



BOARD MEETING

December 6, 2017

800 Laurel Oak Drive, Naples

APPROVED January 3, 2018

President Elizabeth Winebrenner called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. with a quorum present.

Present: Elizabeth Winebrenner, Nancy Taylor, 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 Sawers, Julie Wade, Patti Hepburn, Jane Stone, Mary Lou Swartz

On-Phone: Charlene Barnette, Donna Loomis

Excused: Kelly Hutchinson, Denise Cazobon

President's Remarks – Liz Winebrenner

- Liz welcomed everyone to our December board meeting.
- She thanked Mary Beth Jones for the fabulous November membership meeting at the Naples Botanical Gardens, Deirdre Benson for a successful Welcome Back Party at Hole in the Wall, and, Dusti Beaubien for her wonderful work for Done in a Day projects and volunteering opportunities.
- At the Power of the Purse luncheon this week, our League Club nominee Bunny Brooks was announced as a Woman of Initiative.

Minutes of the November 1, 2017 Board Meeting:

- Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Nancy Taylor, seconded by Dusti Beaubien, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Olson

- The Financial Committee held their first meeting to work on the budget for next year. They also discussed ways to expedite the collection of yearly member dues.

- The October financials were reviewed. She noted the yearly savings of ours just by purchasing the copier machine.
- **Mary Olson moved to remove the line item under Income in the current, Budget Donation to Operating, \$12,156 and the line item under Expenses of Balance of Operating Donation, \$12,156. This item should be placed on the Balance Sheet and labeled Restricted for Operations \$12,156. Melissa McClayton seconded the motion; passed unanimously.**
- The last newsletter fully explained IRS rules/requirements on gifts from family foundations. This affects our Circle of Friends donations. Gifts from foundations may be accepted by CoF, but luncheon/patron tickets must be purchased separately.
- The following resolution was presented:
- **BE IT RESOLVED THAT the past president, Margaret Brodeur, past Treasurer Thayer Caskey and past Treasurer Elect, Patricia Koenig no longer be signers for The League Club.**
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following Officers be registered as the appointed signers of the League Club Inc., accounts.**
 President – Elizabeth Winebrenner
 Treasurer – Mary L Olson
 Treasurer Elect – Karen Lutz
- **Nancy Taylor moved to accept these resolutions as presented; this was seconded by Mary Beth Jones and passed unanimously.**
- Mary also reminded members to fill out expense forms for reimbursement.

Membership – Denise Hadley

- There are six new members proposed this month:
 Betty Busey JL Affiliation: Northern Virginia
 Nancy Hower (Pelican Bay) JL Affiliation Akron, Ohio
 Lisa Marie Lange (Royal Harbor) JL Affiliation Dallas, TX
 Hazel Lemen (Pelican Landing) JL Affiliation Indianapolis, IN
 Lynda Rogers (Pelican Landing) JL Affiliation Toronto
 Sharon Sparrow (Vineyards) JL Affiliations Lexington & Louisville, KY
- **A motion to accept these six members was made by Barbara Ledinsky, seconded by Melissa McClayton, and passed unanimously.**
- Membership now stands at 602.
- The new members' coffee will be held February 2. Denise will purchase sliced fruit and pastries for the event.

CIC – Melissa McClayton

- CIC Orientation was held Wednesday, November 8th. Thirty-three members of CIC will visit 32 agencies. The requested amount from these agencies is \$321,510.40. We have \$306,576 to award this year. This is the amount left after the previously awarded \$43,000 to the Collier Comes Together Relief Fund.

- Next meeting will be held January 8th, 2018.

Development – Katherine Caskey

- Katherine reviewed the list of sponsors who have committed to financially support this year's fundraiser.
- A sponsor for the Briefcase Breakfast has been secured.
- Circle of Friends is now at \$204,000 with 116 members.
- It has been a difficult year for fundraising as many businesses have given their funds to aid the hurricane relief.
- Chris Inslee reviewed the PR for the fundraiser. She also announced this year's moderator: Kristen Coury, Founder and Artistic Director of Gulfshore Playhouse.

Fundraising – Gigi Stewart

- Our event Lesley Stahl: Her Stories Today is now only 2 ½ months away. Invitation responses are going well. Circle of Friends continues to strongly support this event. Meetings are scheduled with the Ritz regarding audio/video abilities, food selection/tastings, and stage décor. FineMark has met with Jenny Sutton regarding the Patron Party, and details regarding transportation to her home have been discussed.

VP Elect Community – Patti Hepburn

- The Briefcase Breakfast will be held at the Naples Beach Club. All details will be provided at our next board meeting.

Education – Mary Beth Jones

- Our General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7 at Kensington Country Club. There are 115 reservations. A holiday program will be given by the Barron Collier High School Vocal Ensemble.
- Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, January 12th at 4:30 P.M. at Grey Oaks. Mark Strain, Collier County Planning Commission Chairman, will be the speaker.

Events – Deirdre Benson

- Twenty-six members/guests attended the Clewiston Historical Museum and Raisin' Cane Tour held on Monday, November 13.
- Next event will be our dinner/dance at Naples Beach Hotel on January 24th. Guests may attend. Cost will be \$65 per person. Cash bar available.
- February 16th will be the Baker Museum Tour and Luncheon. Although the Baker Museum is temporarily closed due to the hurricane, the art exhibits are presented at the Artis. Our attendance will show our support of the museum during this difficult time.

Newsletter – Julie Wade

- Please submit articles for the winter newsletter as soon as possible.

Done in a Day – Dusti Beaubien

- *Holidays without Hunger*, a meal packing event for Meals of Hope, will be held on December 16th at the Ritz Carlton on Vanderbilt. Times are 9-11 and 1:30-3:30. Sign up on their website. Details will be included in our next EBlast.
- Salvation Army/Toys for Tots distribution will be held December 18th. Volunteer times are 9-noon or 1-4. Sign up with Dusti.
- At our January General Membership Meeting we will be collecting food items for the pantry at St. Matthew's House. A list of food items needed will be listed in an EBlast. If members would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks out to St. Matthew's House (note FOOD PANTRY).
- The League Club Food Packing Event will be held January 19th from 10-noon at Meals of Hope Warehouse. The goal is to pack 17,500 meals. We need 50 League members working for 2 hours to do this.
- Our volunteer hours to date are 187.
- Maxi pad donations are at \$1,244.

Endowment – Mary Lou Swartz

- Mary Lou met with Mary Olson and the finance committee to review the options presented by the Community Foundation to increase the return on the Endowment Fund. The committee chose a balance of Equity Index Funds and Fixed Income Funds, a 60/40 balance, which the committee felt was in keeping with their fiduciary responsibilities.
- J. McLaughlin is sponsoring a "Sip and Shop" on February 2nd from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. at both their Venetian Bay and Fifth Avenue locations. Fifteen percent of sales during this event will be given to the Endowment Fund.
- Members shopping on Amazon should be aware that by shopping on smile.amazon.com .5% of eligible purchases will automatically be given to The League Club Endowment Fund. After signing on to smile.amazon.com, select The League Club as the organization you wish to receive the contributions. Each month a check will be issued to The League Club.

Consent Agenda -

- Correspondence Takes Heart (Report Attached)

Other Business –

- Dusti Beaubien noted that the speaker at the Power of the Purse, Ann Curry, returned her speaker's fee to help women in need in our community.
- It was noted that mail has been received with previous officers listed. It was suggested that at the end of year change, agencies/organizations should be updated with a list of new officers/emails.

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lane, Recording Secretary