

Friendly Villagers Membership Meeting

Date 6/4/2024

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Miami Shores Country Club

- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order.
- **Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome**
 - Susanne Rice led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a welcome.
- **Invocation**
 - Invocation was provided by Liangy Calli.
- **Regular Business**
 - Birthdays and New Members
 - Linda Cabassa read the June birthdays.
 - Susanne Rice introduced the new members:
 - Rev Jessica Denise, Daniela Goddard, Fabiola Saraiva
 - Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - Linda Cabassa read the minutes from the last meeting.
 - Susanne Rice noted that the minutes stand as read.
 - Treasurer's Report by Jacqueline Murdocco
 - Finalized the estimates for the 23-24 year.
 - Brief update: Raised \$20k, spent \$22k.
 - \$7k went to grant recipients.
 - \$10k of our money to recipients and collected \$2k from other charities.
 - \$11k to be given away today.
 - Encouraged everyone to attend the fashion shows.
 - Susanne Rice noted that the report stands as read.
 - Correspondence and General Membership Updates - Susanne Rice
 - Corresponding secretary Helen Mandel is out, so Susanne Rice provided the following updates:
 - Laura Farley's husband is recovering.
 - Marilyn Charles passed away.

- Fran O'Connell is helping new ambassadors: Arlene Bachman and Sanda Eusepi.
- Representatives from MSFV will be attending the Miami Shores Alliance meeting on 6/5/2024 and will hear the outcome at the grant request.
- A fashion show planning meeting will be held in August; volunteers are welcome.
- Updates to the directory are starting; Arlene Zachman is handling updates,
- Kate Mason is registering new members at the today's event,
- Linda Winters and Kathy Redman are assisting as ambassadors,
- Elisa Pelaez-Lora is registering those interested in advertising for the directory.

- **New Business**

- **Grant Recipient Presentations** - Presented by Linda Cabassa and Susanne Rice

- **Bound By Beauty** - Mary Benton - Fighting climate change with butterflies/pollinators.
- **Cancer Links** - Marlene Burr - Cancer support, focusing on breast cancer.
- **Childhood Experience Fund**: Jacqueline Murdocco - Giving kids experiences through toy drives, Easter baskets, basketball shoes, and supporting less fortunate children at local private schools.
- **Greenhaven Project**: Jorge Palacios - Teaching people how to grow their own food, supporting homeless and low-income families with food injustice.
- **Ellie's Army**: Stacy Levy - Supporting cystic fibrosis patients and families struggling financially.
- **Hoof Hand Paw Connection**: Nadine Litterman - Providing dog therapy for children and adults, rescuing horses for special needs children.
- **Horace Mann Middle School**: Celebrating 75 years with a music technology program.
- **Kennedy Kids**: Robert Bailey - Fundraising for youth suicide prevention.
- **Leading Ladies**: Sage Hoffman - Supporting transplant patients, raised over \$4m.
- **Miami Art League**: Linda Winters - Promoting art in the community, planning a free art-a-thon.
- **Miami-Dade County Foster and Adoptive Parent Association**: Shamelle Jenkins - Supporting caregivers of adopted and foster children.
- **Miami Shores Brockway Memorial Library**: Frances Walsh - Enhancing services and programs through arts and culture promotion.
- **Miami Shores Elementary School PTA**: Kate Mason - Supporting local elementary school PTA.
- **Miami Theater Center**: Colima DeAvila - Not present.

- **North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens:** Sandy Diolikumm - Helping seniors remain independent at home.
 - **Pace Center for Girls:** Sherry Thompson Giordano - Supporting girls with trauma-informed education.
 - **Pelican Harbor Seabird Station:** Stephanie Moure - Treating native species, supporting wildlife.
 - **Safe Space North:** Jeanette Espinosa - Supporting women with domestic violence, providing transportation, and celebrating birthdays.
 - **Suited for Success:** Sonia Jacobson - Providing job training and employment support.
 - **Voices for Children:** Kadie Black - Supporting children in foster care with essentials and experiential learning.
- **Special Announcements**
 - Liangy Calli: Addressed recipients and thanked the group for their efforts. Introduced students and scholarship awardees, Jason Morgan and Izcalli Rodoli of Doctor's Charter School.
 - Susanne Rice: introduction of the new owners of Miami Shores' Chick-fil-A, who were there supporting local causes.
 - Miami Women's Club: Representative noted that monthly donations of \$1k to organizations are made; applications from the attendees of today's meeting encouraged.
 - **Meeting Schedule**
 - Meetings to resume in September, with no meetings in the summer.
 - **Closing Remarks**
 - Susanne Rice wished everyone a safe and happy summer.
 - **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 2024

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