

Executive Roundtable of  
Indian River County  
April 25, 2019 @ 9:00  
United Way of Indian River County  
1836 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vero Beach, Fl 32960

Minutes

**Members Attending:** Casey Lunceford, Bob McPartlan, Leslie Spurlock, Peter O'Bryan, Paul Carlisle, Michael Kint, Miranda Hawker, Tiffany Justice, Paul Nigro, Peter O'Bryan, Kip Jacoby, Ann Berner, Caryn Toole, David Currey, Keith Touchberry, Tiffany Justice, Michael Kint, ED Hill

**Guests:** Kathy De Schouwer, Antoine Jennings, Crossover Mission, Debra Engle, Eric Flowers

**I. Chairman Lunceford opened the meeting at 9 AM.**

**II. Chairman Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**III. Introductions were made and all were welcomed.**

**IV. Community Presentations- Kathy De Schower and Antoine Jennings, Crossover Mission-** Ms. De Schower and Mr. Jennings gave account of personal history that led to the formation of Crossover Mission, which has been in existence for five years. Currently, they are serving 70 kids. In addition to basketball, they offer students a deeper level of support/ The center requires students to participate in academic mentoring, and staff advocates in schools and court when needed. The oldest students are seniors. Not all will graduate but none of the students are in a gang. They've stayed in school. Crossover's goal is to help them transfer to college, life, etc.

Tiffany Justice stated that she has gotten to know Crossover Mission and that they are truly empowering students and families. They go deep with their kids and are individualized in how they help their students. Also helping to improve parents.

Ms. De Schower explained the Ambassador program: Ambassadors come to four meetings a year and are people who have a heart for what they're doing. They go into the community and speak about Crossover. Crossover now has a center. They have three vans that pick kids up at school. Once at the center, the kids have a warm meal provided by the Source. They then have academic mentoring, one on one. Once homework is completed, they go to the gym. They are allowed to use several school district gyms for free. There is currently a waiting list of kids that want to be in Crossover. Basketball is the heart of the program. Regarding basketball, Crossover offers training so the students can try out for their school teams.

Antoine Jennings stated that most kids have never played on a team. Each day, they teach kids eating habits, how to dress, manners, etc. Crossover will go meet teachers, or whatever the student needs.

Crossover also does home and school visits, takes students to lunch, dinner, basketball game, whatever they need to do to connect.

Kip Jacoby stated that the CSAC has been funding Crossover for a few years. The fact that they have the success is the key. Through the monitoring, Mr. Jacoby went to an evening event. Students are matched with mentors. The program is very impressive.

Paul Nigro- Asked about the referral process as he works with children that he would like to send.

Mr. Jennings stated that Crossover has the capacity for more to play basketball, but they don't want to take in any more kids than there is staff for as they are matched up to each student. There is a waiting list because of that. Twelve are currently on the waiting list. Attendance policy is that students are not allowed any more than three unexcused absences.

Looking to take on another unit and volunteers.

Paul Nigro asked what is needed to get an additional unit.

Kathy De Shower stated that the age range is 8-18 plus. Waiting list is predominately elementary and middle school. High school does not have a wait list.

Ms. De Shower stated their need for mentors. The mentor would be close to the student and the parent.

Tiffany Justice stated that a lot of the parents don't know how to navigate the school system. The mentor is an advocate for the student and parent.

**V. Approval of Minutes (February 28, 2019) – Chairman Lunceford-** Motion by Peter O'Bryan, second by Bob McPartlan.

**VI. Treasurer's Report- Kip Jacoby-** Just under \$50,000. Motion to accept by Peter O'Bryan. Second by Michael Kint.

## **VII. Old Business**

**A. Juvenile Justice Update- Wydee'a Wilson-** Unable to attend. Passed out civil citation dashboard.

**B. Superintendent's Art Gallery Update-** Tiffany Justice- Thanked the Roundtable for sponsoring again this year. It was a packed house. A different venue will be considered next year. Ms. Justice also thanked the Roundtable for the scholarships. The goal is that it will run in a way that it will be sustainable going forward.

Casey Lunceford commented that the quality of the art created by IRC students is outstanding.

## **VIII New Business**

**A. Discussion on next project/program to support- Chairman Lunceford**

**a) Bus Stop- Peter O'Bryan for Karen Deigl-** Casey Lunceford stated that he would like for the Roundtable use the money from the fundraiser for bus stops.

Peter O'Bryan passed along information from Karen Deigl. There are two options for shelters. One is at the new United Against Poverty building. That route would serve a lot of people. Proposed two shelters. The cost would be just under twenty thousand for both.

The other option would be at IRSC. This would be one shelter, but it would be more expensive per shelter because additional cement is needed.

After discussion, it was determined that the bus stops may not be the best use of fundraiser dollars.

Tiffany Justice stated that the Roundtable may need to look at the strategic process again. The Roundtable does not have to be the type of nonprofit that goes to United Way for funding. It may be the power of the membership that is the strength of the organization. Miranda Hawker stated her agreement.

Tiffany Justice stated that after the needs assessment comes out, we need to have someone come speak to the Roundtable and then have a session as a group to decide what direction we want to go.

Casey Lunceford stated that he wants to look at long term sustainability. SLC has gotten into grant writing. Maybe each member can come up with a statement of what they want the direction to be.

Michelle Morris suggested banners to be hung that show our sponsorship of Kids at Hope.

Caryn Toole suggested that the Roundtable look at recreation, possibly playgrounds. Go Play Vero.

Michelle Morris stated that a lot of kids cannot afford to pay the fees. Scholarships are a possibility for the Roundtable. She also suggested marketing the Roundtable to a higher degree. Paul Carlisle mentioned that the focus should be outcome. What outcome does the Roundtable want. This is what needs to be defined.

**b) New Mentoring Program- Tiffany Justice-** Tabled due to time constraints.

- B. Appointment of three Roundtable members to Alliance of the Treasure Coast-Bob McPartlan-** The bylaws of the Alliance of the Treasure Coast were recently changed. The Roundtable is responsible for designating three people who sit on the board. Michal Kint has served for many years and would like to give someone else a turn. Aimee Hill is a member. Carrie Lester volunteered. Andrea Berry was suggested. Tiffany Justice shared that Dr. Rendell is moving on as of May 24. Michal Kint sent ED Hill an email that he would like to share with members to see if there's anything that can help with a student in need. ED Hill will forward the email. Miranda Hawker stated that their first triathlon is on May 5<sup>th</sup>. They are trying to encourage people to sign up. Hep A- Ms. Hawker stated that IRC has not had an outbreak yet. It is very communicable and can cause mild to severe liver disease. Two weeks before you show symptoms, you can pass the infection. IRC has not had a case of measles. There was one case in Broward. ED Hill to find out about the needs assessment.

**IX. Member Matters**

**X. Adjournment – 10:00 AM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Executive Director, Aimee Hill**