

# THE LEAGUE CLUB

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020  
Zoom Conference 9:30 AM EST

Minutes Approved on June 3, 2020

PRESENT: Maria Lane, Melissa McClayton, Ann Dietz, Connie Mockenhaupt, Maryanne Dignan, Julianne Smith, Denise Hadley, Diane Frisicaro, Karen Lutz, Sharon Sparrow, Patti Taylor, Donna Loomis, Mary Giannini, Anne Nagan, Julie Farah, Jane Kelly, Gina Finch, Sara Rawson, Sandy Snyder, Gigi Stewart, Connie Godley, Ann Horton, Andrea Stewart, Susan Hickey (office administrator)

EXCUSED: Donna Lindberg

## PRESIDENT REMARKS:

- Maria called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. As this was the first meeting of the year, Maria began the meeting by calling role call. Recording Secretary, Andrea Stewart, will do it in the future.
- Maria added Communications and Endowment reports to the agenda. She thanked everyone for their flexibility in these unusual times. TLC has 25 women on the Board, 10 of which are new. Because of the pandemic, traditional joint meetings, social events and orientations were cancelled. Hopefully, the orientation and other fun events will be held in part in the fall.
- She encouraged all to view the Florida Gulf Coast video, 'Best Practices for Nonprofit Leadership during the Current COVID-19 Pandemic'.

- Corrections to the Board Contact List--Donna Loomis' summer phone number should be 330-864-1533. Additionally, Mary Beth Jones, Future Planning Chair has resigned.
- Maria asked for a recent headshot from each Board member to be sent to her by June 30 for a Photo Board Contact Sheet.
- We are starting to work on the Directory and finishing up our Summer Newsletter. We will begin working on the Fall Newsletter soon.
- Maria also ensured the Board that The League Club is fully functioning, doing fine and gearing up for the season.

MINUTES: On April 1, Gigi Stewart was able to hold a meeting that electronically approved the March 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes.

#### TREASURERS REPORT: Karen Lutz

##### Background:

- There are three separate reports that will be sent out each month. Because we reconcile our numbers with our bank statements, the numbers are always one month behind.
- Board members received electronic copies of: Statement of Financial Position, Operating Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual and Fundraising 2020 Income and Expense Statement Summary. All were reviewed and explained by Karen. She had four motions presented for vote.

**Motion: Approve all three financial statements as presented.**

Made by Karen Lutz. Seconded by Julianne Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion: Be it resolved that Past President Georgan Stewart and Past Treasurer Suzanne Kountz be removed as signers of all The League Club, Inc. bank accounts.**

Made by Karen Lutz. Seconded by Denise Hadley. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Motion: Be it resolved that the following League Club officers be appointed as (or continue as) signers of all The League Club, Inc. bank accounts: Maria Lane, President; Melissa McClayton, President-Elect; Karen Lutz,**

**Treasurer; and Sharon Sparrow, Treasurer-Elect.**

Made by Karen Lutz. Seconded by Connie Mockenhaupt. The motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, Karen discussed that about 100 members have not yet paid their annual dues which is a higher number than last year.

**Motion: Due to the challenging times, I move that the Standing Rule regarding Financial Obligations be changed for this year only to allow for the payment of dues until June 1st (instead of May 1st) before a delinquency fee of \$25 is added.**

Made by Karen Lutz. Seconded by Diane Frisicaro. The motion passed unanimously.

## ACTIVE AGENDA

MEMBER CHALLENGE: Maria Lane

Background:

- Several League Club women have joined together to present an opportunity to support Lee and Collier Counties through a two week Member Challenge. For every dollar donated, there will be a match up to \$10,000. This one-time pandemic relief donation will be used to stock the shelves of local food pantries. On Friday, May 1, our Executive Board met and approved the Member Challenge and designated the recipients of the donations: St. Matthew's Pantry (50%) and Harry Chapin Food Bank (Lee County 25%, Collier County 25%). An email was sent to the membership on May 1 and as of May 6, \$16,150 has been donated.

**Motion: Recommend we ratify the motion approved by the Executive Board which accepted the Member Challenge offered by a group of TLC members with proceeds to be divided equally between St Matthew's Pantry and Harry Chapin Food Bank.**

Made by Anne Nagan. Seconded by Julianne Smith. The vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY FUND: Maria Lane

Background:

- The Collier Comes Together Fund is designed to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity to address the outbreak as effectively as possible. Donations to this fund will help us address urgent needs such as food, medical expenses, rent, and lost income.
- We have a strong alliance with Community Foundation and previously donated \$10,000 after Hurricane Irma. They are well respected in our community for their ability to meet and understand the current needs of a crisis.

**Motion- Recommend that we use the 2020-2021 Emergency Fund of \$10,000 as a donation to Collier Comes Together - Corona virus Relief Fund.**

Made by Connie Mockenhaupt. Seconded by Diane Frisicaro. The vote was unanimous.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Diane Frisicaro

Diane presented six new applicants. They are Leilani Brenner, Michele Eisele, Linda Fifield, Denise Hale, Susan Layton, and Kathleen “Kathy” Weaver.

**Motion: Move to accept the applications of the above woman for membership to The League Club.**

Made by Diane Frisicaro. Seconded by Gigi Stewart. The vote was unanimous.

We have resignations from the following: Laura Barry (2007), Ruth Condit (2004), Michelle Curtin (2007), Diana Eddy (2003), Marilyn “DeeDee” Harris (2001), Maureen Klepper (2015), Hazel Lemen (2017), Fifi Mac Mahon (1999), Heidi Margulis (2005), Ann Platter (2007), Nancy Ragan (2002), Kathleen “Kathe” Rhinesmith (2014), Lynda Rogers (2017), Margaret Ruehling (2018), Karen Schmidt (2019), Francine “Fran” Tuite (1989), Veronica Winwood (2018)

In general these resignations fall into three categories, members that are moving, not active and health.

**Motion: Move to accept with regret the resignation of the above seventeen women.**

Made by Diane Friscaro. Seconded by Jane Kelly. The vote was unanimous.

As of May 6, 2020 there are 612 members.

COMMUNICATION: Ann Dietz

If anything on the Website needs to be changed or updated, please notify Ann directly and if we are mentioned in the press, Ann should be notified.

COMMUNITY: Connie Mockenhaupt

- Initial interest in CIC was great but due to the Corona virus, recent responses to the letter sent to those members that had expressed interest in joining CIC has come to a halt. The goal is to have a 35 member team. Further discussion might need to take place next month.
- The Grant Award Program announcement will be made next month.
- We have begun working with Laura Simalink who is seen on the video previously mentioned from Gulf Coast. She has been very helpful in identifying next year's needs in Lee and Collier Counties of the various non-profits. This month we will be working with Bold Solutions to put more of the work that CIC does on line with a goal of having all work completed by fall 2020.

FUNDRAISING: Denise Hadley

- This year was a huge success, and although we had all our ducks in a row for 2021, everything is now at a stand still. Issues with social distancing, travel and large events are all presently on hold. Other non-profits are in the same situation and some are researching virtual events. We will need to wait to see what happens with our health as well as economy.

DEVELOPMENT: Maryanne Dignan

- Thanks to Sally Kellogg for her work last year. As Fundraising is basically on hold, so is Development. It's hard to predict what will happen to both. It might be different this year, but confident that we will all work hard to make it happen.

ENDOWMENT: Julie Farah

- The Endowment Fund as of March 31, 2020 was \$218,882.02.
- \$3,040.85 was added in March. This number comes from \$1,355.85 from the J McLaughlin sale and \$1,685.00 from 11 members.

INTEREST GROUPS: Sara Rawson

- Sara thanked Gina Finch was going such a great job.
- First thing we did was to reach out to all the different Interest groups to get an update and see who was planning on continuing. In the future, if in fact we can't meet, is there some support we can provide such as hosting having virtual groups on line. A redo to the website presentation was done to read more clearly and that all groups have the same information. We are working to get more members involved. We are also trying to capture our new members, which can be a tough group to get involved. In new member packets, there will be a New Interest Group Form. The idea would be as the new members group progresses that class would keep their group going.

**Motion: Move to accept the formation of a group for new members for 'Just Plain Friendship Building'.**

Proposed by Sara Rawson. Seconded by Anne Nagan. The vote was unanimous.

EVENTS: Jane Kelly

- On September 1, we will take a good look to determine if we can have our two fall events and other large events we have planned for the remaining of the 2020/2021 year.

EDUCATION: Julianne Smith

- Thanked Susan Hickey for the great work she did last year.
- There are several plans to continue Education:  
Plan A- Virtual Plan B- Coffee chats with Maria Plan C –Renting space at a church or movie theater and filling it at 1/3 capacity. Idea would be to charge to cover costs only. Plan D- Open to other ideas which they are eager to hear.

#### COMMUNITY LIAISON: Mary Giannini

- We are hoping to continue Done In A Day projects, which are difficult because they have always been very hands on. Looked into virtual volunteering with little success. A plan to start of small committee is underway to put together a list of Done in a Day projects, which we are assuming we will be allowed to do so. Eva's Closet, an organization we funded is very interested in doing a project with us.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

#### OFFICE: Susan Hickey

- Susan is working very busily from home. Calling her cell is the best way to reach her. Officially working Monday – Thursday, but it usually runs in Friday and she is available to do so. Most calls on the office line are about dues. A phone blitz to remind those members that haven't yet paid will help because many members do not go on the website where they can easily pay. In regard to Interest Groups, she recommends that we put all events when possible, on the website calendar and also send more e-blasts. She wants to remind us that if we know people that are possibly interested in The League Club, our application is on the opening page of the website.
- In the future, all Board reports should be sent to Andrea Stewart (Recording Secretary), Maria Lane (President) and TLC Office (Susan Hickey).

Maria encouraged anyone with questions to feel free to contact her, especially in these unusual times.

The meeting ended at 10:35AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Stewart  
Recording Secretary

