



**Roundtable Meeting  
November 3, 2017  
John Bolduc, Chair**

**Roundtable Members Attending:** Linda Bartz, John Bolduc, Sean Boyle, Michael Davis, Wayne Gent, Diane Hopley-Burney, Linda Hudson, Karen Knapp, Andrea Kochanowski, Robert McPartlan, Ken Mills, Stephanie Morgan, Paul Nigro, Angela Roberson, Clint Sperber, Lisa von Seelen, Garry Wilson, and Wydee'a Wilson.

**Roundtable Members Absent:** Terissa Aronson, Brian Bauer, Ann Berner, Carol DeLoach, Buddy Emerson, Andrew Hunt, Larry Lee, Jr., Tony Schwab, Pete Tesch, and Andy Treadwell.

**Guests Attending:** Cheri Sheffer for Carol DeLoach, Eleanor Eberhart for Brian Bauer, Jessica Parrish, Michelle Miller, Mat Churchey, Victoria Armstead, Suzanne Lane, Sasha Santini, Ricky Carraway, Tonya Andreacchio, Jim Dwyer, Sandy Mack, Cynthia Beddow, and Debbie Butler.

**I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Treasure Hunter Pledge**

John Bolduc welcomed all members and guests. Pledges were conducted.

**II. November Agenda & October Minutes**

*Bob McPartlan made a motion to accept the November agenda and October minutes, seconded by Garry Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**III. September Financials**

Esperanza Morales presented the financials for the month of September 2017 (see attached).

*Linda Bartz made a motion to accept the September 2017 financials, seconded by Clint Sperber. Motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. Chair Report/Executive Director Report**

Chair Report

John Bolduc noted that last week's Forum on Race Relations was very successful and he thanked Wydee'a Wilson and Teresa Bishop for facilitating it. The next Forum will be on LGBTQ issues and will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Director Report

Teresa Bishop presented the Executive Director report (see attached).

## **V. Election of Officers**

The proposed slate of officers for 2017-2018 is as follows:

- Chair, John Bolduc
- Vice Chair, Linda Hudson
- Treasurer, Clint Sperber
- Secretary, Wydee'a Wilson
- At Large, Tony Loupe

***Garry Wilson made a motion to accept the slate of officers as listed above and elect them for the fiscal year 2017-2018, seconded by Stephanie Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.***

## **VI. Lion's Quest International Foundation**

Kimberly Haynes presented on Social and Emotional Learning (see attached). "Social and emotional learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions." When kids experience trauma during childhood they experience delays in developmental milestones, have higher rates of learning disabilities, experience difficulties with problem solving, are more impulsive and engage in problem behaviors at higher rates, and struggle with interpersonal relationships and emotional intelligence. They would like to pilot a one to two year community project in St. Lucie County at no cost to us.

## **VII. Academic Success Network Update**

Debbie Hawley presented an update on the Academic Success Network. They have three objectives they are currently working on - increase third grade reading levels, decrease absenteeism, and increase graduation rates. She described a pilot project with CA Moore Elementary School and Learning Tree Academy childcare center, who are partnering with the School District, Big Brothers Big Sisters Americorp mentors, and thanks to a grant from the United Way. They are emphasizing skill building for VPK students at Learning Tree to transition to kindergarten and stay at CA Moore. This is a three-year grant and next year they will be holding experiential visits for families to expose them to free things to do in St. Lucie County. Year Three they will be identifying another site.

## **VIII. Announcements/Agency Updates**

- Tony Loupe – The Annual Fun Fair will be held April 7<sup>th</sup> and they are expecting approximately 500 families. They are taking 500 children off of their waiting list for subsidized childcare.
- Ken Mills – The Memorial Wall has 60 names of those who died by violence in Fort Pierce. They are hoping it will be completed in January. Please contact him if you have a name you would like to add to the Wall.
- Angela Roberson – The Infant Mortality Network will be targeting fathers from existing programs. The Teen Health Network currently is in need of a Chair. Distributed a survey as to how often members would like updates from the Steering Committee.

- Paul Nigro – There are 20 new volunteers in St. Lucie County. They have exceeded their goal of 100 total. Will be holding trainings starting in January.
- Cheri Sheffer – They continue to recruit for foster parents as the number of children in care has increased, with 35% because of the opioid crisis. Devereux CBC is expecting a loss of Federal funding, which will make a huge impact to child welfare. Thanked Restoring the Village who helped reunify some complex kids with their mother.
- Clint Sperber – Tomorrow 370 kids will have free heart screenings. In January the Health Department will host the 2018 Billion Step Challenge. 50% of St. Lucie County adults do not meet weekly aerobic activity recommendations.
- Sean Boyle – There is a Bidder’s Conference next week for after school programs. They are hiring a part-time bookkeeper. Sounds of the Season is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sunrise Theater.
- Karen Knapp – They have a grant available for hurricane related damage. They are hiring a part-time data processor.
- Andrea Kochanowski – They are helping with housing for 33 local families and 16 from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands due to the hurricane.
- Diane Hobleby-Burney – Their Trick or Trunk event was a great success, building partnerships with the community.
- Wydee’a Wilson – There is a Getting Ahead graduation being held on November 28<sup>th</sup>. She invited all to attend.
- Lisa von Seelen – Healthy Start is holding their annual luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>. On January 8<sup>th</sup> they will be holding Bingo for Babies.