

Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes

March 15th, 2023 3:00 pm

Minutes

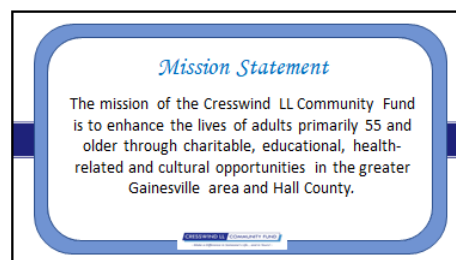
Bill Papciak called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm. He welcomed everyone to the first quarter spring celebration membership meeting. Bill indicated that this would be a year of renewal for the Cresswind Community Fund as we approach the million dollar mark for total funds raised by the Community Fund.

Bill welcomed guests including Jeffrey Sulka of Edward Jones who is a significant sponsor of Community Fund events. He also welcomed Griselda Enriquez, Mallory Pendelton and Bill Wittel who are present as guests and will be speaking during the program. Bill thanked Greene Ford who sponsored some of our raffle gifts today and is the sponsor of the Golf Tournament Hole in One prize. He welcomed the Cresswind Cloggers who will provide entertainment later in the program.

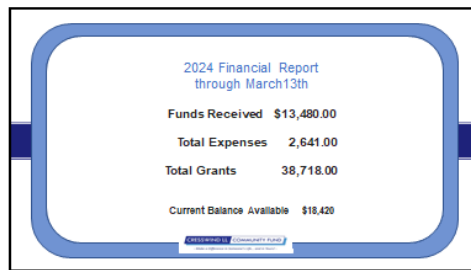
Bill introduced the members of the Board of Directors and the Board Advisors.



He reviewed the Cresswind Community Fund Mission Statement

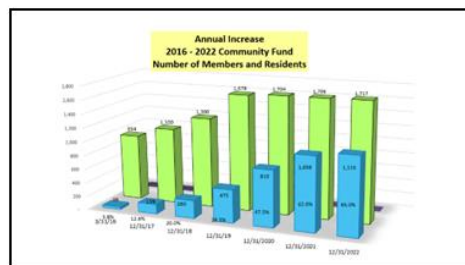


Bill introduced Treasurer, John Ulam who presented the Financial Report. John reviewed the income, expenses and grants so far this year. John announced that the Board had recently approved a \$20,000.00 grant to the eight local food banks.



Please [see the Addendum](#) for additional financial details.

Bill reviewed the growth in Community Fund membership since the inception of the Community Fund in 2016. Currently 70% of all Cresswind residents are members of the Community Fund. All Community Fund donors become members irrespective of the amount of the donation.



Bill asked Bud Baker to give highlights of the Help Me Please program. Bud praised the work and dedication of the Help Me Please volunteers. He stated that in the first two months of 2024 Help Me Please has had 110 requests and has received over \$9,000.00. This number of requests is twice the number submitted in the first two months of 2023. Bud described the new Help Me Please Sitter Care Program which will be initiated in the next few weeks. This service will allow care givers to take time away as needed while a Help Me Please volunteer sits with the resident who needs care. Bud thanked everyone for their generous donations through the Help Me Please program.

Bill reviewed the Committees stating that there are approximately 100 volunteers contributing in various ways. These Committees and Teams do a lot of the day to day work of the Community Fund.



Bill introduced Vice President, Mark Nestle, who described upcoming changes to the Board of Directors meetings. The goal of these changes is to find ways we can do things differently and better. He encouraged members to send any ideas for new programs. He encouraged anyone who would like to get more involved to volunteer.

Bill introduced Griselda Enriquez who is the resident services coordinator of Gainesville Housing. Bill announced that the Community Fund would be giving a Grant of \$3,500.00 to Gainesville Housing in support of their Senior Lunch Bunch Program. Ms. Enriquez said that her job was to help low income families reach self-sufficiency. She stated that Gainesville Housing has 331 units and more to come. They will be building a senior community center. They primarily house single mothers and older adults who are 55+. They work to help seniors age gracefully in place and maintain their independence in their homes. She described the Senior Lunch Bunch program which provides a meal and entertainment. She said that this program is very meaningful for their residents who are on a fixed income and don't have many opportunities to get out.

Bill introduced Mallory Pendelton of the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers. Bill described the recent grant request from Riverkeepers which was turned down because it does not primarily support people 55+. However, Bill pointed out that many Cresswind residents do benefit from the work of the Riverkeepers in maintaining the rivers that make-up the headwaters of the Chattahoochee River and Cresswind residents participate as Riverkeeper volunteers and in the programs they offer. Ms Pendelton described the work of the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers which is a thirty year old 501c3 organization. They are best known for their water monitoring programs, environmental education, and investigation of problems reported by citizens. The Riverkeepers mission is: To educate, advocate and secure the protection of the Chattahoochee River including its headwaters and surrounding lakes. She described upcoming events including:

- March 23 - Trash Clean-up
- April 6 – Wild Cruise on their floating classroom – tickets available
- April 20 – Water Fest Music Festival - Midland Greenway

She encouraged anyone interested in their mission to consider joining them as a member or volunteer.

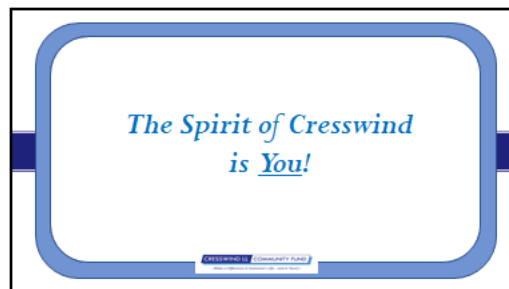
Finally, Bill introduced Bill Wittel of the Beyond Dementia Coalition of Hall County. Mr. Wittel provided an update on the activities of the Beyond Dementia Coalition. He indicated that they have 13 virtual dementia tours that are proposed, committed or completed for 2024 which represents a significant increase over 2023 activity. He described a Virtual Dementia Tour sponsored by Wisdom Project 23 and held at the University of North Georgia. The impact of the program on younger people was unexpected and impressive. As a result, they are considering more programs at high schools and universities. Mr. Wittel indicated that they are considering two additional programs at Cresswind including a repeat of the Virtual Dementia Tour and a program on developing a plan if a loved one is diagnosed with dementia.

Bill introduced the Wendy O'Hanlon and the Cresswind Cloggers who presented an exciting clogging routine. The entertainment was followed by more refreshments and the Community Fund St. Patrick's day raffle. Mark Nestle thanked the sponsors for their contributions to the raffle.

In closing Bill mentioned upcoming events.



Bill closed the meeting with the spirit of Cresswind.



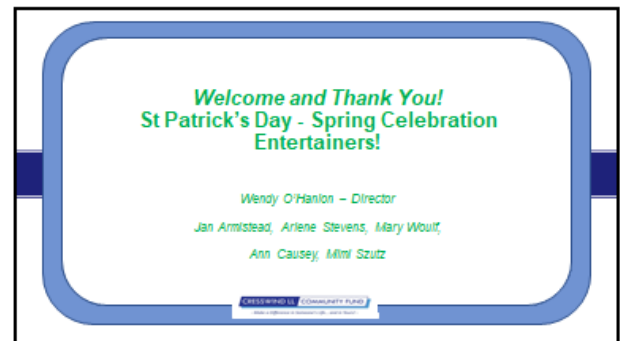
The meeting was adjourned at 4:08.

Respectfully submitted.

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary

Addendum

Supporting Documents



Board Advisors

Wilton Rooks, Elaine Wood,
Ron Stowe, Sue Garcia,
Arnie McCleese, Tim Roth,
Susie Holbrook, Dick Osborne, Russ Williams,
Ann Sutlive (Corresponding Secretary)

What we do!

Raise Funds *Grant Funds*

Mission Statement

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.

2024 Financial Report through March 13th

Funds Received	\$13,480.00
Total Expenses	2,641.00
Total Grants	38,718.00
Current Balance Available	\$18,420



2024 Expenses To Date

Technology	\$607.00
Insurance	\$308.00
Meeting Exp.	\$1,361.00
Transaction Fees	\$125.00
Chamber Fee	\$240.00

2024 Distribution of Funds-Grants

Notable Grants by Purpose: \$38,718

Food \$23,500
Medical-Health \$8,671
Grandparents \$4,997
Veterans 55+ \$1,550

CRESSWIND LLC COMMUNITY FUND
2024-2025 FUNDING CYCLE (2024-2025)



Let's
Welcome
Spring with
A Spirit of
Cresswind
St Patrick's
Day
Celebration!

Help The Hungry Grants in 2024 8 Hall County Food Banks in March

Total \$20,000 / \$2,500 each

1. Meals on Wheels (Community Council On Aging - CCOA)
2. South Hall County Food Pantry
3. Good News at Noon
4. Good Samaritan Food Ministry
5. St Vincent DePaul
6. Sunshine Seniors
7. Georgia Mountain Food Bank
8. Gainesville Community Food Panty



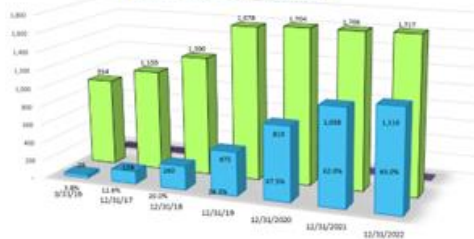
"Help Me Please"

(Neighbors Helping Neighbors)

2024
Get Help with
Help Me Please!

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Annual Increase 2016 - 2022 Community Fund Number of Members and Residents



Thank You All Help Me Please Volunteers!

Bud Baker, HMP Manager, Board Member

2024 YTD (March 11th)
141 Volunteer Hours
71 Jobs Completed
\$9,155 Donations
New Service

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