



## BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2018

800 Laurel Oak Drive, Naples

APPROVED March 7, 2018

President Elizabeth Winebrenner called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M. with a quorum present.

**Present:** Elizabeth Winebrenner, Charlene Barnette, Melissa McClayton, Katherine Caskey, Mary Beth Jones, Gigi Stewart, Denise Hadley, Mary Olson, Karen Lutz, Maria Lane, Anne Thomas, Dusti Beaubien, Mary Cooper, Deirdre Benson, Kerry Riner, Barbara Ledinsky, Donna Loomis, Paula McNulty, Denise Cazobon Jane Stone, Mary Lou Swartz

**Excused:** Kelly Hutchinson, Nancy Taylor, Donna Sawers, Julie Wade

### **President's Remarks:**

- President Elizabeth Winebrenner welcomed everyone to the February board meeting.
- On April 6, The League Club has a table at the Women of Initiative luncheon. A second table could be added; sign up with Liz, if interested. Cost is \$210.
- If any board member has not signed and returned the Conflict of Interest/Whistleblower/Gift Acceptance forms, please do so immediately.
- Area meetings are set. Liz asked for six volunteers to serve as facilitators. Jane Stone, Dusti Beaubien, Mary Beth Jones, Deirdre Benson, Kerry Riner, and Paula McNulty volunteered.

### **Minutes of the January 3, 2017 Board Meeting:**

- Dusti Beaubien moved that we accept the January minutes; Mary Beth Jones seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report – Mary Olson

- Mary reviewed the financial report of December 2017, which was found to be in order.
- The last dues increase was in 2014. The administrative costs of The League Club has risen since then. This is due to the increased cost of hiring an Office Administrator with the skills needed to do the work that is required, particularly in the area of technology.
- There has been an increased use of the office by our members along with an increase in the number of activities we are offering our membership.
- Technology, increase use of the office and work load are all factors in having to increase our administrative dues.
- **Mary Olson moved that the annual financial commitment of a League Club member shall be \$200 divided as follows: \$150 for Administration and \$50 for the Community Trust Fund. This represents an increase in the Administration cost of \$25. Dusti Beaubien seconded the motion; passed unanimously.**
- Paula McNulty strongly urged the committee to reconsider using the terminology “Administrative” and instead utilize the term “Office Support.” The negative connotation of “administrative” may hinder us in future endeavors. Utilizing “Office Support” is a more direct, clear description.

### Membership – Denise Hadley

- There is one new member proposed this month:  
Mary Rita Burns (Old Naples) JL Affiliation Des Moines, IA – Mentor TBA
- **Mary Cooper moved we accept Mary Rita Burns as a new member; Kerry Riner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.**
- Denise acknowledged the death of member June Lincoln.
- Membership as of February 4, 2018 is 604.

### Fundraising – Gigi Stewart

- The ad for our fundraiser **Leslie Stahl: Her Stories Today** was in the *Naples Daily News* today. A full page article was in the *Naples Illustrated*. Thanks to Chris Inslee for all her hard work for publicity for this event.
- The Patron Party will be held February 22 at the home of Jenny Sutton. Parking will be available at Trinity by the Cove. Bus transportation to the event will begin at 4:30 P.M. Three buses will be running so that there should be little wait. Two golf carts will be at the gate to assist those who cannot walk the distance to the home.
- Hostesses have been emailed their duties.
- Thus far, 576 tickets have been sold.

**Development** – Katherine Caskey

- Circle of Friends is now at 151 members with donations at \$269,447.23. COF continues to grow. At this time last year, there were 132 members with a combined contribution of \$224,010.
- Sponsor donations are over \$80,000 with an estimated \$46,000 cash and \$34,000 in-kind donations.
- The Circle of Friends luncheon will be held March 16 at the Naples Botanical Garden.

**Community Liaison** – Dusti Beaubien

- At the January 12 General Membership Meeting, \$485 (checks) and food donations were collected for the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.
- Volunteers packed 16,416 bags of beans and rice on January 19 for Meals of Hope. Another packing event will be offered March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-12.
- Maxi pad donations now total \$2440.
- The Marco Island Appraisal Faire will be held on Marco Island on March 3. No further volunteers are needed for this event.
- Total volunteer hours are 355.

**President Elect** – Charlene Barnette

- A second interview for an Office Administrator is scheduled.
- The EBlasts have been quite successful at disseminating information to members. Thus, Future Planning recommended the idea of reducing the printing/ mailing of The League Club newsletter. The cost of one issue's postage and printing is approximately \$1,000. It was recommended that the newsletter be published twice a year: at the beginning of the year to provide the calendar and pertinent information for the year and at the end of the year to include the Annual Report.
- Presently, 38 members do not have email accounts. For these members, a grouping of four weeks of EBlasts would be printed and mailed.

**V/P Elect**- Jane Stone

- March 11, 2019 is the date for next year's fundraiser with the Patron Party on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Save the date cards will be on the tables of this year's fundraiser.

**CIC** – Melissa McClayton

- Patti Hepburn has resigned as V/P Elect Community, and Paula McNulty will complete the 2017-2018 term and continue as V/P Community 2018-2019.
- The final CIC meeting will be held February 12. After the final two agencies are presented, all agencies will be extensively reviewed. Voting on the disbursement of funds will be done the week of February 19 via Survey Monkey.

### **Events** – Deirdre Benson

- The trip to the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach will be on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> with 43 members in attendance.
- The “Sail Away Party” will be held at The Naples Yacht Club on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Deirdre thanked Barbara Ledinsky for all her work as historian this year taking photos of our different events.
- Deirdre noted that we stayed within budget for all events. She also recommended we continue to hire Chris as the DJ for future events.

### **Future Planning** - Kerry Riner

- Guidelines for Mentors has been developed. V/P Membership will be responsible for distributing the guidelines to mentors.
- Changes to the distribution of the newsletter will occur as previously discussed.
- The practice of contributing \$25 to the Community Trust Fund at a member’s death will be discontinued this year.
- Elizabeth Winebrenner reminded everyone to update their job description, write their annual report, and create a packet to pass on to their successor.

### **Nominating** – Donna Loomis

- A partial slate of officers was presented:  
President-Elect - Gigi Stewart  
V/P Education - Maryanne Dignan  
V/P-Elect Fundraising – Joan Lewis  
V/P Membership – Maria Lane  
Recording Secretary – Julie Wade
- Donna Loomis moved we accept the partial slate of officers for the year 2018-2019 as presented; passed unanimously.
- The following positions will be filled at a later date: V/P-Elect Community, V/P-Elect Development, Treasurer-Elect. These positions and the Nominating Committee will be presented to the Board for approval at the March Board meeting. All names will be announced at the March Membership Meeting. The membership will vote approval of the slate at the Annual Meeting in April.
- The Nominating Committee has chosen not to fill the position of V/P Communications at this time. The position will not be eliminated, but not filled. This position must first have an updated job description delineating the skills and direction desired. Once this is done, the Nominating Committee or the Executive Committee may choose to recommend filling the position.
- Technology skills have been an issue this year in members’ interest and self-confidence in accepting specific positions. The League Club must address this problem.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Mary Cooper

- On February 24, the Barron Collier High School Chorus will host a fundraiser at Carrabbas to raise funds to help pay for their trip to sing at Carnegie Hall. Cost is \$15. Reservations must be made in advance for the 11:15 or 1 PM seating. The students will be the servers and will also be performing. Only 300 tickets will be available. The Barron Collier High School Chorus performed at the December General Membership Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lane, Recording Secretary

**REPORTS ATTACHED:**

**Membership Report – Denise Hadley**

**New Members**

Mary Rita Burns Mrs. Robert “Bob”  
720 Broad Street S  
Naples, FL 34102  
(319)331-7845 [MaryRita@southslope.net](mailto:MaryRita@southslope.net)  
Neighborhood: Old Naples  
Affiliation: Des Moines, Iowa (Past President)  
Mentor: ?

**In Memoriam:**

June Lincoln

**Total Number of Members as of February 4—604**

## **Correspondence Takes Heart – Mary Lou Cooper**

### **Get well and thinking of you cards were sent to:**

Pam Becker (death of her father at 101 years young), Floss Bogdan (3 surgeries in one week and a mild stroke); Susan Damm (in hospital ICU with low sodium and potassium levels); Carol Horsman (husband in hospital with traumatic brain injury; second card sent following his death); JoAnn and Nick Lekas (Nick in hospital with pneumonia); Ellen Vanderberg (husband in ill health – wishes to be kept confidential); Stephanie Vick (on heart monitor after fainting – feels fine); Carole Whittemore –(in the hospital with bleeding ulcers); Janice Wilson (husband in hospital; second card sent following his death)

### **Community Trust Fund donation acknowledgements were sent to:**

Pam (Mrs. Thomas) Becker, Daphne Denby, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sheffield, Patti Novak, Susan Lamberson, Tomasina (Tommye) Schiro (Schiro Family Foundation)- given in honor of Ann Westerfield

League Club wishes are communicated to those in need via telephone calls, emails and cards. If you are aware of anyone who would appreciate hearing from us, please email Mary Cooper, Corresponding Secretary at [jdcmw2@earthlink.net](mailto:jdcmw2@earthlink.net) or call (239) 591-0883. Committee members include Bette Aymar, Gail Barry, Bev Metcalf, Susie Yoder and Susy Warren. If anyone would like to have their name omitted from the list published in our newsletter, kindly contact Mary Cooper at [jdcmw2@earthlink.net](mailto:jdcmw2@earthlink.net) .

## **Endowment – Mary Lou Swartz**

A “Sip and Shop” was held on February 2nd from 11-3 at both J. McLaughlin stores. 15% of sales during the event will be given back to the League Club.

In January the Endowment Fund received a very generous gift from Donna Simon honoring Dusti Beaubien for the work she does for The League Club. Additionally, a gift was received from Susan Mainwaring in memory of Robert Hubbard, husband of former member Karen Hubbard.

The Endowment Fund balance as of February 1, 2018, is \$183,535.

**Nominating Committee:**

**Partial Slate of Officers**

**February 7, 2018**

**President-Elect**

Gigi Stewart

**VP-Elect/Education**

Maryanne Dignan

**VP-Elect/Fundraising Events**

Joan Lewis

**VP-Elect/Membership**

Maria Lane

**Recording Secretary**

Julie Wade

We are waiting to place ladies in the following positions:

VP-Elect/Community

VP-Elect/Development

Treasurer-Elect

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At this time, we are not filling the position of VP/Communications.

