

Golfview Hills Women's Club December 5, 2023 Board Minutes

Attending: Mary Jaworski, Mary Satchwell, Karen Morse, Bea Szoboczki , Arlene Bowland, Deb Feldman, Anne Cahill, Chris Collins, Shirley Stavinga

Winterfest

Event was well received with about 60 attending. Many thanks to Mary S. for leading and all the volunteers who supported the event. Special thanks to Santa and the Nutcracker. The board discussed the need for wind barriers, fire pit and porta potty for future winter events at the park.

The club rotates each year between Winterfest and Fall Fest. These events primarily offer activities for children/young families. In 2024, we will sponsor Fall Fest. Volunteers are needed to lead/coordinate next year's event.

Luminaria

Mary J. reported 166 kits were sold and she expects at least 88 homes to participate in lighting up. A lower volume of kits was sold this year because some families saved kits from last year since an alternate night was held for lighting due to weather. A total of \$1,700 was donated in sponsorships. There are still kits available. Mary J. will send out a map with the participating homes.

Sponsorships/Philanthropy

The board discussed sponsorships and how funds the club raises are distributed for projects to support Golfview Hills and external nonprofit organizations. The board will continue to discuss.

BEDS Plus

BEDS Plus was previously selected as the nonprofit organization the GHWC will support for the next two years. Erin Molek, Development Manager for BEDS Plus, and Mike McNamara, a community member who supports the organization by sponsoring an annual fundraising event, attended the board meeting to give an overview of the organization, discuss how it is supported and answer questions.

Erin explained that BEDS Plus has existed for 35 years and has grown significantly to support individuals and families across portions of Cook and DuPage counties. Based in LaGrange, BEDS Plus offers a full range of programs and services to meet the many needs of people experiencing or facing homelessness. These include emergency services, interim housing, transitional and permanent housing. Those served include victims of domestic violence, veterans, elderly, youth aging out of foster care and those with disabilities and mental health challenges.

Erin shared an annual report and other materials to give the board ideas of ways to support BEDS Plus. She said monetary donations can be designated for specific programs, if desired. A number of upcoming events and drives are also available for in-kind donations.

Karen recommended the board continue to discuss ways to support the organization and that our possible focus be on the "bookends" of those in need – young adults who age out of the foster system and the elderly. It was recommended that an update to the GH community be distributed as soon as possible to announce our support and an overview of BEDS Plus. Erin will provide us with fliers/logos/materials for future use and promotion of events.

Communications

- Website for Philanthropy will be updated with Beds Plus information.
- Pictures from Winterfest will be added to website.

Membership

Karen reported current membership stands at 64 members. She will be reaching out to new community members as well as prior year members who have not joined this year.

Winter Program.

Melissa is finalizing the January event. It will take place at Bottle & Botega in La Grange with catered dinner from Italiamo (salad, garlic bread, eggplant parmigiana, chick vesuvio, and lasagne). We will serve the Club's wine, and Melissa will purchase bottled water and bottled tea as well. The tentative date is Tuesday, January 16. Pricing per person will run around \$50.

Melissa is planning to provide a raffle/basket/item for the event, possibly health-related..e.g.--gift card to Willowbrook Stretch Lab, juice bar gift card (Nectar in Burr Ridge), detox/cleanse (Nourished in Hinsdale), etc.

Chili Supper

Chili Supper is set for Friday, Feb. 10, at Ruth Lake Country Club. Mary J. will try to recruit Laurie Eichelman and Luz to Co-Chair the event. We will try to have a meeting before the end of the month. Anne, Mary J, Shirley, Chris have offered to be part of the committee.

Treasurer's Report

Melissa L. provided the following report:

I. The Club's current **account balance is \$15,014.18.**

II. Philanthropy Update

- Luminaria Kit Donations: \$2,219
- Luminaria Sponsor Donations: \$1,750 -- waiting on a couple more sponsor donations to come in, can be dropped off at ML or MJ's home
- Luminaria Supplies: \$1,125

Net Luminaria Donations Received to Date: \$2,844

- Raffle Tickets: \$470
- Raffle Basket Supplies: \$88.35

Net Raffle Donations: \$381.65

Total Philanthropic Donations: \$3,225.65

III. Spring Banquet Table Sponsors

Donations Received to Date: \$750

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- **Tuesday, Jan. 9** – 11:30 a.m. at Anne Cahill's home – **NOTE change in date and later start time.**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 6** – 11 a.m. at Luz Canino-Baker's home

Upcoming Events/Contacts:

January – Tuesday, Jan. 16 (tentative date) - Bottle & Botega in La Grange (Melissa L., chair)

February – Friday, Feb. 10 – Chili Supper at Ruth Lake Country Club

March – Date & Event TBD – Potentially St. Patrick's theme, bingo

April – Date TBD, Earth Day

May – Date TBD, Gardening

June – Friday, June 7 – Summer Concert, band currently reserved (Deb F., Chris C. co-chairs)

June – Date TBD, Spring banquet

Golfview Hills Dining Club Events

Note: Shirley will keep the board informed of upcoming Golfview Hills Dining events since this activity has restarted so GHWC does not plan events on conflicting dates.

Jan. 25 – Theatre of Western Springs

District 86 School Calendar

Holidays - Staff and Student Non-Attendance Days	
Labor Day	September 4
Columbus /Indigenous Peoples' Day	October 9
Election Day	No General Election
Thanksgiving Break	November 22 - 24
Winter Break	December 25 - January 5
Martin Luther King Day	January 15
President's Day	February 19
Spring Break	March 25 - 29
Memorial Day	May 27
Student Non-Attendance Days	
New Educator Orientation	August 11 - 16
Institute Days	August 17 - 18, January 8, March 1
ALICE Training for Staff	ALICE Training is not required this year
Exams and Graduation	
1st Semester Final Exams	December 20 - 22
AP Exams	May 6 - 17
Graduation	May 23
2nd Semester Final Exams	May 29 - 31