



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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Thursday, November 12, 2020
Zoom Conference Call 11 AM
APPROVED

Maria Lane Arends opened the meeting at 11 AM and introduced Julianne Smith, VP of Education, who welcomed everyone to the first general meeting of The League Club on Zoom. Julianne reviewed the basics of Zoom to those who were online and emphasized patience as we are all learning new technology.

Annual Meeting

Past-President Gigi Stewart began by reviewing the year. Although some events were cancelled, many milestones were accomplished:

- Donated \$10,000 to Meals of Hope from the Emergency Trust Fund to feed the needy.
- Welcomed the second Naples Tables, "Celebrate 2020 with Panache".
- Enjoyed many social gatherings such as the summer luncheon, Black & White and Thursday Night and Welcome Back parties.
- Held membership meetings with record attendance and varied topics including Social Media Savvy, Health and Wellness, and the Songs of the Seasons.
- Volunteered our time at Empty Bowls, Meals of Hope, Valerie's House Gulf Shore Players and others.
- Welcomed 41 new members and now the membership stands at 623.
- Grew the Endowment Fund to \$218,500.
- Updated our technology and continue to do so.

- Continue to have the support of the minor League under the Presidency of Bob Gester.

Gigi thanked her Board and stated there were four motions to approve.

MOTION: I move to approve the April 9, 2019 Annual membership Meetings minutes.

Made by Donna Lindberg. Seconded by Gerri McCarthy.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Finance Committee proposes the total operating budget for 2020/2021 to be \$107,650 based on membership of 610 members.

MOTION: I move to approve the proposed budget for 2020/2021.

Made by Susie Kountz

The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: I move to approve a change of grant funds for agencies to unrestricted.

This was a recommendation by CIC and approved by the Executive Committee under the Governor's Emergency Act due to the Covid pandemic.

Made by Susan Harris. Seconded by Julianne Smith.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Last year's Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the 2020/2021 to the Board of Directors at the February meeting. The slate of Officers has been presented to the membership in the Newsletter and several EBlasts.

MOTION: I move that we accept the slate of officers for 2021 as presented.

Made by Charlene Barnette.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Exchange of President's Badges.

Maria and Gigi met privately to exchange The League Club Presidential badges.

Gigi Stewart was given the green badge which indicates she is a past president.

Maria Lane Arends was given the President's badge. Both expressed gratitude and thanked the membership.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Maria took the “podium” and stated we must embrace the changes we are all faced with because of Covid restrictions. Every aspect of our club has been affected including introduction of our new Board which has been done through our weekly E-Blasts.

To highlight some of our changes, a few Board members reported to the membership.

Done in a Day (DIAD) -Mary Gianinni.

There are two November events.

The Salvation Army. Toys for Tots is only asking for monetary donation as no toys will be collected this year. The deadline for gift cards is November 23.

St Mathews Food Drive. There are three drop off points for collection on November 17. The weekly E-Blast gives the details of the three locations.

Development -Maryanne Dignan

We have four sponsors to date:

FineMark, a Premier Sponsor at \$10,000

John R. Wood and The minor League both Supporting Sponsor at \$5,000

WAVV Radio a Gold Sponsor at \$2500

Florida Gold Coast University a Silver Sponsor at \$1500

Circle of Friends (CoF) - Donna Loomis and Liz Winebrenner

CoF started 16 years ago by Sue Benson with 14 members rising \$35,000.

In 2020 172 CoF members contributed \$309,554 making the grand total \$2,474,238.00.

Everyone is asked to consider joining Circle of Friends. This year every penny donated is tax deductible, and for the first time, a commemorative book will be published this year. Look for a packet to be mailed soon which includes an invitation to join the group.

Fundraising- Denise Hadley

After a busy summer discussing options for a fundraiser, the committee decided to have an online mail-in fundraising campaign “Serving Our Community in Its Time of Need.” Look for a few surprises in the invitation.

Community Involvement Committee - Connie Mockenhaupt

Last June, invitations were sent to 112 non-profits in Collier and Lee counties. 65 agencies submitted Letters of Intent (LOI). A screening committee reviewed the LOI’s and voted on asking 25 agencies to submit a formal proposal. All 25 proposals have been received. On December 3, the committee will begin its challenging work to review the proposals. All site visits will be held virtually. Thanks to many, TLC will distribute up to \$355,000 to fund projects that will provide education, food, health care and shelter to the underserved woman, children and elderly in Collier and Lee counties.

The business part of The League Club’s Annual meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M

Julianne Smith, VP of Education, introduced our speaker, Gerri McCarthy, who has been a member since 2014. Gerri gave us a 30-minute presentation titled ‘Early History of Naples and Southwest Florida.’

After Gerri’s presentation, a video in commendation of Gigi Stewart’s year as president was shown. Thanks to Nancy Taylor for her work helping to put the video together.

The next meeting of The League club will be January 14, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Stewart, Recording Secretary

