

**United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee
Board of Directors Meeting
August 25, 2017**

Minutes

Present: Betsy Alderman, Patricia Bell, Cindy Carfore, Michael Clark, John Clinger, David Dale, Colleen DePasquale, Craig Folk, Amy Fontaine, David Fry, Lowell George, Chauncey Goss, Barbara Hagen, Larry Hart, Barbara Hartman, Patricia Heath, Beth Hendry, Sally Jackson, Buddy Kubesh, Tony Lapi, Kevin Lewis, David Lucas, West McCann, James Nolte, Pat O'Donnell, John Pollock, Steve Pontius, Amanda Reed, Karen Ryan, Ted Todd, Tom Uhler, Bill Valenti, Mary Vlasak Snell, Mark Webb, Jessica Wells, Scott White

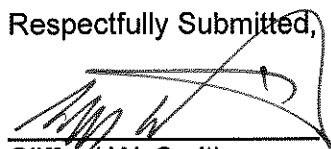
Staff: Kim Berghs, Nancy Coker, Diane Connell, Megan Fasig, Jeremy Gentile, Linda Hafner, Louise Hawthorne, Amy Jimenez, Jeannine Joy, Hannah Pelle, Cliff Smith, Sandy Smith, Michael Willis

Guests: Carol Beesley
Clifton Larson Allen
Comcast
Fifth Third
Corey Vertich

1. United Way Board Chair David Fry called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the United Way Building with a quorum present.
2. New Board members Betsy Alderman and Jessica Wells were welcomed to the Board by the Nominating Committee.
3. Board Chair David Fry congratulated President Cliff Smith for being honored for his 30 years of service to United Way at the annual United Way National Conference.
4. The minutes of the June 2, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting/Annual Meeting were approved as presented.
5. United Way Volunteer Center Chair Steve Pontius presented United Way Day of Caring Awards to Comcast and Fifth Third Bank.
6. Following a presentation by Auditor Amy Cooper, the 2016 Audit was approved as presented.
7. The 2016 990 was then approved as presented by the Finance Committee.
8. Treasurer Pat Heath reviewed the 2017 2nd quarter financials.
9. Carol Beesley was recognized and honored by Jim Nolte, Tom Uhler, and David Lucas as the second member of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society Legacy Fund. Corey Vertich of Uhler and Vertich did the introduction.
10. The 2017 Organizational Goals were accepted as presented.

11. Beth Hendry and John Clinger reviewed the highlights so far in the new campaign, reviewed the campaign materials, thanked Cabinet and Board members for all of their help, and asked all Board members to consider being Pacesetters.
12. United Way 211 Chair and Mission United Champion Larry Hart presented the United Way 211 report and the Mission United update.
13. Community Impact Chair Kevin Lewis gave an update on the opening of the new United Way House in Moore Haven.
14. Following a report from Allocations Chair Tom Uhler, the following changes in allocations were approved:
 - Girl Scouts: Decrease the annual allocation of \$34,000 by \$10,000 for Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida for their Community Troops program. The agency no longer has a staff person in place in the program. For 2017, the allocation in the amount of \$24,000 will be allocated as follows: \$20,000 for the Promise Fund for financial assistance and \$4,000 to Community Troops for program expenses. For 2018, the full allocation of \$24,000 will be designated to the Promise Fund for financial assistance.
 - Special Equestrians: We were notified by the agency that they have initiated a strategic planning process in order to address capacity building and leadership succession. As they have engaged outside assistance with the process which will be an additional cost to the agency, they have requested additional, one-time support to help offset this expense. The agency's current allocation is \$35,000 and we are proposing that we increase this year's allocation in the amount of \$1,000 to assist with the cost of Special Equestrians strategic plan.
 - Boys & Girls Clubs: We were notified by the agency that they were closing the North Fort Myers afterschool program as a result of funding cuts. We are proposing holding the remainder of the program allocation (\$8,333.35) until further notice. The agency is working on securing additional funding and re-opening this location and we hope to update the board next month on their progress.
 - Alliance for the Arts: We have designated funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Alliance for the Arts "ArtPlay" program working with autistic children. We have conducted a site visit and reviewed the agency and we are proposing they be admitted as a partner agency for 2018 and allocated \$5,000 in funding for 2018.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Clifford W. Smith
President