

CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND

- Make a Difference in Someone's Life... and in Yours! -

Cresswind Community Fund Third Quarterly Meeting

September 21, 2022, 3:00 pm

Minutes

The third quarter/Homecoming Celebration meeting was called to order at 3:10 by president Bill Papciak. Bill thanked the forty to fifty Planning and Events Committee volunteers for all the work done in preparation for this meeting.

Bill welcomed guests to the meeting including:

- The Cresswind Cheerleaders – Led by Wendy O'Hanlan and including members from her Dance Rhythms class: Amy DeVillez, Lou Dunn, Debbie King, Mary Ramatowski, Mimi Szutz.
- Lisa Phifer who will be entertaining and inspiring the group with song
- Jeffrey Sulka, a financial adviser with Edward Jones who is the Lead Sponsor of the Cresswind Community Fund Golf Tournament.
- Liz Coates and Elizabeth Martin of Good News Clinics
- Bill Wittel of the Beyond Dementia Project along with Ann Carvel, Kim Franklin, and Jessica Zagarella
- Rosemary Shaffer

Bill spoke briefly about the volunteers who support the community fund and the success generated by these volunteers. The Community Fund has recently reached a total of \$500,000.00 raised primarily through small contributions. He said that the Community Fund has also granted over \$500,000.00 which supports charities and those in need in Hall County.

Bill introduced the meeting's Guest of Honor, Kay Schulze who has been involved in the Community Fund for many years. He spoke of her background and her contributions to the Cresswind Community Fund including creating the Help Me Please Program. Bill described how successful this program has been. He said that we could not thank Kay enough for that as well as creating the Community Fund Website and serving on the Grant Committee. She is also a member of the Veterans Club. Kay has now left the community but Bill expressed the wish that she will come back to visit often and presented her with flowers and a bottle of wine.

Bill opened the business portion of the meeting by encouraging members to review the minutes which are available on the web site and will be formally approved at the fourth quarter meeting.

Financial Report

Treasurer John Ulam presented the financial report. John reported over \$72,500.00 in donations with only 11% of that going to expenses and \$65,000.00 distributed through grants. These grants included funds going to:

- Food for the hungry in Hall County
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Health care including mental health care for the needy

John highlighted the Help Me Please program which has received 293 requests so far this year with 282 completed projects.

Bill commented that Cresswind Community Fund membership has grown from just a few members when it began to 1,200 members today.

Bill asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. The motion was moved and seconded. The Financial Report was approved by the members.

As the next order of business, Bill announced that two positions on the Board were currently vacant because Board members Bob Rivers and Phil Vinyare had left the community. In compliance with the Bylaws, the remaining Board members recommend to the membership that these positions be filled temporarily for the remainder of 2022 with elections to permanently fill these Board positions occurring in January 2023. To fill these open positions The Board nominates:

- Cathy Jeffrey who is serving as secretary
- Gene Evans who has been active in the Community fund for a number of years including service as treasurer

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Cathy Jeffrey and Gene Evans to serve on the Cresswind Community Fund Board of Directors from now until December 2022. The motion was passed.

The Business meeting concluded and was followed by a presentation of the Cresswind Cheerleaders.

Bill introduced guests who spoke briefly to the group.

Jeffrey Sulka, a financial adviser with Edward Jones has been a major donor to the Spirit of Cresswind Golf Tournament and a contributor to many events in the Community. Mr. Sulka expressed his appreciation for the work of the Community Fund and mentioned that one of the things he does is assist clients with tax friendly ways to make contributions to charity.

Liz Coates of Good News Clinics spoke about the long-standing relationship that Good News Clinics has with the Cresswind Community fund. She said that for 30 years Good News Clinics has provided health care to poor and uninsured residents of Hall County

including primary care, dental care and specialty treatments. She mentioned three programs that funding from the Cresswind Community Fund has benefitted.

- Mammogram screenings including 120 routine screenings and 73 diagnostic screenings. Of the 120 women receiving routine screenings 3 were diagnosed with breast cancer and 2 of those were over 55.
- 3,000 prescriptions are filled per month with \$100,000.00 spent on prescription drugs annually. 82% of patients receiving prescription drugs are between 55 and 65 years old.
- The purchase a new dental x-ray machine.

Bill Wittle of the Beyond Dementia Project stated that the Cresswind Community Fund has played an important part in the Virtual Dementia Tour Project with both financial support and volunteer participation. Other projects relating to dementia to which the Cresswind Community Fund has contributed are:

- The Emergency Comfort Care Project. Jessica Zagarella said that they expect to distribute 700 kits to assist care givers for patients with dementia.
- Dementia Choir
- Virtual Dementia Tour has plans to provide this training to first responders. This program helps those who are working, serving or living with someone who has dementia to understand what it is like to live with dementia. Today, one in five households in the country has someone who is affected by dementia. That number is projected to increase to one in two in the next few years. The Virtual Dementia Tour helps people develop understanding and patience for those who are experiencing dementia.
- Alzheimer's Association representative Kim Franklin stated that this association delivers services across the nation including education, support groups, and a 24/7help line.
- The 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's is coming soon.

Bill introduced the final closing events. First up was Lisa Phifer who donates her time and talents to many events including the Help Me Please Volunteer recognition event in August. For the Cresswind Community Fund Homecoming Meeting Lisa presented a song she had written about a great coffee experience and a wonderful rendition of *People Who Need People*.

Bill again thanked Susie Holbrook, and the planning committee volunteers. He introduced and thanked all the Board Members and the Board Advisors.

The final event of the meeting was the raffle of items donated by Cresswind Clubs and others. Jan Cieply and Tim Roth assisted with the raffle. University football fight songs were part of the raffle process. At the end of the raffle Bill presented a thank you gift to Lisa Phifer.

The meeting closed with the announcement of upcoming events:

- Spirit of Cresswind - 4th Annual Golf Tournament - Monday October 17, 2022 sponsored by Jeffrey Sulka of Edward Jones
- 4th quarter Meeting – to be held in December

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary