



General Membership Meeting
February 20, 2020
Colliers Reserve CC

Attendance 147

President Gigi Stewart called the business meeting to order at 11:30 AM. Reminded membership that February is National Heart month so our speaker today is very fitting as she presents "Living A Positive Life". Judith Belmont is a Health and Wellness coach. Reviewed the events coming up in next few months of 2020.

- February 29th from 5-7 PM is the Patron Party at the home of Janet and Jerry Belle located in Aqualane Shores. Buses will be running constantly from Trinity-by-the Cove.
- Fundraiser, Naples Tables Celebrate 2020 with Panache is sold out with 670 tickets sold and 67 designer's tables.
- Circle of Friends with 170 members has contributed \$310,500 plus.
- Design & Décor featured article this month covering our Naples Tables.
- Newsletter to arrive soon.
- Today's eyeglass collection will go to Lion's Club

Reports from Committee Chairs

Susan Harris Community Involvement Committee

- Two records have been set this year, 108 letters of intent and 45 agencies under review for grant proposals.
- 45 committee members invested over 2,000 hours to present the slate before you today.
- Another record was set this year, the largest Community Trust Fund ever with over \$420K which is a 23% increase over previous year. A special thanks for making this possible goes to 2019 Naples Tables and the generosity of last year's Circle of Friends.
- Recommended slate includes 44 agency projects representing an investment of \$415,387 into our community.
- 10 of the 44 agencies on the recommended slate have never received funds from TLC, many of these new agencies are start up nonprofits, some agencies are recommended

at full amount of request and others are recommended at partial amount based on CIC research and evaluation of the proposals.

- Impact the grants will have on Collier County and Lee County are:
 - 156,000 meals to combat hunger
 - 108,000 educational classes to secure a brighter future
 - 6,884 medical screenings, surgeries, prescriptions to improve health care for the uninsured or underinsured
 - 43,000 art and environmental experiences to enrich and protect our communities
 - Briefcase Breakfast, April 9, 2020 with presentation of grant checks
 - Proposed slate of Award Grants for 2019/20 attached at end of minutes

Motion made by Susan Harris to approve the Community Involvement Slate of Grant Awards for 2019/20. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Anne Drackett Thomas VP Communications

- 63 beautiful tables for Naples Tables, Celebrate 2020 with Panache, see them on social media, free marketing at its best.
- Since the initiation of Naples Tables in 2019 we have more than doubled our Facebook following, some of our designers are following us and sharing posts to their Facebook pages.
- Reaching Instagram users, we are reaching career professionals in a visually oriented world.

Denise Hadley presenting for Joan Lewis, VP Fundraising

- Designers are asking us for more table space.
- News of our Naples Tables traveling far, Atlanta magazine wants to cover our Naples Tables, Celebrate 2020 with Panache
- Sunday volunteers helping with set up should use self- parking lot
- Can always use more volunteers

Dusti Beaubien VP Events

- Recognized her Events Committee asking each in attendance to stand, a special thanks given for their hard work this year.
- March 11, 2020 annual bus trip to Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, so far 53 signed up and still room for more, if you wish to sign up use our website, bento box lunch served and following lunch shopping time at Snappy Turtle
- George Morikami, an elderly farmer, used his personal wealth to groom and then designate the land for the Japanese Gardens. George Morikami acquired much of the land that would become Morikami Park in the closing days of WWII. Almost 20 years later he began his campaign to give the land away and in 1973 Palm Beach County accepted his generous land gift.

Gail Reifsnnyder VP Community Liaison

- Some DIAD events have occurred in CIC funded agencies
- Upcoming DIAD events
February 28th Palm Cottage programs, Chickee Hut presents history of the Cove Inn, four volunteers are needed
March 5 and 6, ushering at Gulfshore Playhouse, six volunteers needed each evening
April 17th, Fun Time with Early Childhood Academy, 5 volunteers needed for pre-set activities with children five years of age

Nancy Taylor Area Meetings

- All Area Meetings are on March 10th from 4-6 PM and are attended by neighborhoods
- CIC member will be at each meeting to answer questions, long range planning committee member will be in attendance as well for suggestions
- Sign up with the following area leaders
- Marie Buckley, mmbuckley@cablone.net for Pelican Landing, Bonita Bay, Mediterra and all neighborhood north of Immokalee Rd.
- Betsy Barton, betsybart@hotmail.com for Grey Oaks, Moorings Park, Bears Paw, Marabella Lakes
- Lois Ziegler, LoisMZiegler@gmail.com for Stonebridge, Pelican Marsh and all neighborhoods south of Immokalee Rd., East of 41
- Suzie Kountz, kountzsuzanne@gmail.com for Park Shore
- Mary Lou Schwartz, marylouswartz@hotmail.com for Pelican Bay, Bay Colony, Vanderbilt Beach
- Karen Anderson, Karen_anderson239@yahoo.com for Moorings, Coquina Sands, Aqualane Shores, Old Naples, Port Royal, Marco Island, Lely

Diane Friscaro VP Membership

- To date we have 621 League Club members
- We welcome 14 members here today attending their first meeting, they are as follows:
Mary Babson, reinstated in 2019, Susan Blanton, Mary Kay Burke, Jane Detgen, (joined last year), Martha Ferguson, Samantha Gignac, Judy Kunisch, Cath Maslyn, Sandy Miller, Cathy Montross, Mary Murray, Karen Segal, Maribeth Smith, (joined last year), Myra Stromquist

Charlene Barnette Nominating

- Charlene thanked her nominating committee, Carol Fullerton, Patti Hepburn, Mary Beth Jones, Kathy Leyden, Susan Mainwaring and Lauree Personette
- Introduced new slate of Nominating Committee for 2020/21 as follows;
Chair, Gigi Stewart, Karen Anderson, Gina Finch, Mary Beth Jones, Joan Lewis, Annalinda Ragazzo, and Nancy Taylor
- Charlene introduced the new Slate of Officers and Elect Positions for 2020/21 as follows:

President Elect	Melissa McClayton
VP Communications	Ann Dietz
VP Education	Julianne Smith
VP Membership	Diane Friscaro
Recording Secretary	Andrea Stewart
Treasurer-Elect	Sharon Sparrow
VP Elect Community	Connie Godley
VP Elect Development	Donna Lindberg
VP Elect Fundraising Events	Ann Horton
- A single slate of nominees will be voted on by the membership at our annual meeting on April 14, 2020
- Additional nominations can be made providing the nominees have proper qualifications and the nominees' names given to Nominating Committee Chair at least 5 days in advance of the election
- The following officers were voted in place last spring for 2020/21:
President, Maria Lane; Treasurer, Karen Lutz; VP Community, Connie Mockenhaupt; VP Development, Maryanne Dignan; VP Fundraising, Denise Hadley

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 by President Gigi Stewart
Lunch was served

Susan Hickey, VP Education, introduced our speaker Judith Belmont. Judith has spent her professional life focusing on mental health and emotional wellness. She has been a national speaker for PESI, the largest continuing education provider for those practicing in the mental health area. Judith has written 7 books in the field of mental health and self-help. Her latest book is Embrace Your Greatness. Judith continues to speak and is a mental health coach through Skype.

Respectfully submitted
Donna Lindberg
Recording Secretary

