



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
Zoom Conference Call

Present (24): Shari Aser, Karen Chaplin, Hagar Chemali, Grace Djuranovic, Tim Drinkall, Jaime Eisenberg, Laura Erickson, William Finger, Dan Fitzgerald, Mario Forlini, Debra Hess, Joui Hessel, Eva Maria Janerus, Eileen Kim, Cait Kraus-Long, Nicole Kwasniewski, John Maus, Erin McCall, JP Muir, Karen Scrivanos Oztemel, Kirsten Riemer, Laurie Tropiano, Diane Viton, Nancy Weissler

Absent (1): Angela Swift

Total Board Attendance: 24 out of 25

Staff Attending: David Rabin, Jeremy Nappi, Misha Young

**Meeting called to order by Eileen Kim, Board Chair at 6:01pm.**

**Welcome & Announcements – Eileen Kim, Board Chair**

Kudos to Board and staff members for continuing the mission and vision of G UW during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Approval of Minutes – William Finger, Secretary**

Bill made a motion to approve the February 2020 Board meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nicole Kwasniewski. The motion passed unanimously.

**CEO Report – David Rabin, CEO**

The full report available for review on the G UW board portal.

- 6-month lease extension approved for payment protection through CARES Act
- Paid \$333 to participate Connecticut COVID Coalition

**Nominating – Grace Lockhart Djuranovic, Vice Chair**

**Vote to Add Community Volunteer to Nominating Committee**

*“Be it resolved that Sergio Forlini be added to the Greenwich United Way’s Nominating Committee as a Community Volunteer beginning today through the 2021 Annual Meeting.”*

Motion by Grace Lockhart Djuranovic and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eva Maria Janerus. The motion passed unanimously. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5/28/2020 at 3pm.



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**Finance – Debra Hess, Vice Chair**

Eva Maria Janerus, Audit Committee Chair, reviewed highlights of the 2018 990 form. She noted the importance to have separate committees for Finance and Audit, but conducting joint meetings fosters good communication. A special thanks to Pam Fornero for continuing to serve on the Audit committee for continuity.

***Vote to Approve 990***

**Whereas, the Audit Committee has met with the Finance Committee and Management to approve the Greenwich United Way 990 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019;**

**And whereas, the Audit Committee believes the independent auditors' report, the financial statements, and corresponding 990 are reasonable and appropriate and has recommended that the Board approve the 990 for filing with the applicable bodies"**

**It is therefore, resolved, that the Board hereby approves the Greenwich United Way Form 990 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.**

Motion by Eva Maria Janerus and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debra Hess. The motion passed unanimously.

Debra discusses financial scenarios: postponing Sole Sisters Luncheon and Golf Tournament; improved grant process; BDRF. GUW is in a good position given the current market. We will continue to monitor financial activity to determine grant distribution.

**Community Impact – Nicole Kwasniewski, Vice Chair**

Erin McCall reported that the Grants Committee has awarded \$113,000 total to Abilis, Filling in the Blanks, Food Rescue, Jewish Family Services (JFS), and YMCA. The committee has increased meetings to twice per week to thoroughly review applications and finalize grant decisions. To date, 12 applications received. Another round of grants may occur if the need continues and funds are available. \$661K raised thus far for Greenwich COVID-19 Community Relief Fund. Likely, the distribution will be larger amounts to fewer agencies as our normal pool of applicants does not engage in COVID Relief programs. The COVID-19 Relief Fund is for urgent and immediate needs, so we can distribute remaining funds in the Fall 2020 Community Investment Process grant cycle. Discussion ensued.



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**Fund Development & Marketing – Diane Viton, Vice Chair**

***Annual Fund – Jaime Eisenberg, Chair***

Campaign mailing held back to not compete with COVID-19 Relief Fund. 95% to goal for individual giving. Next solicitation to be mailed in May/June 2020.

***Events Update – Diane Viton***

- ***Sole Sisters Luncheon*** – rescheduled for September 22, 2020 at Greenwich Country Club
  - Speaker and vendors still committed
  - Option to stream event online
  
- ***Golf Tournament*** – rescheduled for October 5, 2020 at Greenwich Country Club
- ***Brew Ha Ha*** – Friday, October 16, 2020 at Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

We are planning to hold the Sole Sisters Luncheon in April 2021 and Golf Tournament in May 2021 (course not identified). Reminder to see, like and share GUW social media posts to raise awareness and support. Direct Impact fundraising is on hold for now.

Motion to adjourn by Eileen Kim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Fitzgerald. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Executive Session followed.