



Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich, Library Room, 4 Horseneck Lane

In attendance and present: Donna Byrnes, Karen Chaplin, Elizabeth Angelone, Grace Djuranovic, Nicole Kwasniewski, Daniel Fitzgerald, Erin McCall, Diane Viton, Eva Maria Janerus, Frank Carpenteri, Eileen Kim, Nancy Weissler, Joui Hessel, William Finger, Mario Forlini, Brook Urban, Nisha Hurst, Nancy Kail, Kathleen Burgweger, Anne Sherrerd, Jaime Eisenberg

Not in attendance: Pamela Fornero

Total Board Members in attendance in person or via phone: 21 out of a possible 22.

Staff Attending: Jeremy Nappi, David Rabin, Dimitra Skroubelos.

Welcome/Comments – Anne Sherrerd, Board Chair

Anne Sherrerd called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich.

Anne asked that everyone please RSVP to Dimitra when she sends out the Board packet. Anne announced that the October Board Meeting and Retreat is tentatively planned to begin at 5:30pm and the location is still to be determined. Anne also asked that Board members plan for two-hour Board meetings going forward. Given that we only have nine meetings a year, she's finding it difficult to fit the business that the Board must attend to, as well as opportunities for meaningful discussions, into an hour-and-a-half each month.

Anne announced that there would be a SWOT exercise if time permitted at the end of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Daniel Fitzgerald, Secretary

Daniel Fitzgerald presented the minutes of the July 18th Board Meeting to the Board.

Daniel Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes. William Finger seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report - David Rabin, CEO

David Rabin informed the Board that the CEO Report is posted on the portal. David reviewed highlights from his report. David noted that there were seven Tocqueville gifts that came in after the report was created. David asked the Board for any questions regarding the CEO Report.

Finance – Eileen Kim, Vice Chair

Eileen shared her report was on the portal. Eileen informed the Board enthusiastically that the Greenwich United Way earned a third star on Charity Navigator. Eileen reviewed several highlights from the Finance report and asked the Board for any questions.

Fund Development and Marketing – Diane Viton, Vice Chair

Gala Report – Nicole Kwasniewski, Gala Co-Chair

Nicole Kwasniewski stated that there would be a Gala Patron party tomorrow and there were 185 tickets sold for the Gala on October 13th. Nicole shared that there are 20 high value auction items. Jeremy Nappi reported that the high value auction items have historically brought in 10-15 thousand dollars. Jeremy also stated that corporate underwriting was at 32-35 thousand dollars as of now. Kathleen Burgweger asked if the report provided net sales and Jeremy clarified that the report showed net sales.

Discussion ensued.

Community Impact – William Finger, Vice Chair

Direct Impact Programs Committee – Nancy Weissler, Chair

Anne Sherrerd introduced David Rabin to give an update on the Direct Impact Programs. David Rabin reviewed his notes regarding challenges with community partners, specifically Family Centers and the Department of Human Services (DHS) of the Town of Greenwich. With regard to ECAGS, both staff and Board members have had to spend large amounts of time and effort ensuring that Family Centers is complying with the terms of our contract. David reported that DHS was showing resistance regarding the Human Services Technology Solutions (HSTS) program. DHS is a critical partner in order for HSTS to be successful, so the uncertainty of the department's participation threatens the viability of the program. Nancy Weissler provided background information on both programs and the community partners. David and Nancy both stated that we are confident we can work through the challenges with Family Centers. The HSTS situation is less certain. Anne informed the Board that we would continue to keep them updated on these challenges.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Community Planning Council Report – Joui Hessel, Chair

William Finger introduced Joui Hessel to present the Community Planning Council report. Joui also made the following motion:

I move that the Greenwich United Way Board of Directors approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Greenwich United Way and the Community Planning Council as posted on the portal.

William Finger seconded it and the motion was approved unanimously.

Grants– Donna Byrnes, Vice Chair

William Finger introduced Donna Byrnes to present the Grants Committee report to the Board members. Donna stated that the Community Investment Process (CIP) was beginning its first phase. Donna informed the Board that training had begun for approximately 15 volunteers and more volunteers were to be recruited. Donna reviewed the CIP timeline and informed the Board that there was a revision in the application process regarding criteria and application submittals. Donna thanked Grace Djuranovic for promoting the CIP through social media connections.

Discussion ensued.

There being no New Business, Anne Sherrerd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Finger made the motion. Nancy Weissler seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

An Executive Session followed the Board Meeting.