

2023 Second Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023 3:00PM – 4:50pAM – Cresswind Ballroom

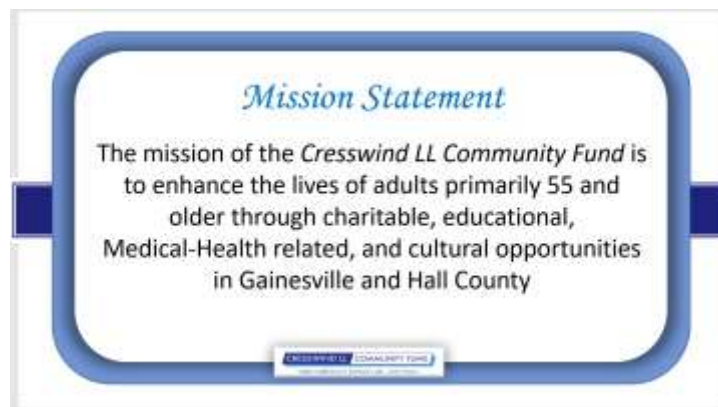
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by the Cresswind Community Fund President, Bill Papciak.

Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting including special guests Sherri Frankum of Good News Clinics and Bill Wittel of the Dementia Coalition of Hall County. Bill made special mention of Jeffrey Sulka of Edward Jones who was not in attendance but will be the lead sponsor of the Community Fund Golf Tournament later this year.

Bill thanked all volunteers for their contributions to the work of the Community Fund making special mention of Susie Holbrook and her Special Event Committee. He also thanked the Board Members and Board Advisors.

Bill reviewed the mission statement of the Community Fund. He said that our mission statement is recognized in Hall County for helping seniors in our community.

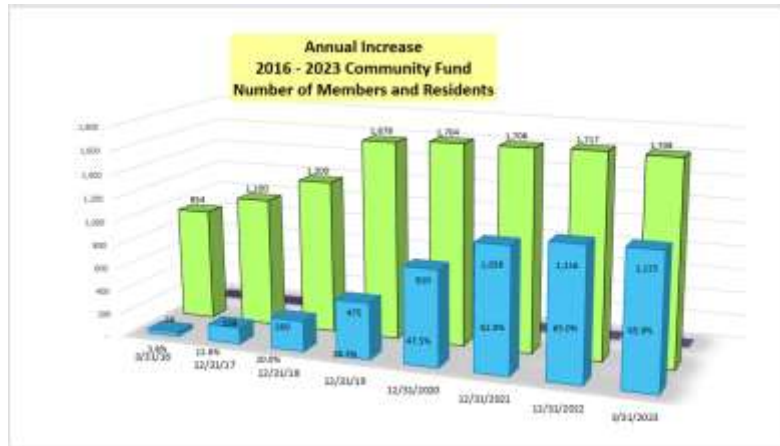


He stressed that the Cresswind Community Fund does two thing "Raise Funds" and "Grant Funds".

Bill discussed the way the committees function within the Community Fund including the decentralized nature of the organization. He highlighted the Grant Committee and the work that this committee does in reviewing and making recommendations regarding grant requests received. He reviewed the work of the e-Team and the work that this

committee does to manage day to day communication, the website and the data management system. Wilton Rooks responded to a question about the NEON data base and the security measures in place.

Bill reviewed membership statistics which reflect the continuing growth of the Community Fund membership.



Bill introduced Sherri Frankum who spoke about her work with Good News Clinics. Good News Clinics has served the Hall County community for 30 years. Ms. Frankum indicated that they serve around 1000 medical patients each month and 600 dental patients. They have raised 7.3 million dollars for their new facility. She encouraged the members to continue their efforts because she has seen what a difference it can make to people in need. She said that the money we give is ministering to the people of Hall County. She wanted to express how grateful Good News Clinics is for our support.

Bill encouraged members to consider volunteering their time and experience to help the Community Fund. Members can contact any Board member or Board Advisor to ask about volunteering. He told the group that there will be an open house in August for members to learn more about how they might become more involved in the work of the Community Fund.

John Ulam presented the Financial Report.

2023 Distribution of Funds (June 18, 2023)	
• 2023 Income	\$ 63,157
• 2023 Grants	\$ 70,180
• 2023 Admin Expenses	\$ 5,948
Available Funds	\$ 30,114
• Total Grants awarded (2016-2023)	(Approaching \$700,000)

John discussed the purposes of the grants funded during the first half of 2023.



Grants by Purpose	
Focus 55+	\$16,350.00
Food Banks	20,500.00
GRG	18,556.17
Health	7,427.00
Housing	1,500.00
Veterans Assist	2,396.88
Cresswind Projects	2,250.00
Cresswind Bench	1,087.47

A question from the audience resulted in a discussion of the balance that was carried over from 2022. These funds reflect a surplus with which the Community Fund began 2023. This surplus has led to the creation of the Focus 55 program. Bill pointed out that it is the practice of the Community Fund to maintain a reserve to help meet unexpected needs. Bill said that our budget is driven by the funds collected each year. When an acute need is identified a campaign will be launched to meet that need.

Another member asked if we could share examples of the grants that are provided by the Community Fund. He also wondered what happens when we help someone and they find themselves with continuing needs. John responded that our purpose is to give a person in need a chance to get a new start by helping them through a crisis. Bill said we cannot give a person continuing support. We give a person a one-time grant to respond to an acute situation. Elaine Wood gave an example of a grandmother who we have helped with a car and insurance. We also provided her with help in finding affordable housing. The member suggested sharing these stories with the community to help everyone understand the type of work the Community Fund is doing. He felt that it would bring in donations and increase membership.

Elaine took a minute to share with the group a fact that she had discovered regarding her 401K. If you do not need your annual distribution and do not want to pay tax on it you can ask to have the distribution donated directly to the Community Fund and reflect the donation on your tax form making the distribution tax free.

Chris Ehlers moved to approve the financial report. Ron Stowe seconded the motion. The Financial report was approved. Closing out the financial report Darla Eden suggested setting a \$1,000,000.00 goal for contributions received by 2026 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Cresswind Community Fund.

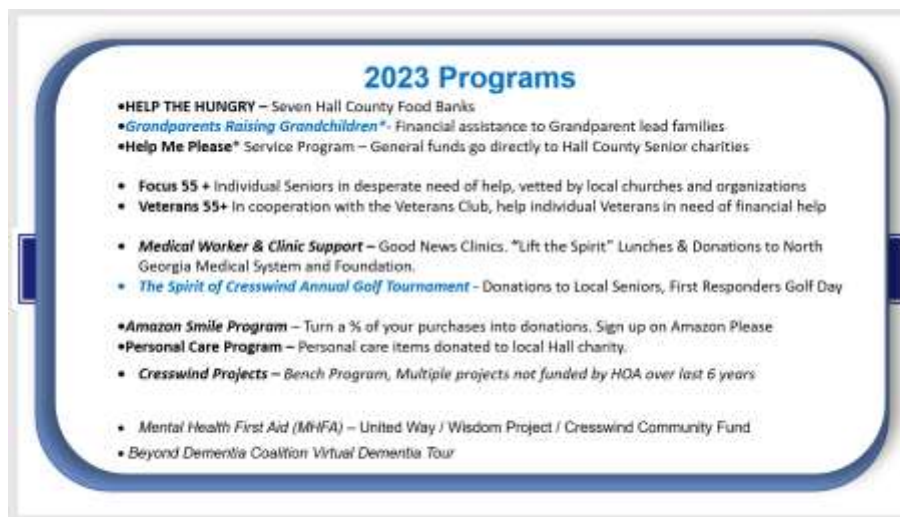
Bill gave an overview of the Community fund Governance. He pointed out that much of this information can be found on our website.

- Bylaws – These were developed by the founders of the Community Fund in 2015. They are well thought out and serve our needs.

- Policies and Procedures – These provide operational guidelines on how we manage aspects of the Community Fund including fundraising, granting, functions of officers and checks and balances.
- Financial Management – There is a Finance Committee headed by the treasurer responsible for managing the Community Fund's finances and overseeing taxes. Blair Diaz who has experience working with non-profit organizations serves as the Community Fund's tax accountant.
- Management Structure – The chart of the management structure is available on the website. It includes five management areas.

After a refreshment break, Tim Roth led a "Name that Tune" game.

Bill reviewed the Community Fund programs for 2023.



Bill Wittel from the Beyond Dementia Coalition closed out the program describing how Beyond Dementia has grown from a volunteer organization to become a new Non-Profit Corporation. The Cresswind Community Fund provided help and support during this transition. Mr. Wittel reported that they will be bringing training on Dementia to first responders in Hall County. They will begin regular Virtual Dementia tours with one scheduled for August and another in October. The Virtual Dementia Tour is their flagship program but they do have other initiatives that fill out their program.

In closing, Bill reminded the members of the third quarter meeting which is scheduled for September. The meeting was closed with the "Spirit of Giving" raffle.

Wilton Rooks announced that Habitat for Humanity is having a fundraiser at Bourbon Brothers on June 30th. Anyone interested in attending can see Wilton for more information.

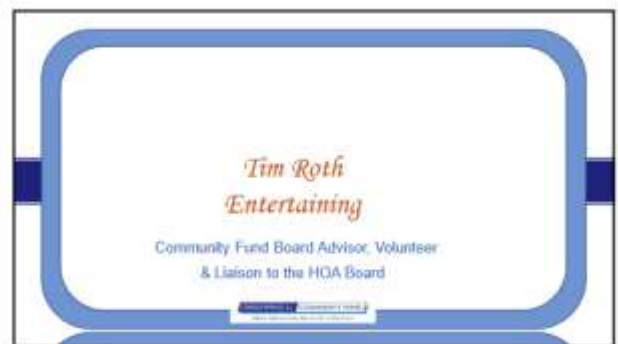
The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary

Addendum

Supporting Documents



Mission Statement

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

2023 Board Advisors

- Wilton Rooks
- Elaine Wood
- Arnie McCleese
- Sue Garcia
- Wilson Golden
- Susie Holbrook
- Tim Roth
- Ron Stowe
- Dave Rader

What we do!

Raise Funds
Grant Funds

Committees

Decentralized Management Structure Enables Committees to Manage Daily, Make Decisions

Board Advisors
Fundraising
Grants
Finance
Legal
Marketing & Communications
IT Team (Data Management, Website)
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Team
Help Me Please Team
Meetings & Events Team

2023 Board of Directors, Officers

- Bill Papciak, President
- Russ Williams, Vice President
- John Ulam, Treasurer
- Cathy Jeffrey, Secretary
- Bud Baker
- Carol Hanlon
- Mark Nestle
- Lois Ehlers

Grant Committee

John Ulam, Chair / Treasurer-Board Member

Lois Ehlers, Board Member
Sue Garcia, Board Advisor
Diane McIntee
Ronda Olson
Pam Papciak
Candice Bolton

e Team
 HECH Data Management System
 Website

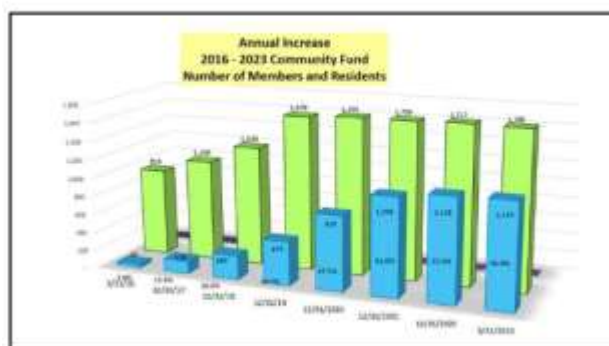
Wilton Rooks, Chair – Board Advisor

Arnie McCleese, Board Advisor

Elaine Wood, Board Advisor
 Linda Potter
 Gene Evans

Financial Report

January – June 18, 2023 Summary



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HELP WANTED

To Promote The "Spirit of Giving"
 To Local Oanesville-Hall Seniors In Need

Community Fund Volunteers
 GIVE ONLY THE TIME THEY HAVE TO GIVE!

This Is Not a Job!
 Multiple Volunteers Help and Backup Each Other!

Through June 18, 2023

2023 Admin Expenses \$ 5,948

Technology	\$1,432.00
Insurance	\$617.76
Meeting Exp.	\$2,095.64
Transaction Fees	\$625.00
HWP Supplies	\$113.27
Misc. Expenses	\$674.75

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2023 Programs

- HELP THE HUNGRY** – Seven Hall County Food Banks
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** – Financial assistance to Grandparent local families
- Help Me Please** Service Program – General funds go directly to Hall County Senior charities
- Focus 55+** – Individual Seniors in desperate need of help, vetted by local churches and organizations
- Veterans 55+** in cooperation with the Veterans Club, help individual Veterans in need of financial help
- Medical Worker & Clinic Support** – Good News Clinics, "Lift the Spirit" Lunches & Donations to North Georgia Medical System and Foundation
- The Spirit of Cresswind Annual Golf Tournament** – Donations to Local Seniors, First Responders Golf Day
- Amazon Smile Program** – Turn a % of your purchases into donations. Sign up on Amazon Smile
- Personal Care Program** – Personal care items donated to local Hall charity
- Cresswind Projects** – Bench Program, Multiple projects not funded by HSCA over last 6 years
- Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** – United Way / Wisdom Project / Cresswind Community Fund
- Beyond Demante Coalition Virtual Demante Tour**

Approval of Financial Report

Help the Hungry Donations

2023 - 18 Tons of Food
- Hundreds of people
- Thousands of meals

Governance

- By Laws
- Policies & Procedures
- Financial Management
(Daily Accounting, Annual Totals)
- Management Structure
Fundraising Committee, Grant Committee,
Finance Committee, Administrative & Operations,
Communications & Marketing

Good News Clinic Has Recognized Cresswind Community Fund as Volunteer of the Year Award Winner

- Grants to GNC
- Many Volunteer Hours

Help Me Please Service Program

Program Manager Bud Baker

Board Member Liaison - Russ Williams
Program Administrative Vol - Dave Rader




**Annual Spirit of Cresswind
Golf Tournament**
-2022 \$25,000 "net" proceeds - having fun!
-EMT, Police & Fire Fighters - all winners!



"Help Me Please"
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Through May, 2023
\$21,623
209 HMP projects
595 Total Hours
26-30 Volunteers Per Month



Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Jeffrey Sulka CFP®, AAMS,
Financial Advisor




"Spirit of Cresswind" 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday October 16, 2023

Sign Up! Donate! Enjoy!

- Ladies & Men's Play, Prizes, Raffle
- Benefits Seniors & First Responders Golf Day
- BBQ Dinner after on Cresswind Patio 5:00 - 7:00
- Golfers and Non-Golfers Donate to Help Local Seniors in Need
- Register & Details at cwcfund.org



CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND
-Make a Difference in Seniors' Lives...and in Yours!



Third Quarter
"Homecoming"
Celebration and Meeting
Join Us On The Green
Members and Non-Members Welcome!
September 20, 2023



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