



BOARD MEETING

November 1, 2017

FineMark National Bank & Trust, Boca Grande Room

800 Laurel Oak Drive, Naples

President Liz Winebrenner called the meeting to order at 9:36 A.M. with a quorum present.

Present: Liz Winebrenner, Charlene Barnette, Nancy Taylor, Mary Beth Jones, Gigi Stewart, Denise Hadley, Mary Olson, Karen Lutz, Maria Lane, Anne Thomas, Dusti Beaubien, Mary Cooper, Deirdre Benson, Barbara Ledinsky, Donna Sawers, Donna Loomis, Patti Hepburn, Jane Stone, Mary Lou Swartz

Excused: Melissa McClayton, Katherine Caskey, Kelly Hutchinson, Kerry Riner, Julie Wade, Denise Cazobon

President's Remarks – Liz Winebrenner

- President Liz Winebrenner welcomed everyone to the November meeting. She congratulated Karen Lutz on the birth of her new granddaughter, Kerry Riner on the birth of her new grandson, and Maria Lane on her engagement to Bill Arends.
- Karen Lutz's email address on the board contact sheet should be changed to lutzkarenw@gmail.com. The w had been omitted.
- A gift in Kristi Foster's name will be made to our TLC endowment; in addition, she will be given a gift certificate to Blue Provence for all her work as our office administrator.
- Thanks to Done in a Day for completing two very successful projects with Meals of Hope and Naples Therapeutic Riding Center and thanks to Events which hosted our GNO at Royal Poinciana on October 26th.
- The Welcome Back Party has 122 reservations and is scheduled for November 16 at Hole in the Wall.

- Our next general membership meeting is November 9th at the Naples Botanical Garden with CEO and League member Donna McGinnis as our speaker.
- Thanks to Gigi Stewart and all who helped stuff the invitations for our February Fundraiser with Leslie Stahl. One can sign up for the Circle of Friends online.
- Please remember to let Maria know if you are going to attend/not attend the meeting. This helps with room arrangements.

President Elect – Charlene Barnette

- Charlene Barnette announced that Susan Mainwaring will be the Office Administrator this year. This is a one year commitment.
- Circle of Friends has already received \$9,500 in donations.

Minutes of the October 4, 2017 Board Meeting:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 board meeting was made by Gigi Stewart and seconded by Charlene Barnette. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Olson

- The September financial reports were reviewed by Treasurer Mary Olson and found to be in order.
- Mary Olson moved that the board accept the financial reports as submitted. Motion passed.
- Mary Lou Swartz raised a question regarding a line deficit listed for endowment. Mary will check into this.

Membership – Denise Hadley

- Save the date: New Member Coffee will be February 2.
- There are two new members proposed this month:
Jill Pearis (Pelican Bay) JL Affiliation: New York City and Binghamton, NY
Elizabeth Truter (Vineyards) JL Affiliation: Charleston, WV and Pittsburgh, PA
- A motion to accept these two new members was made by Charlene Barnette, seconded by Dusti Beaubien, and passed unanimously.
- One resignation in good standing was submitted for Anne Griswold.
- A motion to accept in good standing the resignation for Anne Griswold was made by Dusti Beaubien, seconded by Nancy Taylor, and passed unanimously.
- Four members have not paid their dues for 2017-2018: Bonnie Andrews, Mary Babson, Margy Carpenter, and Barbara Van Duyn. It is recommended they be removed from membership.
- Nancy Taylor moved to accept the recommendation to remove from membership these four women. Seconded by Donna Sawers. Passed unanimously.
- Membership stands at 599 as of November 1, 2017.

CIC – Patti Hepburn

- VP Elect Community Patti Hepburn reviewed VP Melissa McClayton's report.
- CIC Orientation will be held Wednesday, November 8th. Site visits may start this month. The first CIC meeting will be held Monday, January 8th.
- The membership will vote to approve the donation of \$33,000 to the Collier County Disaster Relief Fund. Ten thousand has previously been donated to this fund from our Emergency Fund.
- The Briefcase Breakfast will be held at the Conservancy. A sponsor is still needed; otherwise, we will need to financially fund this.

Future Planning – Ann Thomas

- Ann Thomas reviewed the Future Planning Report prepared by Kerry Riner.
- Future Planning met and revised the TLC's Office Administrator Responsibilities document. Each board member should carefully review this document. Contact Liz Winebrenner with any other job responsibilities that should be noted.
- Rather than establishing a support group for members dealing with family drug issues, the committee suggested a speaker on this topic be arranged for one of next year's programs.
- Lifetime Membership shall be granted to our three Founders: Daphne Denbe, Linda Pfeffer, and Betty Wimple. They will no longer be required to pay dues.
- After discussing who should determine **the type** of annual fundraiser, it was suggested that the President-Elect, VP/Fundraising Events-Elect, and VP/Development-Elect in consultation with the President, VP Fundraising Events and VP/Development determine the type of fundraiser.
- It has been questioned whether or not to have a dedicated treasurer for fundraising. The committee recommends against this as it may have the potential of eliminating a candidate for Treasurer-Elect.

Education – Mary Beth Jones

- Our next general membership meeting will be held November 9 at the Naples Botanical Garden. CEO and TLC member Donna McGinnis will present the program.
- Centerpieces at this meeting will be provided by Ms. McGinnis.
- Greeters at this meeting will be new members, paired with board members. The response from new members to be involved as greeters has been quite favorable, and we will continue this practice throughout the season at our general membership meetings.

Events – Deirdre Benson

- We have had four very successful events this year. The latest event was held October 26th at Royal Poinciana. This Girls' Night Out had 75 paid reservations with 69 in attendance.

- The next event will be our Welcome Back Party at Hole in the Wall on November 16. Presently, we have 122 reservations. The deadline for reservations is November 10th.
- A dinner/dance party is being planned for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Naples Beach Hotel.

Community Liaison – Dusti Beaubien

- Eighteen members participated in working at Meals of Hope in organizing the recent donations received after Hurricane Irma.
- Twenty-one members helped the Naples Therapeutic Riding Center prepare for their fundraiser Bootstrap Boogie Barn Dance.
- Our next Done in a Day Project will be assisting the Charity for Change event held at Quail West on Saturday, November 4.
- Friday, November 17th will be a volunteer DIAD for the Salvation Army.
- A feminine hygiene project is being planned. Monetary donations from members will fund this project.

Interest Groups – Donna Sawers

- No one has volunteered to chair the Art Appreciation Group or the Party Bridge Group. These two groups will remain on our list of interest groups rather than disbanding them.
- The Pickleball interest group had its first meeting on Monday, Oct. 30th. Holly Bacon is the coach; the fee is \$15 a lesson. She will make the court reservations and obtain the insurance for the group. Cost is \$25 for the year. Equipment is provided.

Endowment – Mary Lou Swartz

- The Endowment Fund balance as of Friday, October 27th is \$169,139.
- Mary Lou will meet with the Finance Committee to review several new possibilities for increasing the fund.

Corresponding Secretary – Mary Cooper

- Two sympathy cards, seven, get well and thinking of you cards, and one electronic thinking of you message were sent.
- Please send Mary Cooper names of those in need of a telephone call, email, or card. You may also contact committee members Bette Aymar, Gail Barry, Bev Metcalf, Susie Yoder, and Susy Warren. If the person does not wish to have his/her name listed in our newsletter, let Mary know.

Fundraising - Gigi Stewart

- Twelve volunteers stuffed the invitations for the February fundraiser with Leslie Stahl at the home of Suzie Kountz on Thursday, October 26. Invitations were mailed the 28th, so everyone should have received their invitation.
- The Patron Party will be held at the home of Jenny Sutton. FineMark Bank has partnered with us for this event.

- Initial meetings with the Ritz and the stage designer have begun.

Fundraising Elect– Jane Stone

- Jane introduced herself to the members of the board who may not know her extensive fundraising background.
- A designer showcase house will not be the new fundraiser. Jane would prefer not to disclose the fundraiser at this time to the board but rather to the entire league at a general membership meeting. Several board members expressed a preference that the board knows the type of fundraiser prior to the general membership.
- A date for announcement was not determined. The board suggested we continue with the announcement of the new fundraiser after the completion of the February fundraiser.

Meeting Adjourned: Nancy Taylor moved to adjourn at 11:31 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lane, Recording Secretary