

**United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**January 20, 2023**

**Present:** Patricia Bell, Bob Beville, Noelle Branning, Gary Bryant, Cindy Carfore, John Clinger, Jerry Elliott, David Fry, Gary Griffin, Barbara Hartman, Cindy Hawkins, Beth Hendry, Rob Hernandez, Michelle Hudson, Matt Humphreys, Charles Idelson, Sally Jackson, John Joyce, Kevin Karnes, Andrea Kershaw, David Klein, Tony Lapi, Victoria Loyola, David Lucas, Paul Makurat, Stephen Martus, Tracy McMillion, Charlotte Miller, Vicki Moreland, Bill Motzer, Landon Mullinax, Barbara Mundy, Stan Nelson, Scott Nygaard, Patricia O'Donnell, David Oliver, Steve Pontius, Karen Ryan, Bob Shearman, Mary Snell, Dotty St. Amand, Tom Uhler, Corey Vertich, Scott White, Earnest Wilks, Matthew Zwack

**Staff:** Barbara Alderson, Daniel Benzing, Connie Boyd, Dan Campbell, Jennifer Carolluzzi, Felicitas Carrillo, Edelyn Castellon, Nyah Castellon, Tony Ceresoli, Nancy Coker, Tina Corbett, Angela Corley, Patrice Cunningham, Stacey Devlin, Adyson Eastburg, Julexiua Ellis, Terri Erling, Angela Fischler, Nice Garcia, Linda Hafner, Brenda Hayes, Michelle Hidalgo, Heather Housand, Angela Jackson, David Fairman-Johnson, Jeannine Joy, Jennylyn Mitchell, Madison Mitchell, Annie Noel, Hannah Pelle, Lisette Quintero, Toni Rozelle-Rosio, Lisa Sands, Tish Sargent, Amy Singer, Estela Tapia, Barbara Thomas, Marcia Turner

1. Board Chair Bob Beville called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. via zoom with a quorum present.
2. The minutes of the December 16, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented.
3. President Jeannine Joy presented the Live United award to Pat and Al O'Donnell for providing a centrally located office space for the WeCare program. This will allow the team to conduct private interviews and stay HIPPA compliant.
4. Treasurer Cindy Hawkins presented the Audit Engagement Letter with CLA for approval. The expected fee for financial statement is \$16,500. The fee for the single audit, which is required for 2022, is \$8,500. Anticipated start date is April 3, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved as presented.
5. Managing Director of United Way Gifts in Kind, Tony Ceresoli, discussed the new United Way Recovery Distribution Program. The ten POD locations and points of contact can be found at <https://unitedwaylee.org/rdp/>, people needing items such as mattresses, furniture, bedding, are encouraged to call and make an appointment. The School Resource Center has distributed over 116,000 items valued at \$3.3 million since the beginning of the school year. Since the beginning of the hurricane, United Way has received over 700,000 donated items with a value of over \$5 million. Anticipate closing the Central Avenue warehouse within 60-90 days because of hurricane damage.
6. United Way 211/Mission United Chair, Gary Bryant, informed the board that during the month of December, Operation Santa's Helpers program provided Christmas cheer to 65 families and 116 children. Special thanks to the 17 sponsors and community partners. During the month of December, total call volume was 3,388 with an ongoing need for housing, rent, electric/water, and hurricane recovery expenses. Mission United served 90 Veteran callers in December. Of these callers, 41 Veterans were offered Care Coordination.
7. Vice President of Community Partnership Schools, Angela Jackson, shared that our Community Partnership Schools provide social services on campus and identify gaps in healthcare, food, clothing, etc. Since starting the program in 2019, we now have three partnership schools: Franklin Park Elementary, Fort Myers Middle Academy, and new for this year, Colonial Elementary. A tour of Fort Myers Middle will be scheduled soon, and Jeannine Joy suggested that everyone should attend and see how the CPS staff are shaping families and changing lives.

8. Steve Pontius, Volunteer Center Chair, shared that during the month of December, \$583,000 in donated medical procedures were provided through WeCare and January is already approaching the \$1 million mark. Special thanks were given to Board Members Karen Ryan of LCEC and Tom Uhler and Corey Vertich of Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners, for continuing to sponsor our volunteer web portal. The team continues to work with local and out of state groups reporting over 20,000 hours for Hurricane support and recovery. Tax season opens January 23rd, and our VITA program will be in full force. Volunteers will be preparing and filing taxes at 26 locations in Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Charlotte Counties for residents whose household incomes are \$66,000 or less at no cost. Appointments can be made through our 2-1-1 call center. Please reach out to Patrice Cunningham or Mary Meador if you have any questions, would like rack cards, or custom fliers.
9. Fund Distribution Chair, Tom Uhler, stated that the SalusCare's Crisis Stabilization Unit is closed due to severe facility damages. Project Dentists Care will now be working with PACE Center for Girls to provide dental cleanings and fillings to PACE girls. Additionally, adult clients of PDC will be able to have their teeth cleaned by Hodges University dental hygiene students at no-cost for the patient. The two action items: adjusting SalusCare's allotted funding from \$383,392 to \$247,032 until the Crisis Stabilization Unit is once again operational; and adjusting Project Dentists Care Funding from \$97,000 to \$99,500 in support of its new dental hygiene initiative; both were unanimously approved as presented.
10. Campaign Co-chairs Sally Jackson and Matt Humphreys updated our campaign numbers and are excited to report that we are currently at 74.15% of goal. Refer any relationships with contractors to David Fry. FGCU kicks off their campaign January 26th, and the City of Fort Myers the first week of February. Alexis de Tocqueville Highlights – Thanks to David Lucas, we currently have 152 members which totals \$4.3 million, with 14 new members. Additionally, \$739,000 in ADT gifts have been contributed to relief fund making the combined total over \$5 million. Community Campaigns are still running and have a lot of special events over the next two months.
11. John Clinger, Community Impact Chair, reported that the ReUnite Program recently exceeded 500 registered participants. Our 17<sup>th</sup> United Way House in North Fort Myers at Healing Stitches – O.I.L.E., celebrated it's grand opening this month with great turnout.
12. Stan Nelson reported on Grants and Contracts with our ARPA focus on establishing observable and measurable outcomes and goals. Initial Agency reporting was just completed and the United Way summary for 2022 due next week.
13. Board Chair Bob Beville shared that our board is being recognized by the Cape Coral Community Foundation next week as one of the top six non-profit boards in SWFL. Noelle Branning is being recognized as one of the top Board Members in SWFL. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next board meeting will be held on February 24, 2023. Chair Bob Beville will not be in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jeannine Joy