



General Membership Meeting

March 11, 2017

Audubon Country Club

Attendance: 124

Margaret Brodeur called the March general membership meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. She welcomed everyone to today's meeting at the Audubon Country Club.

- Upcoming events include: Back at the Beach, our end of the year party to be held at Naples Beach Hotel. Online registration is available. Deadline is Wednesday, March 15th. Send checks to the PO Box address, not the office.
- The minor League luncheon is Thursday, April 6 at 11:30 A.M. at Pelican Marsh. Captain Lance Julian is the speaker. RSVP to Chuck Smith. Cost is \$25 cash, payable the day of the event.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11. The event has been changed to Venue Naples, a new event space opened by Brian Roland. Cost will be \$36.
- Dues Notices will **not** be individually mailed this year. They will be in our spring newsletter and EBlast. Please pay online or by check.

Annalinda Ragazzo, VP Community, shared the time line that her committee followed from July 1, 2016 when requests for grant proposals were sent to the various agencies in Lee and Collier counties to the vote today to award 31 agencies a total of \$294,278. A listing of the 31 agencies and the amount of each grant was provided to members for their review. She thanked her committee for their diligent work and commitment to the process. **Annalinda then moved that membership accept the recommendation from CIC to award \$294,278 to the 31 agencies.** Motion passed. At our January meeting, the 30th Anniversary Grant of

\$30,000 was awarded to Meals of Hope. Thus, our total grant disbursement for 2016-2017 will be \$324,278. Annalinda reminded everyone that Phase 2 of our 30th Anniversary Grant Award is a meal packing event. She encouraged members to volunteer for this event. She also acknowledged the work of Kristi Foster who digitized the grant process for the committee.

Bylaws Chairman, Donna Loomis, reported that Future Planning and the Board of Directors have proposed a Bylaw change that incorporates language suggested by Florida law and by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order regarding valid electronic meetings. Electronic meetings allow for a quorum and for business to occur. Passage of a Bylaw amendment requires a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting. **Donna then moved that membership accept the following bylaw changes to make the language for electronic meetings official:**

- **Article VI, Board of Directors, Section 3, Meetings, 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, Committees, Section 1, Executive Committee, 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, Committees, Section 2, Nominating Committee, c, Duties, 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)**

Motion passed.

Charlene Barnette thanked everyone for their support of this year's fundraiser Lauren Bush Lauren: Charity by Design. Lauren was warm, gracious, and thrilled to be the speaker of this event. Lauren's mission is to go out in the world and do good. As of date, more than 95 million meals have been provided by FEED.

Financial results of our fundraiser will be provided at a later date. A few FEED bags are still available at the cost of \$20 per bag.

Donna Loomis thanked the Circle of Friends for their continued support. This year 130 people contributed to CoF for a total of more than \$219,000.

Carol Fullerton, membership, introduced eight new members: Karen Boucher, Rochester, NY; Camilla Burgess, Evanston-North Shore, IL; Diane Chauner, Chicago; Sheila Clarke, Racine WI, Ft Smith AR, Springfield IL; Judy Eakin, Cleveland, OH; Christine Haney, Westchester on the Sound, NY; Maureen Klepper, Annapolis, MD; Linda Markarian, Greater Springfield, MA; Sara Werder, NYC Central Westchester. The current membership is 607.

Board member Kelly Hutchinson encouraged everyone to attend their area meetings. The meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th from 5-7. It will be an appetizer/wine event. The list of hostesses was at each table; members are encouraged to RSVP with their hostess.

Community Liaison Katherine Caskey thanked everyone for their support of our Done in a Day projects. The next two are March 20th – Guadalupe Buddy Day and March 21 – Meals of Hope.

Nominating Chairman Susan Mainwaring thanked her nominating committee for their work in selecting the 2017-2018 slate of officers and nominating committee members. Before introducing the slate, she reminded everyone:

Pursuant to League Club Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2b Election

1) A single slate of nominees shall be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

2) Additional nominations may be made providing the nominees have proper qualifications, consent has been given and the candidate's name has been listed with the Nominating Committee Chairman at least five (5) days prior to the election.

2017-2018 Slate of Officers, Elect Positions and Nominating Committee Members

Submitted by the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee:

Chair: Susan Mainwaring; Committee: Karen Anderson, Betsy Barton,
Dusti Beaubien, Marcia Carthaus, Lauree Personette, Ellen Vanderburg

Slate of Officers and Elect Positions 2017-2018

President-Elect:	Charlene Barnette
Vice President/Communications:	Nancy Taylor
Vice President/Education:	Mary Beth Jones
Vice President/Membership:	Denise Hadley
Recording Secretary:	Maria Lane
Treasurer-Elect:	Molly Monette
Vice President-Elect/Community:	Patti Hepburn
Vice President-Elect/Development:	Katherine Caskey
Vice President-Elect/Fundraising Events:	Jane Stone

Slate of Nominating Committee 2017-2018

Chair: Margaret Brodeur ; Committee: Deirdre Benson, Donna Loomis,
Jeanne McCarthy, Sallie Miller, Sandy Morse, Barbara Schroeder

(Officers who had been voted in place last spring for 2017-2018 are President Liz Winebrenner, Treasurer Pat Koenig, VP/Community Melissa McClayton, VP/Development Kristine Feeney, and VP/Fundraising Events Gigi Stewart)

The vote will take place at our Annual Meeting on April 11, 2017. Susan also reminded everyone of the Women of Initiative luncheon to be held on March 31st at the Ritz Carlton at 11 A.M. Our nominee Sue Benson, founder of the Circle of Friends, and Dusti Beaubien, nominee of The Naples Garden Club, will be honored.

Business meeting ended 12:05.

VP Education Sallie Miller then updated the members on the change of locations for our Annual Meeting on April 11. It will be held at the new event space Venue Naples by Chef Brian Roland. The time will be 11 A.M. She then introduced our speaker Suzanne Graziano, director, Ortho Services, NCH Healthcare.

Maria Lane, Recording Secretary

