

The Christamore House Guild General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Members in attendance: Lisa Ajdaharian, Jenni Agramonte, Cara Baretto, Sandy Barretto, Stephanie Marten Beckley, Michelle Bellej, Kim Bohley, Kate Broadbent, Brenda Cacucci, Liz Camperelli, Jenni Carman, Shannon Frey, Ann Fritton, Nicki Griffin, Mary Hinkebein, Stacy Johnson, Heather Kulwin, Nicole Mastropietro, Morgan McGill, Jen Morris, Kate Olivier, Dominique Parkinson, Christine Rainey, Esta Seach, Stacy Singer, Tana Stewart, Brielle Stanley, Tonya Sullivan, Sara Terrell, Laura Tobias, Jennifer Valentine, Melissa Warriner, Emily Winters, and Angela Whoodley

Members absent: Joelle Baugher, Paige Button, Denise Cook, Elizabeth Urbanski, Gretchen Hueni, Jennifer Haas, Sarah Huffman, Jennie LaReau, Cathy Macke, Liz McKee, and Sarabeth Vaughan

Welcome/ President's Report

Jenni Carman welcomed everyone in attendance, in-person and virtual. More than likely, we will continue to offer a virtual general meeting option.

House updates

- Normal operations with relation to youth programs
- Senior center will operate 3 days/ week

House staff are prepping for virtual learning in case it is needed. A preschool student tested positive for Covid-19 which led to an outbreak in the house staff about a month ago. Many staff are not vaccinated.

The House was a recipient of a \$100,000 grant from Indy Rent. La'Toya continues to cultivate a relationship with the Lilly Endowment and they have indicated that they can be a continued source of funding.

The House had a flood in the basement and roof damage as a result of a hail storm. They are working on repairs due to that damage.

Board retreat

Last year's Board successfully met their goal of streamlining our processes. This year, the Board is focused on re-engaging with the House after being restricted due to Covid-19. We will evaluate our partnership, and determine the best way for us to support and participate in delivering the House's mission to the community.

The Book & Author Luncheon remains a priority. We are examining ways to be of value to the House and keep guild members engaged. A Brainstorming session was conducted at the Board Meeting to provide ideas for better serving the House, including

revisiting our Family Unity Night events. Jenni will present our ideas to La'Toya in hopes of creating a plan together.

Treasury

Brielle Stanley reminded everyone that dues are to be paid by September 15. Please be sure to use the Guild's P.O. BOX for any mailed payments: P.O. Box 40056/Indianapolis, IN 46240. Directory is available for any members who have paid their dues. Expense reimbursement forms can be mailed to the P.O. Box, or e-mailed to bhodapp@me.com. This year's budget is in the final phases of approval.

Book and Author Luncheon

Kate and Dominique reported the following:

- Bill at Delco is on board to help with storing, delivering & shipping books
- Brian & Stacy at Printing Partners meeting 10/11
- Sponsor for bookmark & bags in the works
- Working with Esta regarding Sullivan's for reveal party and a bac- up plan in case of Covid issues
- 9/22 B&A committee meeting at Kate's house
- Checked in with Roof Ballroom to verify our 2 year contract is in place

Book and Author Luncheon Sponsorship

Heather Kulwin reported the following:

- The Committee has raised \$20k so far, which includes \$5k in ads
- In kind donations are being solicited
- Working with J.Crew on navy & white totes with a coupon inside to gift to Luncheon attendees.

Family Unity Night

Sue Vinyard explained why the Board is considering changes to the event. The committee is waiting until Jenni has an opportunity to meet with La'Toya and understand how the event can better serve the staff and the community.

Christmas at Christamore

Kim Bohley and Emily Winters reviewed how the event is planned and executed (pre and post Covid) and announced that plans for 2021 are underway. They are expecting to be flexible again this year due to Covid. The December meeting will be held at house in order to decorate. The January meeting will also be at house to put away decorations. If you have Christmas items you wish to donate, they are in need of items to refresh our supply. Our scholars took down the decorations last year, and we are not sure where items are at the moment.

Christmas at Christamore is scheduled for December 12, 2021.

Scholarship

Jenni for Denise Cook reported that we currently have 14 active scholars with 2 on academic probation.

The breakdown of students includes: 3 Seniors, 5 Juniors, 3 Sophomores, and 3 Freshman. The committee is looking for ways have more presence at “feeder schools” to generate more applicants for the 2022-2023 school year.

Associates

Mary Heinkebein reported that a Brunch for Associates will be held 10/20 at Kelly Bonner’s, with catering by Blue Bakes. The committee chose to host a brunch this year rather than a luncheon in hopes of increased attendance and not taking up the members entire day.

The Associates like to donate to Christmas at Christamore.

Welcome letter mailed later this week to the Board & Associates. It was mentioned that the date of Brunch is during Fall Break for some schools & colleges.

New Member Introductions

Kate Olivier introduced and welcomed new members in attendance from this year & last year’s class.

Website/ Database/Directory

Jenni reported for Liz Mckee:

- Working with Victoria to update the website: ChristamoreHouse.org
- Password for member portal in directory
- All pertinent information will be in the member portal- bylaws, directory, forms, etc.
- We have been approved for non-profit status for Microsoft365. Cost is \$3/month. Repository for documents & saving information. Emails for main chair positions

Meeting adjourned. Next general meeting October 6, 2021 at 7 PM at the home of Jenni Carman. Please email Gretchen.hueni@att.net if you are unable to attend.