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### CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Cresswind LL Community Fund, Inc. ("CCF") was held, pursuant to notice, in the Ballroom of Cresswind at Lake Lanier on Wednesday, January 30, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Attendees included The Fund Board members, members and guests.

Bill Papciak, President, chaired the meeting and introduced the Board of Directors and members: Vice President, Russ Williams, Secretary, Elaine Wood, Treasurer, Gene Evans, Board Members; Robert Horne and Robert Rivers.

Board Advisors: Clair Langmaid, John Stevens, Phil Vinyard, Wilson Golden, Carleen Haney, Linda Potter, Arnie McCleese, and Mary Hensein.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 30, 2019 Annual Meeting were reviewed with The Fund Members by President Bill Papciak; then the minutes were approved without any changes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Gene Evans gave the treasurer's report that at the end of 2019, Income for the year was \$58,658.00, Grants were \$44,624.00 and Expenses \$4,152.00, leaving a balance of \$25,932.64 in checking with no checks outstanding. He noted that The Fund has given \$111,108.00 in Grants since inception.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION** – Board members Bill Papciak and Robert Horne will serve the one remaining year of their terms. Russ Williams, Robert Rivers, and Elaine Wood will serve the remaining two years of their terms. Mr. Gene Evans is a member, not a director, but was asked to serve as Treasurer and Mr. Gene Evans stated he will continue as Treasurer. The Board of Directors has one new opening.

**ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** Paid members were notified and voted an electronic ballot for one of the two nominees, Don Burt and Phil Vinyard prior to the meeting. There were over 10% of the current 475 members who voted and the new Board of Directors was approved. The new Board member is Phil Vinyard.

#### **SPECIAL GUESTS:**

- **Guest Speakers**
  - **Judge Lindsay H. Burton**, Chief Juvenile Court Judge, Northeast Circuit
  - **Shannon Casas**, Editor in Chief, Gainesville Times
- **2019 Grant Recipients Guests**
  - **Phillippa Moss**, Community Council on Aging
  - **Dana Chapman**, iTN Lanier
  - **Liz Coates**, Good News Clinics
  - **Elizabeth Shellnut**, The Guest House
  - **Kay Blackstock**, Georgia Mountain Food Bank



- **Carol Hanlon**, Wisdom Project 2020
- **Jessica Dudley**, United Way 2020

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** received \$16,784 to help 12 families.

**Speaker: Judge Lindsay H. Burton**, Chief Juvenile Court Judge, Northeast Circuit

The Judge spoke of the trend in Foster Care Populations, from 187 children in 2014 to 360 children in 2019.

Lack of available foster homes – children are placed all over the state

Shortage of available CASAs – CASA is only appointed on half of our dependency cases

Additional burden placed on juvenile clerk's office staff

Shortage of available attorneys to serve as parent's attorneys, children's attorneys and attorney GALS.

The hope is that partnering with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren can keep some children from going into Foster Care.

**Speaker: Shannon Casas**, Editor in Chief, Gainesville Times and foster parent

Shannon spoke about the challenges of fostering and suggested that any support would be appreciated.

The 2020 Calendar of events was reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the members and the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Wood, Secretary/Board  
Cresswind LL Community Fund