

## Community Service Club

General Meeting

May 14, 2019

**Participants:** Jennifer Hilderbrand, Kathy Hull, Cyndee Lucas, Nikki Sutor, Maryann Murrin, Jane Muggeo, Khris Hall, Janet Capozzola, Robin Lindquist, Maryann Milleville, Lisa Keltos, Jeanne Sacrider, Marion Goldstein, Cille Grabert, Kristin Krebs, Linda Pasquariello, Olga Simoncelli, Judee Miley

Jen Hilderbrand called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm

**President:**

Jen wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day!

**Vice President:**

Cyndee advised that she has received new nametags for those members who requested them. If you ordered a new nametag or would like to order one, please contact Cyndee directly.

**Secretary:**

Jen advised members that Michele will not be at the meetings for the next 3 months due to her work with the Post Grad committee. Lisa Keltos and/or others will take minutes as needed. Also Michele's father-in-law recently passed away, as well as a close friend of the family.

**Treasurer:**

Deidra is away on business/vacation. Jen distributed/reviewed the current financial summary.

*Please note: A digital copy of the financial update may be obtained from Deidra upon her return.*

**Webmaster/Historian:**

Kathy asked members to please let her know if they need anything posted on the website or the CSC Facebook page.

**Past President**

Lisa had nothing to report.

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## Event Wrap-Ups:

**April Potluck Dinner**

Kathy and Lisa thanked everyone for the wonderful food and their participation in the karaoke festivities.

**Amber Alert**

Jane thanked those members who helped with the Amber Alert registration event in April. The event was a success:

- 76 children were registered
- A total of \$170 in donations was collected

Jane mentioned that one of the Savings Bank of Danbury (SBD) bank officers approached her regarding doing another Amber Alert registration at their Bethel branch. The bank officer advised that they would give a \$250 donation to the CSC for this event. Jane spoke to Jo (Manager, SBD New Fairfield branch) to see if the bank would also be able to cover the costs associated with such an event. Costs would include ribbons and blank cards. For instance, at the April event in New Fairfield, 1.5 ribbons were used (cost is \$60 per ribbon). Blank cards are \$50 for a quantity of 500 cards. Certain shipping costs may also be associated. It was determined that the CSC would be open to hosting a Bethel event if the SBD would increase their donation to at least \$350 (covers associated costs and makes the event worth the travel/work of members). Jane will discuss this further with Jo.

### **Town Tribune**

Jane suggested that we continue to provide a 'good will' donation to the Town Tribune as we have done over the past few years. It was suggested that a donation of \$100 would be appropriate coupled with a 'letter to the editor' to thank the Town Tribune for their support of the CSC. The board and CSC members agreed that this would be a good way to promote/continue good relations with our local newspaper.

### **Mother's Day Plant Sale**

Jeanne thanked everyone for their work and support at the plant sale this past Saturday. Jeanne is still awaiting the bill from Dom's Garden Center. She estimates that \$900 was made at the sale. She will give a final update when all the numbers are in.

### **Consolidated School – Silent Auction Donation**

Per Linda, the winner of the CSC basket at the recent Consolidated event was unable to collect her plant last Saturday. Jen advised Linda that the winner may redeem the certificate at the plant sale next year.

### **T-Shirt Sales**

A total of 3 NF Strong t-shirts were sold at the Consolidated event. Nikki and Cyndee also reported that 1 shirt was sold at the Decathlon event. A couple of shirts were sold at the Amber event. It appears the market is saturated for NF Strong t-shirts.

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## **New Business:**

### **Taste of New Fairfield**

Jen approached members regarding their ideas for this year's Taste of New Fairfield. Some said they would like to make it a separate event from the early September Fall Festival (slated for September 7<sup>th</sup>). Different ideas were discussed, including the possibility of having the event outdoors, etc.

On a separate note, Khris Hall advised the group that the town will be sponsoring a concert series this summer at Memorial Field.

Jen asked who would want to serve on the Taste of New Fairfield committee. The following people volunteered: Jen, Janet, Khris, Maryann Murrin, Jeanne, Linda

## Scholarships

Jen advised group of the scholarship recipients for the CSC and Fran Cunningham awards:

- Francine Cunningham Community Service Scholarship (\$3000) - Ryan Ptakowski
- Francine Cunningham Math Award Scholarship (\$1000) – Lindsay Riggs\*
- CSC Community Service Scholarship (\$500) – Rachel Mikolay
- 911 Firefighter’s Scholarship (\$500) – Ryan Ptakowski
- Mark Keeler Scholarships (2 awards at \$250 each) – Nicholas Forstner and Zachary Brown\*

*\*Scholarship recipient(s) chosen by NFHS*

## 2019-2020 CSC Board Members – Election

Jen announced that the following persons have been nominated for the 2019-2020 CSC Board:

- Kristin Krebs – President
- Cyndee Lucas – Vice President
- Deidra Picciano – Treasurer
- Michele Williams – Secretary (please note, Michele is still finalizing her decision as to whether she can serve as secretary next year due to other obligations)
- Nancy Giordano – Webmaster/Public Relations

The members unanimously voted yes for all of the above. As noted, Michele Williams will finalize her decision soon (in the meantime, she is voted in on board). Jen Hilderbrand will serve on board in the capacity of Past President.

## KDFS

Maryann Murrin advised that we have not yet received the final number of kids. As an fyi, the drop dead date for parent acceptances is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Also Kristin Krebs will serve as school coordinator for Consolidated; Jen Hilderbrand will coordinate for Meeting House.

The KDFS will be sending out an email regarding this year’s shopping process. In the meantime, here is a summary of what was discussed at the meeting/etc.:

- *Each member to pick up their shopping box at the June 11<sup>th</sup> general meeting at New Life Church.*
- *Due to the possibility of having a large number of kids to shop for this year, the KDFS committee will conduct an online shopping night (date/time TBA). This committee will shop online for those CSC members who prefer to let the committee do the shopping rather than the member going out and doing the shopping on their own. The purchases will be made using a CSC KDFS bank debit card (which will save members from having to outlay money themselves). The clothing items for your assigned child will be sent to your home for you to place in your shopping box.*
- *Each CSC member will need to advise Janet Capozzola if they prefer the online committee to shop for their assigned ‘child’ or do if they prefer to do the shopping themselves.*
- *Even if you choose to have the online committee shop for your assigned child, you will still need to pick up your shopping box on June 11<sup>th</sup> (the KDFS committee does not have storage space for all boxes – each member will still store their boxes along with the purchased clothing and return to the school shopping coordinators.*

If you have any questions, please contact either Janet Capozzola or Maryann Murrin.

## Disbursements

Kathy presented the board's 2019 disbursement recommendations as follows:

Organization	Purpose of Request	Amount
Post Grad	Post Grad expenses at NFHS	\$1000.00
NF Middle School	Awards	\$ 100.00
Academic Decathlon <sup>1</sup>	Study materials, etc.	\$ 700.00
Rebels Care	Supplies and materials	\$ 900.00
Lacrosse Field	Portable/temporary lights	\$ 800.00
Civil Air Patrol	Printing costs for suicide prevention materials, etc.	\$ 349.23
NF Library	Cricut machine	\$ 289.99
KDFS	Disbursement to replenish KDFS account if needed. Please note – CSC Members agreed to leave in CSC general account until it is necessary to replenish funds in KDFS account. The reason for this is because once funds are transferred to the KDFS bank account, they cannot be transferred back to the CSC general account (legality) should non-KDFS financial issues arise.	\$1000.00

<sup>1</sup>\$200 was given to the Decathlon last month, the \$700 amount is in addition (total disbursement = \$900)

Olga Simoncelli provided CSC members an overview of the Civil Air Patrol organization and details regarding their disbursement request.

Khris Hall suggested that the CSC stipulate that the lacrosse field's temporary lighting fixtures be made available to other organizations in town. It was noted that the CSC is most likely only contributing a portion of the monies needed for purchasing the items, therefore we may not be able to make this type of request.

The members voted unanimously to accept the board's recommendations.

Please note the following 'obligations' which are budgeted for each year and require no voting (this was not reviewed formally at the meeting, due to no voting required):

Organization	Amount
Scholarships	\$1500.00
American Cancer Society	\$ 100.00
New Life Church	\$ 250.00
Company A Firehouse	\$ 50.00
NFHS Booster Club	\$ 250.00
NF Veterans Association	\$ 125.00
St. Edwards Church	\$ 200.00

**Relay for Life**

This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – rain or shine. The theme will be 'ducks'. The event usually starts at 3p at NFHS and runs until about 5a the next day.

Rather than t-shirts, the team will wear blue shirts – a duck 'pendant' will be made available to hang around neck.

**Installation Dinner**

Jen advised that Michele will be sending an email regarding the date and details for event.

Meeting ended 855p