



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Zoom Conference Call

Present (22): Shari Aser, Karen Chaplin, Hagar Chemali, Grace Djuranovic, Jaime Eisenberg, Laura Erickson, Tim Drinkall, William Finger, Mario Forlini, Debra Hess, Joui Hessel, Eva Maria Janerus, Eileen Kim, Nicole Kwasniewski, John Maus, Erin McCall, JP Muir, Karen Oztemel, Kirsten Riemer, Diane Viton, Nancy Weissler

Absent (2): Dan Fitzgerald, Caitlin Kraus-Long, Laurie Tropiano

Total Board Attendance: 22 out of 24

Staff Attending: David Rabin, Jeremy Nappi

Meeting called to order by Eileen Kim, Board Chair at 6:03pm.

Needs Assessment Presentation

Fairfield University Center for Social Impact gave an overview of the results of the 2020 Needs Assessment and reviewed the functionality and what was contained in the new online dashboards.

Comments – Eileen Kim, Board Chair

Eileen announced that the next Board Chair would be Mario Forlini. Eileen then gave a brief background on Mario. Mario's term as Chair will begin July 2021.

Approval of Minutes – William Finger, Secretary

Bill made a motion to approve minutes. 2nd by Joui Hessel. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report – David Rabin, CEO

The full report available for review on the GUW board portal.

- ECAGS fundraising is at \$799,500.

Community Impact – Nicole Kwasniewski, Vice Chair

Erin McCall recapped the CIP process, Grants Committee meetings and presented the funding recommendations. The Board then discussed the funding recommendations of the grants committee.

Prior to the board vote on the approval of the grant recommendations, Eileen asked that the following board members recuse themselves and go into the virtual waiting room for the vote: Grace Djuranovic, Tim Drinkall, Kirsten Riemer due to conflicts.

Erin made the following motion:



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Move that the Board approve the use of the \$10,000 Lowenstein Foundation gift, that was donor restricted to mental health, to be granted to the Child Guidance Center as part of their CIP Grant they are slated to receive this year. By doing so this will exhaust this gift and leave it with a zero balance.

Debra Hess 2nd the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Erin made the following motion:

Move that the Board approve the Community Investment Process Grants totaling \$398,800 as previously posted on the portal and distributed via email to the board of directors.

As required by our Auditors, it is important to include the following wording in this motion: all Greenwich United Way funding commitments are conditional based on the success of our fundraising efforts as well as each agency's adherence to both the Funding and Publicity Agreements.

Debra Hess 2nd the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The three board members were brought back into the meeting.

David reviewed the recent \$5,000 proposal from Neighbor to Neighbor to assist with their building fund to help complete new facility.

Erin made the following motion:

Move that the Board approve a \$5,000 grant from the Special/Critical Response Grants line to be given to Neighbor to Neighbor in support of the completion of their new facility construction.

Nicole Kwasniewski 2nd the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance – Debra Hess, Vice Chair

Eva Maria Janerus reviewed the organization's 990 Form for the Fiscal year 2019-20. After review and explanation of the form, Eva Maria made the following motion:

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, 2020; 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, 2020.

Shari Aser 2nd the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.



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Fund Development & Marketing – Diane Viton, Vice Chair

Jeremy Nappi recapped the Campaign Status Report and the DI Snapshot.

Nicole Kwasniewski gave an update on the Sole Sisters Luncheon. The event will be April 29 and include a Virtual Red Carpet and a custom virtual boutique. For community outreach their will be a meal train for Kids in Crisis.

Nicole also let the Board know about the One Table One Town event that will be February 25 and feature Chef Geoff Lazlo and wines from Deutsch Family Wines and Spirits.

Jeremy introduced the Drive to 425, the fundraising initiative around the ECAGS program, and the dates that the Board would be able to have interested contacts take part.

Board Affairs – Grace Djuranovic, Vice Chair

Grace gave an update on Nominating. She also requested 1-2 names of possible candidates from the Board. Grace would like any suggestions by February 24.

Eileen Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting and 2nd by Nicole Kwasniewski.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Executive session followed.

Respectfully submitted by Jeremy Nappi