



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

Cresswind Community Fund Fourth Quarter Meeting December 19, 2022, 3:00 PM

Minutes

The Cresswind Community Fund Fourth Quarter Meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by President, Bill Papciak.

Bill extended holiday greetings to all and spoke of the common bond between the Fund's 1,200 + Member Donors and those living outside Cresswind through the spirit of giving. He emphasized that this was not a budget-driven activity, but one crafted to meet the needs of Hall County seniors. He welcomed the Cresswind Chorale and Lisa Phifer and introduced special guests, Liz Coates, Executive Director, and Daphaney Teaver, Director of Development, from Good News Clinics, Stephanie Hood, Manager-Supervisor, from Meals on Wheels/CCOA, and Lindsey McCamy, Executive Director, from Family Promise

Bill reviewed the meeting agenda, Board of Directors, and Advisory Board membership. He noted that, after serving in a variety of capacities, Board member Robert Horne has moved from Cresswind, and Bill thanked him for his service.

Recapping the Fund's mission to serve those age 55 and older in Hall County, Bill shared that the opportunity to give back to our community has led over time to true bonds with other local organizations. He repeated that the Fund's purpose is to raise money and grant money toward that mission.

Bill asked for any corrections or additions to the September Third Quarter Meeting Minutes, and none were given. Motions were made and seconded by

John Ulam and Carol Hanlon to approve the minutes and they were approved by a voice vote of Members present.

John Ulam presented the Fund's financial reports as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT – (12/15/2022)

Total Donations **\$128,487**

Grants Given **\$120,868**

Grants as percentage of Revenue - 94%

Expenses **\$ 8,548***

Available Funds **\$ 32,886**

* On Going Expense to Income ratio = 7.3 % of Income
(Insurance & technology approximately half of above expense)

2022 Distribution of Funds/Grants

- **2022 Grants Awarded to Date** **\$120,869***

Notable Grants by Purpose:

Food \$50,500

Medical-Health \$36,090

Grandparents \$20,228

Veterans 55+ \$6,781

Housing \$2,500

John shared that giving to the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren increased more than 50% over 2021. He also said that grants to Veterans age 55+, in conjunction with the Cresswind Veterans Club, and housing grants, were new for 2022.

2022 Grants to Hall County Organizations

Help The Hungry Food Recipients **\$50,500**

Thanksgiving \$36,000 / 36 Tons of Food

- Meals on Wheels (Community Council On Aging - CCOA)
- South Hall County Food Pantry
- Family Promise
- Good News at Noon

- Good Samaritan Food Ministry
- St Vincent DePaul
- Sunshine Seniors
- Georgia Mountain Food Bank

A Member Donor asked about the source of income and John and Bill responded that 90% of income comes from Members through direct donations, the Help Me Please Program (\$38,000 in 2022), and the Spirit of Cresswind Golf Tournament. Bill said that other major donors, like Jeffrey Sulka, make up the rest of the funds.

Diane Rooks and Gene Evans made and seconded a motion to approve the financial report and it was passed with a voice vote of Members present.

Each of the special guests shared comments with the Members as follows:

Good News Clinics – Liz Coates thanked the Fund members for their support and stated they were honored to be recipients of the Funds grants. She shared that their mission is to provide medical care to the uninsured and said they reached a record of 1,200 visits in the month of November. “When we work together, we get the job done” she said. She shared the story of a woman who screened positive for cancer in the Fund supported mammogram screenings and has now undergone successful treatment who still sends “thank you” notes to her surgeon. Liz told Members “You saved a life.”

Meals on Wheels/CCOA – Stephanie Hood shared that “it’s more than a meal, it’s a community” while displaying a sample decorated brown paper bag that will be going out to community seniors this week. She thanked Members for their contributions to purchasing warm blankets and cozy socks for the seniors and shared that the bag decorations were the work of her kids and their friends. She thanked and recognized the Fund saying, “you are your own force”.

Family Promise – Lindsey McCamy stated that their mission at Family Promise is to support homeless children and their families. She thanked the Fund for its support, especially of the food market, serving 150 families each month. The market lets families choose their food to meet their needs in a grocery store-like environment. She shared words she recently heard from a retired teacher who has hit hard times, who finds her experience with Family Promise treats her well,

both physically and emotionally. Lindsey also thanked the Fund for support of the adult diaper bank, which also includes bed pads and wipes. She closed by saying “we appreciate all that you do – both the Fund and Cresswind volunteers!”

Bill introduced the Cresswind Chorale and thanked Director Chuck Bridwell for their performance and Chuck’s personal support in developing a mailing list a few years ago.

Following the Chorale performance, raffles were drawn before returning to the business meeting.

Bill asked Board Member Carol Hanlon to introduce the vote on a proposed Bylaw change formalizing electronic voting. She shared that the Bylaw change would facilitate Board and Fund business. She asked if there were any more proxies or any questions about the proposed change and received a negative response to both. Carol stated that 259 proxies had been received and that with her vote, it constituted 23% of Members. Bill then explained that electronic voting will be used to vote for new Board members and on several Bylaw updates in January. A motion was made by Wilton Rooks and seconded by Rich Ehlers to approve the Bylaw change on electronic voting as proposed. It was approved by a voice vote of Members present.

Bill told the Members that new programs will be introduced in 2023. He shared that the United Way Mental Health First Aid program, supported by the Fund, has trained more than 500 persons in Hall County. The program has now entered an expansion (Phase II).

At 4:18 electric power went out through the Club House (and neighborhood). Members socialized and got refreshments during the blackout. With the power remaining yet unrestored, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Hanlon