

CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND

4th QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 10, 2018

The mission of the Cresswind LL Community Fund is to enhance the lives of adults primarily 55 and older, through charitable, educational, health-related and cultural opportunities in the greater Gainesville area and Hall County.

The 4th Quarterly Meeting of the Members of Cresswind LL Community Fund, Inc. ("The Fund") was held, pursuant to notice, in the Ballroom of Cresswind at Lake Lanier on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 4:00 PM. Attendees included The Fund Board members, members and guests.

The meeting started when Bill Papciak, President telephoned and put on speaker-conference call, a Grandparent who was a recent donation recipient as part of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program. The Grandmother of three granddaughters, and one of five Grandparent families being helped by the Community Fund, thanked all members for their generous donation. She noted with emotional appreciation the importance of this program and the Fund's recognition of this problem in the Hall County community.

Bill Papciak chaired the meeting and introduced the Board of Directors and Officers: Robert Rivers, Vice President, Robert Horne, Cathy Hoskinson, Gene Evans. Secretary Susan DeCrescenzo who resigned from the Board effective December 1, 2018 was recognized and thanked for her long-term service.

STRATEGIC GOALS: Bill Papciak reviewed the 2018 strategic goals and previewed 2019 goals which will be discussed at the Annual Meeting, January 30th, 2019. In 2018 the Fund set out to (1) Increase membership and member volunteer involvement, (2) Develop an internal infrastructure of committees to manage the Fund's growth, (3) Fulfill donation objectives and grant requests. Bill Papciak concluded by asking all members to continue to support the Community Fund in Cresswind by volunteering their time in our effort to expand our charitable work in Gainesville and Hall County.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 2018 3rd Quarter Meeting were reviewed and approved by Members without changes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gene Evans, Treasurer, gave the Financial Report. The balance after 2018 Grants in The Fund's checking account is \$ 6,470.25. Expense to Income ratio equals 8.4 % of Income (5% is allocated for Insurance). Since Cresswind LL Community Funds started in March 2016, distribution of funds for Grants awarded total: \$67,994.00.

ENTERTAINMENT, PRESENTORS AND SPONSORS: Entertainment was offered by Cresswind resident and professional storyteller Diane Rooks with "The stories of the Holiday Season". Members of the Cresswind Chorale directed by Chuck Bridwell, presented "Holiday Songs" adding to the festive Holiday and Christmas setting. Refreshments and 12 giveaway prizes to members were provided by several Community Fund sponsors.

BUSINESS: Cathy Hoskinson, program chair for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) said that 5 families with 16 grandchildren were identified and eligible for the program. As the GRG is designed The Cresswind Community Fund pays a significant bill or debt to Grandparent families during the Christmas-Holiday Season (a one month's rent, house insurance, or car payment, etc.). The 16 grandchildren were also given a 25.00 Walmart holiday gift card. Cresswind residents donated \$5,700 toward this program with each family getting about \$1,000.00.

2018 GRANT AWARDS* AND GRANT RECEIPTS: After review and recommendation by The Fund's Grant Committee, Chaired by Betty Hahn, The Board approved the following 2018 grants: **(2018 grant recipients in attendance at the meeting are shown by name, in parenthesis below).**

- **Gainesville Housing Authority** – Tower Heights \$2,600 Utilities, Food and Activities Expense (**Maria Calkins, Director**)
- **The Compass Center** - \$2,500 Senior Self-Sustaining Program (**Abigail Carter, VP Operations & Finance**)
- **The Guest House**- \$1,500 Staff Certification Training for Dementia & Alzheimer (**Elizabeth Shelnut, Director**)
- **Good News Clinic** - \$1,000 Merck Matching Funds Vaccination Program (**Liz Coates, Community Director**)
- **iTN Lanier** - \$1,560 Rider scholarships for seniors unable to afford transportation

- **The Quinlan Arts Center** - \$1,500 for Healing Through the Arts Program for Seniors
- **Community Service Center/Senior Life Center** - \$3,399 Multipurpose Room Renovation and Communication System
- **The Cresswind Flag Club** \$200.00 Flag repairs and new flags
- **The Cresswind Fitness Center** (funds for new weights donated by Cresswind resident Gerald F. {Gerry} Lewis)
- **Cresswind AED Emergency Unit** for Marina area - \$1,500

*additional funds of \$5,000 granted earlier in 2018 to several Hall County organizations

NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES: Bill Papciak previewed several fundraising projects for 2019.

- The Fund will raise funds to become a resource for AED emergency units in Cresswind. Strategic locations for the units will be determined by resident input through the HOA to the Community Fund. It is estimated that about six to seven more units may be needed.
- Expand Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program in Hall County to a year-round vs Holiday Season program.
- Work with Cresswind HOA, Committees and Clubs to fund practical needs / projects that the HOA and these entities, can't or won't fund for Cresswind residents.

NEW FUNDRAISING EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2019: A full calendar of events and activities will be previewed at the Community Fund's Annual Meeting, Wednesday, January 30th, 2019

- Partial list of events for 2019: Men's Night Out & Ladies Night Out, Annual Open Golf Tournament May 6th, Trivia Night Gainesville Civic Center August 2019, Fall Homecoming Dance & Party.

THE COMMUNITY FUND ANNUAL MEETING to be held Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 4 pm; Open House 3:30 – 4:00: Bill Papciak encouraged members interested in being on the Board of Directors should contact any Board member for information.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the members and the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Wood,

Secretary – Cresswind LL Community Fund