



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Zoom Conference Call

Present (18): 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, Karen Oztemel, Kirsten Riemer, Laurie Tropiano, Nancy Weissler

Absent (7): Shari Aser, Karen Chaplin, Hagar Chemali, Erin McCall, JP Muir, Angela Swift, Diane Viton

Total Board Attendance: 18 out of 25

Staff Attending: David Rabin, Jeremy Nappi, Misha Young

Fairfield Univ Guests: Mehmet Cansoy, Jonathan Delgado, Michael Gurge, Melissa Quan, Kurt Schlichting

Brown Advisory Guests: Matt Dicenzo, Jeff Keady, Erika Pagel, Matt Zitimbo

Meeting called to order by Eileen Kim, Board Chair at 6:05pm.

Eileen welcome board, staff and guests to the virtual meeting.
David introduces team from Fairfield University.

Needs Assessment Update – Fairfield University

The survey team shared project overview and presentation of the Needs Assessment. The top 3 community needs based on survey results are: Affordable Housing, Early Childhood Education, Physical and Mental Health. Approximately 660 useable responses received between January to mid-March 2020. Additional statistics: 1100 impressions and 1000 total respondents. Q&A period followed the presentation and discussion ensued.

BDRF Update – Brown Advisory

Mario Forlini, BDRF Chair, welcome and introduces the Brown Advisory team to the G UW Board meeting. The markets rapidly declined due to COVID-19 then rebounding to strongest quarterly returns since 1998. The portfolio is carrying more stability assets given market volatility. \$2.7 million balance at the beginning of 2020; \$65K in positive earnings to date. Advisors recommend stretching small cap allocations. Q&A period followed the presentation and discussion ensued.



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Approval of Minutes – William Finger, Secretary

Bill made a motion to approve the March 18, 2020 Board conference call minutes and the June 17, 2020 Board minutes. 2nd by Nicole Kwasniewski. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report – David Rabin, CEO

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

- Draft MOU sent in efforts to secure provide for St. Roch’s childcare site
- \$890K raised to date for COVID-19 Relief Fund
 - \$436K grants distributed
 - Grants Committee very timely and discerning about allocations

Finance – Debra Hess, Vice Chair

Financials statements and summary posted to G UW Board portal

Community Impact – Nicole Kwasniewski, Vice Chair

Direct Impact snapshot and COVID Grants spreadsheet posted to G UW Board portal

Fund Development & Marketing – Diane Viton, Vice Chair

Annual Fund – Jaime Eisenberg, Chair

- Individual Giving is at 111% and the overall campaign is at 93%.
- 2020/21 Campaign will begin with Pacesetter and Board Campaign in August.

Events

- ***Sole Sisters Luncheon*** – September 22, 2020 at Greenwich Country Club
- ***Golf Tournament*** – October 5, 2020 at Greenwich Country Club
 - Booked additional date for June 7, 2021
- ***Brew Ha Ha*** – October 16, 2020 at Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

Eileen Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting and 2nd by Bill Finger.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Executive session followed.