

**United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 4, 2023**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Kevin Anderson, Bob Beville, Noelle Branning, Cindy Carfore, John Clinger, David Fry, Chauncey Goss, Barbara Hartman, Beth Hendry, Michelle Hudson, Matt Humphreys, Charles Idelson, Sally Jackson, John Joyce, Kevin Karnes, Andrea Kershaw, Tony Lapi, Stephen Martus, Gary Matter, Tracy McMillion, Vicki Moreland, Bill Motzer, Landon Mullinax, Stan Nelson, Dan O'Berski, Pat O'Donnell, Harlan Parrish, Steve Pontius, Victoria Rodriguez, Carolyn Rogers, Karen Ryan, Bob Shearman, Bryan Simmering, Mary Snell, Dotty St. Amand, Tom Uhler, Earnest Wilks, Matthew Zwack

**Staff:** Estela Aguilar, Barbara Alderson, Daniel Benzing, Connie Boyd, Jennifer Carolluzzi, Felicitas Carrillo, Edelyn Castellon, Tina Corbett, Marissa Crawford, Patrice Cunningham, Stacey Devlin, Manuel Diaz, Terri Erling, David Fairman-Johnson, Nice Garcia, Greg Gunter, Linda Hafner, Brenda Hayes, Andre Heiting, Michelle Hidalgo, Gail Holton, Heather Housand, Angela Jackson, Amy Jimenez, Algee Johnson, Susan Joseph, Jeannine Joy, Lindsey Lenhart, Christine LoConte, Jennylyn Mitchell, Madison Mitchell, Craig Norling, Lissette Ortiz, Hannah Pelle, Claudia Portalatin, Lisette Quintero, Toni Rozelle-Rosio, Jim Sanger, Tish Sargent, Barbara Thomas, Harriett Turner, Marcia Turner

**Guests:** Al O'Donnell; Romaine Seguin and Jim Alvey of Good 360

1. United Way Board Chair, Noelle Branning called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in person and Zoom with a quorum present.
2. The minutes of the June 2, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented.
3. COO, Hannah Pelle presented the Live United! Award to Al and Pat O'Donnell for being a crucial part of our United Way for so many years. Their latest endeavors made it possible for WeCare to move into their own location at a low cost and assisted in purchasing a building for our 211 staff.
4. Cabinet member, David Fry discussed our warehouse distribution process and offered all board members a tour. The Domestic warehouse is closing and everything will be combined in the Airport Park location. Year-to-date Gifts in Kind has taken in \$24 million and has distributed \$16.7 million in merchandise. VP of Community Impact, Madison Mitchell stated that we are partnering again with Good 360, who has provided millions of dollars of needed items to Lee County after the storm and was presented our Community Hero Award. Romaine Seguin, CEO and Jim Alvey, VP of disaster Recovery & Philanthropy were present and shared how our United Way is an amazing partner.
5. President and CEO, Jeannine Joy gave a Good News Report to save the date for the Industry Appreciation Awards on October 27 at Caloosa Sound and Convention Center. Our United Way and Matter Brothers are one of the finalists for the new Non-Profit Partnership Award.

6. Assistant Treasurer, Victoria Rodriguez informed the board that regular financial statement audit requests are completed and will go for review by the end of the week. Single Audit requests should also start coming in this week, as required, due to receiving over \$750,000 in federal and/or state funds. We anticipate having the entire financial statement package, including the Single Audit, by the end of August. The 2022 Form 990 was signed today including a fee of \$2500.
7. Campaign Co-Chair, Kevin Karnes announced our campaign theme of Uniting Heroes, Inspiring Hope and our goal of \$11.3 million. Kevin stated that the Campaign Kickoff date has been confirmed and will be shared soon. The Campaign Cabinet is making great strides and will have an update next meeting. Pacesetter Co-Chairs are Carolyn Rogers and Gary Matter.
8. Fund Distribution Chair, Tom Uhler proposed that the board accept the recommended funding change of Project Dentists Care from \$99,500 to \$98,250 due to not having expanded their physical presence in Hendry County. Motion unanimously approved as presented.
9. VP of 211, Linda Hafner shared that 211 is receiving 120-130 calls per day with a total of 3,791 calls in July. Immediate needs are housing, electricity, and water assistance. 211 is serving on the Long-Term Recovery Group Data and Case Management committees. Following up on families who still need hurricane support, 211 staff reached out to 1,937 individuals; 350 of those being directed to our LTRG, the remainder were not able to be reached or no longer need assistance.
10. Director of CPS (FMMA) David Fairman-Johnson invited all board members to attend the Open Houses on August 7<sup>th</sup> and “Welcome Days” on August 10<sup>th</sup> at our three Community Partnership Schools. Board member, Fire Chief Tracy McMillion shared his personal experience and engagement with CPS over the last three years. Looking forward to Fire Safety Month in October and additional training in the schools.
11. Board Chair, Noelle Branning announced that the Executive Committee met with Jeannine for her annual review and will be following up next week. President and CEO, Jeannine Joy mentioned that the United Way Workplan should be completed by the next meeting. Due to the tremendous Hurricane support, there is a huge uptick in our Gifts in Kind Program and ARPA dollars distributed. This year our Organizational Expenses are 3% Administration, 1.5% Fundraising, and 95.5% to programs and initiatives. Board Member, Dan O’Berski thanked our team for partnering with 8 Days of Hope in Harlem Heights with over 1,000 volunteers and servicing 104 homeowners, adding to the recovery effort. Volunteers from all over the country and 30+ states participated.
12. The next meeting will be on September 15, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Jeannine Joy  
President & CEO