based cookbook. It was suggested that member input be obtained at area meetings.
- The Harry Chapin Hunger Walk will be held at Miromar Outlet Mall the third week of January.
- Volunteering at benefits/events will be made available to membership through an Eblast. The Shelter for Abused Women is in need of volunteers for their benefit on February 18, and the Naples Zoo is in need of volunteers for their event on February 24th. Members will be given contact information for these volunteer opportunities.
- Kristine Caskey reported that five members volunteered to assist the Salvation Army Toy Store on December 21.
- Thayer Caskey asked that requests for checks be given to her by Thursdays; checks will be written over the weekend.
- **There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11 A.M. was made by Carol Fullerton, seconded by Kristine Caskey, and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lane, Recording Secretary