

## **Events Committee Meeting Minutes**

September 4th, 2024

**Meeting held in person meeting: Location Oasis Restaurant 2260 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33901**

**Meeting Called to Order at 8:41 a.m.**

### **Attendance**

Tara Sherrod Committee Chair, Director, First Baptist Preschool

Laura R. Bright, Chief Advancement Officer, Golisano Children's Museum

### **Invited but not in attendance:**

Chelsey Gonzalez Vice President, Acklen Ave.

Rashondra Croskey, Teacher, Glades School District.

### **ELC Staff Present**

Melanie Stefanowicz CEO, Gilda Duran CPO, and Monica Gaddy  
Administrative Coordinator



Tara Sherrod presided as Chairman of the meeting; 2-voting members present

Quorum established. Meeting called to order by Tara Sherrod Board Chair.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

May 30, 2024, meeting minutes approved.

### **Agenda**

#### **Welcome & Public Comment**

Welcome by Committee Chair Tara Sharrod.

No public comment.

#### **Meeting Agenda Review | Adoption**

Meeting Agenda Review | and adopted

#### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes approved. All in favor with no opposed motion carries.

#### **Special Initiatives Measurable for:**

Working towards ways to foster community engagement, provide more families with good childcare options and community resources. Reaching out to Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce,

Establishing a Board Member emeritus program. One of the many goals is to retain the relationship that have been established in the community.

Board engagement, working on ways to communicate with the board member the importance of their role and what we from them. Time, talent and resources i.e., contributions would suffice.

## **Partnership Development**

Dr. Melanie is working to establish more community partners. Kae Moore Borad Chair; has ideas that will help booster visibility through attending various meetings thought out the community.

Maintaining relationship with past Board members. Consider a Board member emeritus program. It would be a maintain long standing relationship as we continue to build community relationship. We will maintain a more established presence and not work so hard at the grass root level. Miniating connections is as important as establishing new ones.

## **Old Business:**

- Business Breakfast has been tabled until 2025. Working on stagy to revamp our original ideas.
- Board Member Bio Book incomplete. Head shots and bio needed before project will be complete.
- Communicating with the Chamber of Commerce's' in each of our four counties, Collier, Lee, Hendry and Glades for more community-based projects.

## **New Business**

Keeping up with any legislative updates

In person Annual Board member workshop. Location Broadway Palms 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907 on September 18, 2024, from: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

The section, Adjournment, was presented. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:39 am. The next meeting was scheduled for November 6, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

In person

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie Stefanowicz*

CEO