

## **CSC General Meeting Minutes**

### **April 10, 2018**

**Attendees:** Janet Capozzola, Kathy Hull, Cille Grabert, Lisa Keltos, Kristin Krebs, Robin Lindquist, Cyndee Lucas, Judee Miley, Maryann Milleville, Jane Muggeo, Maryann Murrin, Kathie Murtha, Linda Pasquariello, Deidra Picciano, Clare Raneri, Suzanne Rossi, Jeanne Sacrider, Carol Wynimko

The Annual Potluck Dinner – with an International theme - began at 6:30p, followed by a brief meeting, silent auction and ‘getting to know you’ discussion with all attendees participating.

Here are the minutes from the meeting portion of the evening:

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President:** Lisa reported that we have three (3) open board positions this year, including Lisa’s and Amy’s positions due to their having served their maximum terms allowed under the CSC bylaws. Lisa announced that Cyndee Lucas has accepted nomination for Vice President. Kathy Hull will be taking over the Online Officer position. Lisa said that there is someone considering running for President. We are still in need of a Secretary. Lisa asked the group to contact her if they are interested in helping on the board next year in one of these positions.

Lisa announced that the first meeting for the committee planning next year’s large fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 7p. Lisa is still awaiting confirmation of the meeting location. Lisa asked if anyone was interested in joining this committee; several people affirmed their interest.

**Vice President:** Kathy advised that she has updated the home page of the CSC website with the following links:

- Donate to CSC
- Donate to KDFS
- Request Donation Form

**Secretary:** Lisa advised that Amy was not in attendance tonight due to her son Cooper’s birthday. Lisa read a thank you note recently received from Christine Deep re her appreciation for the KDFS program.

**Treasurer:** Deidra passed out the current balance sheet.

**Past President:** Jane reported that she is working with Danbury Savings Bank regarding a grant request for purchasing school supply gift cards under the KDFS program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Amber Alert:** Jane advised that the Amber Alert Registration Day is all set for this coming Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9a-1p. She thanked everyone who has committed to helping with this important event. Jane advised that she has distributed 1,100 flyers to the local schools, churches, etc.

**Kids Dress for Success:** Maryann Murrin announced to membership a new development in the KDFS eligibility program. Maryann explained that effective March 19<sup>th</sup>, students who receive Medicaid are now eligible to be part of the state's free/reduced lunch program. This change will significantly increase the overall number of students eligible for the state's free/reduced lunch program, which in turn increases the number of students eligible to receive KDFS benefits. (Maryann was also advised late last week that this new policy is a 'trial program' by the state. It was noted that sometimes trial programs result in permanent changes, therefore we should prepare for this as such.)

Prior to the March 19<sup>th</sup> change in state policy, 62 students were deemed eligible for the free/reduced lunch and KDFS programs. The KDFS committee sent letters to the 62 families early last month.

Due to the change in the state's free/reduced lunch policy, an additional 95+ students have been identified thus far as eligible. This number could potentially rise.

At this point it is agreed that we do not have adequate funding to support the additional 95+ students. Therefore, we will be announcing that only those students who were eligible as of January 1, 2018 for the free/reduced lunch program will receive KDFS benefits for the 2018-19 school year due to current funding available. We will discuss this item in an upcoming Town Tribune article, stating that we will address this increased need for the 2019-2020 KDFS program year. For the 2018-2019 disbursement we can only offer to our "original" 62 families due to current funding available. If any of the newly eligible families come to the Club and express a disappointment, we will (through the Town Finance Office) advise them to review our letter in the Town Tribune.

As mentioned earlier by Kathy, donation links have been added to the club's website to make it easier to raise funds for KDFS, etc.

Next year we will need to review the number of eligible students against what funds we have available. We may need to scale back the KDFS offering in order to serve more families. We may also need to consider limiting the program to only children who receive free lunch as opposed to both free and/or reduced lunch.

It was noted that historically the CSC budgeted \$3000 annually for disbursement from the CSC general account to the KDFS account. This was not done over the past 2-3 years due to the KDFS account having adequate funding, whereby the general account needed the 'extra' funds to help support our scholarships and donation requests. Per Maryann – for the present year - we will only be funding those students who were eligible for the free/reduced lunch program as of January 1, 2018. Therefore, no disbursement is needed for KDFS for the 2017-18 club year. We will however need to budget for a KDFS disbursement in the 2018-19 club year. The amount to be budgeted will depend upon the total number of eligible students, any new parameters established for the KDFS program as well as the amount of funds available in the CSC general account.

Janet and Maryann are investigating the Walmart Grant Program to see if that might be an avenue for us. They will report their findings in the upcoming weeks.

**Mother's Day Plant Sale:** Jeanne Sacrider passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for the upcoming Mother's Day Plant Sale, scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9a-3p at Veteran's Park. Jeanne is in need of some sports canopies for the sale – please contact her directly if you have one available for use.