

The Christamore House Guild

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Members in attendance: Lisa Ajdaharian, Cara Baretto, Michelle Bellej, Kim Bohley, Kate Broadbent, Brenda Cacucci, Jenni Carman, Denise Cook, Shannon Frey, Nicki Griffin, Stacie Hamilton, Jennifer Haas, Mary Hinkebein, Gretchen Hueni, Sarah Huffman, Heather Kulwin, Jennie LaReau, Ashley Lockwood, Debbie Maas, Morgan McGill, Kate Nikolai, Kate Olivier, Dominique Parkinson, Christine Rainey, Esta Seach, Brielle Stanley, Sue Vinyard, Melissa Warriner, Emily Winters, and Angela Whoodley

Members absent: Jenni Agramonte, Stephanie Allen, Sandy Barretto, Joelle Baugher, Paige Button, Stephanie Marten Beckley, Paige Button, Liz Camperelli, Ann Fritton, Stacy Johnson, Cathy Macke, Nicole Mastropietro, Liz McKee, Jen Morris, Stacy Singer, Tana Stewart, Tonya Sullivan, Sara Terrell, Laura Tobias, Elizabeth Urbanski, Jennifer Valentine and Sarabeth Vaughan

Welcome/ President's Report

Jenni Carman welcomed everyone in attendance, in-person and virtual.

House updates

- Continuing to assess LaToya's priorities and how the Guild can support those priorities.

Other announcements

- The Executive Board met to approve the budget. Committee Chairs, please contact Brielle Stanley if you have questions.
- General meeting attendance: We all have many priorities; however, with respect to our meeting attendance policy, it is imperative that you let the Secretary know if you are unable to attend a meeting. Per the bylaws, active members must attend (in person or Zoom, if applicable) five General Meetings per year. Thank you for your cooperation!
- Lynda Goeke has volunteered to host a Holiday Party for Guild actives and associates in December. More information to follow.

Board Reports

Treasury

Brielle Stanley reported that the budget has been approved. Just a reminder - please 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.

Book and Author Luncheon

For the benefit of new members (or not so new), Kate and Dominique explained the history and components of the book selection process:

- Author selection is happening now through January. Committee members are reading and considering over 100 books. Books need to be hard cover with a release date of January – April 2022. In addition, committee members research authors and contact publishers. After this process, they will present 5 – 6 authors at an unveiling party in February.

Book and Author Luncheon Sponsorship

- Morgan McGill reported that the committee has secured 11 sponsors totaling more than \$25k and have sold 19 ads in the program.

Christmas at Christamore

Kim Bohley and Emily Winters reviewed how the event is planned and executed:

- The house is decorated by the Guild at the December meeting (we are still in need of gently used or new Christmas Decorations).
- There are 11 pre-schoolers this year; Guild members will be invited to “adopt” a preschool student and their family for the holidays.
- The committee will plan and host a party for the after-school children, scheduled for December 10th. Games, games, food and activities will be planned. Each child will receive a gift bag.
- The committee will plan and host a brunch for the senior citizens on December 1st. Food, activities and gift bags will be provided.

Kim and Emily will attend the Associate brunch and ask for monetary donations to support Christmas at Christamore. They are working on streamlining the donation process (sign-up genius) so stay tuned for information on how to participate.

Scholarship

Denise Cook reported that our 16 scholars are currently attending school in-person.

Associates

Mary Heinkebein reported that a Brunch for Associates will be held 10/20 at Kelly Bonner’s. They have received 20 RSVP’s so far, and are expecting 40 to attend. There will be five vendors at the Brunch and active guild members will be invited to shop from 11 – 1pm. A portion of sales will go to the Guild.

We have close to 450 Associate members.

New Members

Kate Olivier reported that the new members are working on the Halloween Party.

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 November 3, 2021 at 7 PM at the home of Jenni Carman. Please email Gretchen.hueni@att.net if you are unable to attend.