



Roundtable Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2023
8:30 am – 10:00 am
Heather Parker, Vice-Chair

Roundtable Members Attending: Teresa Bishop, Rosetta Bartell, Linda Bartz, Brian Bauer, Ann Berner, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Thomas Epsky, Debbie Hawley, Robert McPartlan, Heather Parker, Dr. Jon Prince, Clint Sperber, Lisa von Seelen, and Andy Treadwell.

Roundtable Members Attending via Phone: Carol Deloach

Roundtable Members Absent: Terissa Aronson, Tom Bakkedahl, Michael Davis, Brian Hester, Diane Hogley-Burney, Curtis Johnson, Michael Linn, Diamond Litty, Tony Loupe, Nathan Peterson, David Pickett, Nate Spera, Peter Tesch, and Dana Trabulsky.

Guests Attending: Christann Hartley, Brett Peters, Ed Shemelya, Nadea Wilson, William Lynch, Jr., C. Jovil Wharton, and Jeanine Nestor.

I. Welcome

Heather Parker opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed all members. Heather Parker asked for a moment of silence in memory of Kim Thomas-Pate, the Roundtable's former Operations Manager.

Pledges

The Pledge of Allegiance and Treasure Hunter Pledges were recited.

II. March Agenda and February Minutes

A motion was made to accept the March Agenda by Linda Bartz, seconded by John Bolduc. The motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made to accept the February Minutes by Linda Bartz, seconded by Bob McPartlan. The motion passed unanimously.

III. January Financials

Christann Hartley presented the Roundtable January Financials to the Board.

A motion was made to accept the January Financials by John Bolduc, seconded by Linda Bartz. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Vice-Chair Report

Heather Parker thanked the members for their attendance. Heather Parker presented the Roundtable's request to submit a grant application to United Way on behalf of IGNITE Youth Alliance.

A motion was made by Sean Boyle to approve the Roundtable's application for the United Way grant on behalf of IGNITE Youth Alliance, seconded by Brian Bauer. Thomas Epsky abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

The Vice-Chair notified the Board of the vacancy on the Executive Committee due to Jessica Parrish leaving the United Way, her role as Secretary is now vacant. Heather asked the Board for nominations or volunteers. Bob McPartlan volunteered and there were no other nominees or volunteers.

A motion was made by Sean Boyle to approve Bob McPartlan as Secretary for the Executive Committee, seconded by Linda Bartz. The motion passed unanimously.

V. CEO Report

Teresa Bishop welcomed Interim CEO, Thomas Epsky to the Board representing United Way St. Lucie & Okeechobee. CEO Bishop shared that the Roundtable's IRS 990 form has been reviewed by the board and the auditors were provided with the final version. The Roundtable continues to research the option of hybrid meetings and is researching the necessary technology and costs to do so. IGNITE is currently interviewing for the Family Navigator vacancy. The Roundtable is working in collaboration with CA Moore on an enhanced response to the youth at that school who are victims of or are witnessing violence in the community; Ann Berner with SEFBHN, Tykes and Teens, St. Lucie Public Schools and St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office are all partnering on this collaboration. Drug Free St. Lucie hosted another *Hidden In Plain Sight* at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, they had 31 people participate in the tours. Thank you to Councilman Bonna for providing the free space for this. Southern Oaks Middle School has also requested at their Student-Led Conference for parents to participate. The Marijuana Summit at the Fenn Center was a great success with over seventy-five people in attendance. Teresa Bishop and C. Jovil Wharton, DFSL Coordinator attended the CADCA Forum in D.C. as well as Advocacy Day in Tallahassee, FL, and were able to have valuable conversations with representatives, including Senator Gayle Harrell. The Child Welfare Network continues to work with Georgetown University on the Crossover Youth Practice Model data analysis and has a call this week to receive updates. The Safe Neighborhood Network continues to collect gang assessment surveys and will be wrapping up shortly; Stephanie Strutner has plans to interview SROs and law enforcement this month.

VI. Highlights from the Legalization of Marijuana Across the Nation

Ed Shemelya, Coordinator with the National Marijuana Initiative (NMI), HIDTA Program, and William Lynch, Jr., Clinical Pharmacist presented on various topics surrounding the legalization of marijuana. See attached.

VII. Announcements / Agency Updates

- Nadea Wilson – Civil Citations have seen a 72% increase.
- Sean Boyle – More Than a Game III/Fatherhood Initiative is starting this month at the old YMCA building and will run for 12 weeks. Coffee with a Grant Writer takes place in the CSC conference room every month on the second Friday.
- Linda Bartz – St. Lucie County is starting a pilot program for lights in the park.
- Brian Bauer – Annual Career Conference for high school juniors and seniors will take place on April 6th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm at Mid-Florida Event Center.
- Janine Nestor (IRSC) – Reminded attendees that the IRSC Promise Pledge for high school seniors is due Friday, March 10th, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned – 10:28 a.m.