



February General Membership Meeting  
February 23, 2021  
Zoom Conference Meeting  
11:00 AM

President Maria Lane Arends called the business meeting to order at 11:00 AM with 94 members participating in the Zoom meeting. Maria announced we would not have the break-out rooms this meeting due to number of reports to be presented but we will resume the well-received break out rooms next meeting. After Connie Mockenhaupt's presentation an especially important vote will be taken.

**Community Involvement Committee (CIC)**

**Connie Mockenhaupt**

- Connie reminded members the importance of today's vote as it represents the full circle of the generosity of Circle of Friends, TLC members, the Minor League, and our corporate partners.
- From the screening committee to the 25 women committed to a vastly different process this year due to COVID 19, each has worked tirelessly to the commitment of fiduciary responsibility.
- 2021 represents TLC's 35<sup>th</sup> season as a grant giving organization
- The 23 non-profit agencies from Collier and Lee counties presented today represent a \$325,561 investment in our community. These 23 grants will:
  - enhance education for 2,720 students
  - provide healthcare and emergency shelter for 1,200 people
  - combat hunger with 141,042 meals
- Connie introduced the proposed slate of 2021 grants.

**Community Involvement Committee Slate of Proposed  
2021 Grant Awards**

**THE  
LEAGUE CLUB**  
COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>2021 Award</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Alliance for Period Supplies of SWFL	\$ 18,144	Purchase 201,600 maxi pads, a 3 month supply for 2,800 economically disadvantaged women/girls
Baby Basics of Collier County, Inc.	\$ 12,675	1 year supply of diapers for 33 babies of low-income working families
Blessings in a Backpack SWFL	\$ 17,250	2-day weekend food for 150 children, preK-age 5, at Golden Gate Elementary for the school year
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.	\$ 10,000	Buy fresh produce and bulk items for 1,000 families in East Naples for two months
Collier Health Services, Inc./ Sr. Veronica Fund	\$ 20,000	Provide Healthcare for 285 low income uninsured patients in Collier County
Collier Senior Resources	\$ 20,000	Provide one-time financial assistance of up to \$300 for medical expenses, rent/mortgage for 80 at-risk elderly women
Community Cooperative Inc.	\$ 15,000	Provide 5,000 meals for food insecure women, children and elderly and purchase 17,000 meal trays
Guadalupe Center, Inc.	\$ 20,000	Support 1,400 Immokalee students (after-school tutoring, summer enrichment & TudorCorps)
Guardian ad Litem Foundation, 20th Judicial Circuit, Inc.	\$ 10,000	Provide partial funds for basic necessities (beds, food, diapers, tutoring, technology equipment) for 650 children
Harry Chapin Food Bank of SWFL	\$ 20,000	Provide 667 monthly nutritionally balanced food kits for seniors with low incomes
Meals of Hope	\$ 20,000	Provide materials/supplies for 80,000 fortified meals for the backpacks of hungry at- risk students in Collier & Lee Counties
NAMI Collier County, Inc.	\$ 10,000	Supplement the NAMI Emergency Care Fund to help 100 families in need of mental health treatment, medications, food & housing assistance
<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>2021 Award</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Naples Senior Center at JFCS, Inc.	\$ 10,000	Provide 2100 hot lunches & 4200 bags of food on a weekly basis to 156 vulnerable food insecure seniors
New Horizons of Southwest Florida	\$ 20,000	Purchase 40 computers to serve 400 children in K-6th grades at 9 sites in Collier & Lee Counties
Pace Center for Girls, Inc.	\$ 4,700	Provide materials used by cognitive behavioral therapists serving 80 girls who have experienced trauma & victimization
Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida	\$ 4,800	Loan tablets to 100 at-risk seniors so they can access Parkinson's classes virtually via zoom during the pandemic

Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc.	\$ 12,000	No-cost breast screening, diagnostic mammograms and ultrasounds for 185 low- income uninsured women
Physician Led Access Network of Collier County (PLAN)	\$ 10,000	Prescriptions and lab services for 700 low-income, uninsured at-risk women and elderly in Collier County
Redlands Christian Migrant Association	\$ 20,000	Provide 40 migrant farm worker families (200 people) with food, diapers, formula, sanitation supplies, rent & utility assistance
St. Matthew's House	\$ 20,000	Provide food for 5,246 people through the St. Matt's Mobile Pantry
St. Vincent de Paul Society, Naples District Council, Inc.	\$ 20,000	Provide food for 250 people suffering from food insecurity due to Covid-19
The Naples Players, Inc.	\$ 18,000	Serve 32 kids using theatre therapy the tools for coping and moving beyond the COVID crisis in school, work & home
Valerie's House, Inc.	\$ 20,000	Provide 150 grieving families support through counseling, family assistance fund & connection to family resources

Total \$ 352,561

- Upon unanimous recommendation of CIC and the Board of Directors Connie made motion for approval, **I move that we accept the slate of proposed 2021 grant awards.** Motion passed.

Maria thanked the CIC for the tremendous thought and tireless effort put into this year.

#### **FUNDRAISING DENISE HADLEY**

- A thank you to everyone who made a contribution to help our community in its time of need.
- We are at the end of 3 month period and it is count down time, donations will come to an end on March 1, 2021 for "Serving Our Community in Its Time of Need".
- March 8, 2021, the original date for Naples Tables will see the release of a second video.
- Maria thanked Chris Inslee, Anne Thomas and Melanie DiLeo for their work on the video, Naples Tables 2021.

#### **DEVELOPMENT MARYANNE DIGNAN**

- Thank you to Donna Loomis, Liz Winebrenner and their committee for their hard work and to the Circle of Friends' 153 Members who contributed \$367,147.
- March 5,2021 the Development Committee will meet to firm up the list of business sponsors with a sum near \$30,000 at this point.

- Maryanne thanked Circle of Friends and business partners for their commitment to The League Club.

**AREA MEETINGS      PATTI TAYLOR**

- Patti announced we will gather on March 23, 2021 at 4:00 PM via Zoom for our Membership and Area Meetings. Business first and then we will divide into Breakout rooms by zip code and neighborhoods for Area Meetings.
- Focus will be to look to the club's future both near and far.
- Breakout groups are meant to aid in introducing you to new trends, new interest groups and be a time of fellowship and fun.

**DONE IN A DAY (DIAD)      MARY GIANNINI**

- 4 opportunities left in February and March
- February 25, 10 AM to Noon, Food Drive for Harry Chapin Food Bank, drop off locations on Monday morning's Eblast.
- March 18, 2021 food drive for St. Vincent de Paul (location on Monday's Eblast closer to date)
- March 31, 2021, Gulfshore Playhouse needs 3 volunteers (contact Mary)
- March 29, 2021, drive for the Alliance for Period Supplies. Details to follow as Alliance is able to buy supplies at a discount price.

**NOMINATING      GIGI STEWART (Maria Lane Arends presenting for Gigi)**

- Thank you to Gigi and her committee, Gina Finch, Karen Anderson, Mary Beth Jones, Nancy Taylor, Joan Lewis, Annalinda Ragazoo, Sandy Lasch
- Slate of officers presented to be voted on at Membership Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> with additional nominations made by members up to 5 days prior to the vote on April 12, 2021.

**SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEARS 2021-2022/ MELISSA MCCLAYTON PRESIDENT**

1. President- Elect.....Denise Hadley
2. Vice President/Communications .....Michelle Thomas
3. Vice President/ Education.....Claire Hopkins
4. Vice President/Membership.....Marie Buckley
5. Vice President Development.....Diane Frisicaró
6. Recording Secretary.....Mary Ann Lillie

7. Vice President-Elect Community.....Judy Eissner
8. Vice President -Elect Development.....Donna Lindberg
9. Vice President-Elect Fundraising Events.....Andrea Stewart
10. Treasurer -Elect.....Julie Farah
11. Nominating Committee.....Maria Lane/Chair

Maria adjourned Business Meeting at 11: 25 AM and introduced Education Chair, Julianne Smith

**EDUCATION      JULIANNE SMITH**

- Julianne introduced our guest speaker, Eileen Connelly-Kessler, CEO and President of the Community Foundation of Collier County. This is Eileen's ninth year of leading the Community Foundation.
- Eileen spoke on the status of non-profits in our area. She thanked TLC for our monies and our commitment to the community.

Meeting ended at 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted  
Donna Lindberg for Andrea Stewart, Recording Secretary