

BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021  
Zoom  
9:30 AM ET  
Approved

PRESENT: Melissa McClayton, Denise Hadley, Michelle Thomas, Judy Eissner, Diane Friscaro, Donna Lindberg, Ann Horton, Andrea Stewart, Marie Buckley, Sharon Sparrow, Julie Farah, Mary Ann Lillie, Donna Loomis, Susan Harris, Gigi Stewart, Charlene Barnette, Lindy Thomas, Sara Werder, Kathy Layden, Liz Winebrenner, Connie Fuller, Maria Lane Arends, Katy Bowen (Office Administrator)

ABSENT: Connie Godley, Claire Hopkins, Suzie Kountz

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Melissa McClayton called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. She introduced Katy Bowen, the new Office Administrator. Melissa thanked Denise Hadley, Mary Ann Lillie, Sharon Sparrow and Julie Farah for assisting with the interview process. She also thanked Maria Lane Arends for her help with the new website; Donna Loomis for her help with the directory; and Liz Winebrenner for her help in tracking member vaccinations.

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING: After a call for comments or changes, none were made.

**MOTION: I move to approve the September 1, 2021 Board Meeting minutes as presented.**

Made by Susan Harris. Seconded by Liz Winebrenner

The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sharon Sparrow presented the financials as of August 31, 2021 including the Statement of Financial Position, Operating Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual, and Fundraiser 2021 Income and Expense Summary.

**MOTION: On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, I move that the August 31, 2021 financials be accepted as presented.**

Made by Sharon Sparrow.

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVE AGENDA:

MEMBERSHIP: Marie Buckley introduced 2 new applicants and 1 reinstatement applicant.

**MOTION: I move that the applications of Mary (Beth) Amer and Patricia Warnken be approved as presented.**

**MOTION: I move that the application of reinstatement of Teresa Brugger be approved as presented.**

Made by Marie Buckley. Seconded by Maria Lane Arends.

The motions passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept with regret the resignations in good standing of: Kellian Hutchinson, Genevieve Adsit, Elizabeth Caskey, Susan Damm, Carol Gillig, Diane Hollister, Susan Kearney, Kaisa Lenz, Sharon Purdie, Tess Scalise, L. Patt Schneider, Louise Urick, Pam Wiehl, Mary Ann Zink, Marcia Mitchell.**

Made by Marie Buckley. Seconded by Gigi Stewart.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move to remove June Kroeschell from the list of resignations in good standing and refer her name to Future Planning for further discussion.

Made by Marie Buckley. Seconded by Maria Lane Arends.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move we approve dropping from membership for non-payment of dues: Ann Kahn, Kathleen Lassus, Lynn Shafer, Virginia Thiele, Helen Bechtold, Lillis Beihl, Jane Crosby, Regina Foley, Susan Morrison, Andrea Tinucci, Candyce Warnick, Rosamond Wyche.

Made by Marie Buckley. Seconded by Susan Harris.

The motion passed unanimously.

Membership totals October 6, 2021 after all motions:

Previous Membership:	592
Plus New Members:	3
Minus Resignations:	15
Deferred Action:	1
Minus Dropped Non-Payment	12
Membership Total:	567

**COMMUNITY LIAISON:** Susan Harris

Susan Harris presented 3 Done-In-A-Day opportunities at Golisano Children's Museum, Valerie's House, and Historic Palm Cottage. All focus on some aspect of the arts. Sign ups will open next week.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Diane Friscaro

Diane reported that there are 14 cash donors and 5 in kind donors to date for a total of \$104,500.

\$55,500 has been received so far with other donors paying in 2022.

**FUNDRAISING:** Ann Horton

Invitations for Naples Tables 2022 should go out November 1, 2021. The program book is in progress and there are 20 committed tables.

**EVENTS:** Lindy Thomas

Lindy reported on the Girl's Night Out scheduled for October 27, 2021 at Ridgway's Bar and Grill. She also mentioned a special event hosted by FGCU on November 5. The Welcome Back event has been moved to January 14, 2022, with additional events scheduled for February and April. Lindy gave a shout out to Julie Blanton for her assistance with event planning.

**ENDOWMENT:** Charlene Barnette

Charlene reported that a tribute gift in memory of Sue Benson's husband, Richard, was received this month from 20 past presidents and the current president. The Endowment Fund grew \$3,682 this month for an ending balance on August 31, 2021 of \$305,038. On January 21, 2022, the annual Sip and Shop will be held at J. McLaughlin at Venetian Village, with 15% of sales to our members being donated to the Endowment Fund.

**FUTURE PLANNING:** Liz Winebrenner

Liz said that Future Planning will be holding their first meeting and will discuss topics to address. Please let her know if you have topics for discussion.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: Donna Loomis/Liz Winebrenner

Donna reported that as of this date, there are 8 members of Circle of Friends for 2022, with total contributions of \$48,500. They would like to thank Maria Lane Arends for the work she has done to produce a document online to facilitate tracking of Circle of Friends members for the year but also helping them to begin organizing seating for Naples Tables 2022. Online registration aligns with the response card for the upcoming fundraiser.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Gigi Stewart

From September 1, 2021 to October 6, 2021, 3 sympathy cards were sent to members. In addition, 1 thank you note was sent for a CTF donation.

COVID DISCUSSION FOLLOWUP: Melissa McClayton/Sara Werder

Melissa reported that member responses to the Covid policy have been mostly positive. Sara reported on the Florida law and possible penalties for enforcing a mask mandate. She stated that other Florida entities like GNL and Arthrex were also following a mask mandate. There is also a consideration of bad publicity from fines or penalties.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REMARKS: Denise Hadley

Denise welcomed Katy Bowen and briefly described the training Katy was receiving from both Denise and Maria Lane Arends. Denise also read a thank you note from Susan Hickey for the gift given to her by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The November Board meeting will be held in person at FineMark Bank. Masks will be worn. Please send a copy of your vaccination to Liz Winebrenner.

The meeting was adjourned by President Melissa McClayton.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Lillie  
Recording Secretary