



Board Meeting Conference Call  
April 10, 2020  
9:30 AM

Present on Conference Call: Gigi Stewart, Maria Lane, Suzie Kountz, Anne Drackett Thomas, Susan Harris, Sally Kellogg, Susan Hickey, Joan Lewis, Diane Friscaro, Karen Lutz, Dusti Beaubien, Charlene Barnette, Maryanne Dignan, Melissa McClayton, Connie Mockenhaupt, Annalinda Ragazzo, Gail Reifsnyder, Heidi Varsames, Sherry Whelan, Donna Lindberg  
Absent: Gina Finch, Denise Hadley, Mary Beth Jones, Sharon Sparrow, Nancy Taylor

Gigi Stewart called meeting to order at 9:33 AM, roll call taken. Phone conference called for the purpose of voting on recommendation from Community Involvement Committee on how we should now proceed with the grant monies.

Gigi pointed out there was a quarter page ad celebrating \$415,387 given to 44 agencies in April 9<sup>th</sup>, Naples Daily News on page 9A.

**\$415,387 in Grants Awarded This Month Over \$5 Million in Philanthropic Giving Since 1987**

Grants awarded on April 9th to 44 area nonprofits by The League Club, Inc. of Naples, Florida total \$415,387 to provide 156,000 meals to combat hunger; 108,009 opportunities to enhance education of at-risk students with classes, tutoring, academic support and job training; 6884 medical screenings, treatments, surgeries and prescriptions to improve healthcare; 43,000 experiences to cultivate the arts and protect the environment.

Anne has prepared another half page for Naples Daily News, April 13, 2020 edition. It will be an extension of previous ad listing all agencies receiving grants. There will be a separate press release on April 15, 2020.

**Motion was made by Connie Mockenhaupt to accept the CIC recommendation that all nonprofit organizations receiving a grant in 2020 may use the money as unrestricted funds in order to provide basic humanitarian needs. The organizations are therefore not required to spend the grant money on the specific project proposal they submitted to CIC.**

Gigi asked that along with this proposal Connie present background information. Connie said she has been following closely how other agencies, specifically Richard M. Schultz Family Foundation and Collier County Community Foundation, and how they are reacting to COVID-19 and the community needs. The overall goal of these foundations is to be proactive and find ways that are helpful to the agencies during these challenging times.

Gigi called for comments, questions, discussion. No discussion followed.

**Motion on the floor to approve the recommendation.** Vote yea or nay taken, passed unanimously. No second needed. Abstaining from vote are Gigi Stewart, Susan Hickey, Sharon Sparrow, Susan Harris

Motion stands and we will now move forward. Susan will send checks out today accompanied by a letter using the same verbiage as motion notifying agencies they may use the money as unrestricted funds in order to provide basic humanitarian needs. CIC will also request a final report in order for CIC to track how the grant money was spent. Follow up email will also be sent communicating this message.

President's next weekly E-Blast will announce the above to the membership. Gigi announced motion will also need to be ratified at the next General Membership meeting. Thank you was given to Susan and Connie for being forward thinking and for taking needed action during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Conference call adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Lindberg  
TLC Recording Secretary