# Annual Board of Directors Dinner Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024

THE MINISTRY OF CARING

SACRED HEART VILLAGE

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE







SACRED HEART HOUSING SACRED HEART VILLAGE II











Attendance confirmed: The Hon. James Baker, Karen Bifferato, Esq., The Hon. Maria

Cabrera, Susan Canning, Johane Cherico, Anne Connolly, Esq., Arthur Connolly, III, Esq., Timothy Constantine, Nora Crawford, Esq., Dr. Kaylia Duncan, Sr. Margaret Mary Graney, OSB, Dr. David Hack, Christine Haynes, Esq., The Hon. Kent Jordan, Emily Kariuki, RN, The Hon. Ted Kaufman, Brian King, Paul King, Ed.D., Deborah Kraak, William LaFond, Margaret Levesque, Dr. Garry Lyons, Patricia Lyons, Esq., Caroline McDonough, Esq., Mary McDonough, Esq., Megan McGlinchey, Patrick McHugh, Gina Medori, Burney Miller, Angela Modesto, Frank Modesto, Marilyn Monahan, Corinne Murphy, Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq., Kimberlee Orth, Br. Rod Pieretti, OFM Cap., Elaine Reilly, Esq., David Ross, Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq., John Sullivan, The Hon. Michael Szczerba, Marcus Thomas, Todd Veale, Sara T. Wagner, Esq., David Wilk, CRE, Kevin Wilson, AIA, Richard Sisca, Mark Reardon, Esq.

Members excused:

Barbra Andrisani, , Mark Calandra, Trippi Congo, The Hon. Colm Connolly, John Cook, Richard Forsten, Esq., Anne Foster, Esq., Lindsay Foy, Esq., Richard Gessner, Richard Giacco, Esq., Peter Grumbacher, Mary Heck, Alan Levin, Dennis Nealon, L. Vincent Ramunno, Esq., James Roszkowski, David Singleton, Wendie Stabler, Esq., John Sweeney, Gregory Varallo, Esq., Joan

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Master of Ceremonies: Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq., Vice Pres., MOC Board

**Opening Prayer:** The Hon. Mary McDonough

Welcome to a joint meeting of eight entities and the MOC Advisory Board Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq.

# Approval of Minutes of last meetings and Elections of Board members and Officers

Ministry of Caring—Bill LaFond, President

A motion was made by Mayor James Baker to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. David Hack seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

A motion was made by Megan McGlinchey to approve the MOC elections as follows. Kimberlee Orth seconded:

Officers nominated for 3rd one-year term:

President: Bill LaFond

Vice Pres: Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq.

Secretary: Mark Calandra
Treasurer: Megan McGlinchey

Legal Counsel: Chip Connolly, Esq. (ex officio)

Members nominated:

Dr. David Hack  $-3^{rd}$  3-year term John Sweeney  $-3^{rd}$  3-year term Brian King  $-2^{nd}$  3-year term Megan McGlinchey  $-2^{nd}$  3-year term Danielle Nowaczyk  $-2^{nd}$  3-year term

Nomination of new member for a 3-year term:

Joseph DePaulo

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

#### Mother Teresa House— Kevin Wilson, President

A motion was made by Oderah Nwaeze, Esq. to approve the minutes as presented. Richard Sisca seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

A motion was made by Oderah Nwaeze, Esq. to approve the MTH elections as follows. Richard Sisca seconded:

Officers nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-year term:

President – Kevin Wilson, AIA Vice President – Richard Sisca Secretary – Sr. Margaret Mary Graney, OSB

Officer elected for 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-year term:

Treasurer: Anne Connolly, Esq.

Members nominated for an additional 3-year term:

Oderah Nwaeze, Esq. Hector Colon Sr. Margaret Mary Graney, OSB Dr. Vinod Kripalu

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

## Sacred Heart Village I—Christine Dealy Haynes, Esq., President

A motion was made by Kathleen Duffy Smith to approve the minutes as presented. Br. Rod Pieretti seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

A motion was made by Angela Modesto to approve the SHV I elections as follows. Caroline McDonough seconded:

Nomination of Officers for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-year term:

President: Christine Dealy Haynes, Esq. Vice President: Patrick McHugh, Jr.

Treasurer: Angela Modesto

Nomination of Secretary for 1<sup>st</sup> 1-year term:

Tricia Lyons, Esq.

Nomination of members for an additional 3-year term:

John Cook Kathleen Duffy Smith Br. Rudolph Pieretti, OFM Cap. Tricia Lyons, Esq.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

#### Villa Maria—Chip Connolly, President

A motion was made by Elaine Reilly to approve the minutes as presented. Chip Connolly seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Veale to approve the nominations of officers as follows. Corinne Murphy seconded:

Nomination of officers for 1<sup>st</sup> 1-year term:

Pres. Susan Canning Vice Pres. Elaine Reilly, Esq. Secretary: Emily Kariuki, RN Treasurer: Todd Veale

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

A motion was made by Elaine Reilly to approve the nominations as follows. Todd Veale seconded:

Members nominated for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-year term:

Arthur Connolly, III, Esq. Richard Gessner, Jr. Emily Kariuki, RN

Nomination of new members for 3-year term:

Frank Modesto Mike Looney, AIA

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

#### Sacred Heart Village II—Susan Canning, President

A motion was made by Nora Crawford to approve the minutes as presented. Margaret Levesque seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Levesque to approve the slate of officers as follows. Susan Canning seconded:

Officers nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> 1-year term:

President: Sara T. Wagner, Esq.

Vice Pres: Gina Medori

Secretary: Nora Crawford, Esq.

Nomination of officer for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final 1-year term:

Joan Wachstein, Treasurer

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Levesque to approve the member renominations as follows. Susan Canning seconded:

Members nominated for an additional 3-year term:

Lindsay Foy, Esq. Margaret Levesque

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Following dinner, the meeting resumed.

#### Review of Financial Reports:

Karen Smith, CFO, Deputy Director of Finance, submitted the following reports:

**Ministry of Caring Inc.** 

Sacred Heart Housing Inc.

**Mother Teresa House Inc.** 

Villa Maria Inc.

Sacred Heart Village II

Sacred Heart Village I

Village of St. John, LP.

**MOC Board Resolution for New Castle County Emergency Solutions Grant**Bill LaFond, Pres.

Bill LaFond read out the resolution to apply for this grant.

A motion was made by Danielle Nowaczyk to approve the resolution. John Sullivan seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

# Summary Report of each organization was presented by the President/Officer:

Ministry of Caring—Bill Lafond, Pres.

Sacred Heart Village I— Christine Dealy Haynes, Esq., Pres.

Mother Teresa House— Kevin Wilson, Pres.

Sacred Heart Village II—Susan Canning, Pres.

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Villa Maria—Chip Connolly, Esq., Pres.

Sacred Heart Housing – Karen Bifferato, Esq., Pres.

Village of St. John—Elaine Reilly, Esq., Sec'y

#### **Upcoming Events – Gene Halus, Chief Operating Officer**

#### Giving Machine –

Monday, November 18 through Wednesday, December 4.

**Turkeython**—Monday, November 25, 8am-6pm,

Jingle Bell Brunch – Sunday, December 1, 2024

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Co-Chairs: Chris Meyer and Jen Battaglia

#### Benefactors' Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 10, 5-7 PM

# State of Address of All Eight Organizations and the Advisory Board

Br. Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap., Executive Director

# Farewell and Thanks to Departing Members:

Mercedes Allongo – Villa Maria – 1 year The Hon. Norman Griffiths – Village of St. John – 7 years Brendan Kennealey – Ministry of Caring – 3 years Pete McCarthy – Villa Maria – 2 years Burney Miller – Sacred Heart Housing – 10 years Synquette Wilks – Ministry of Caring – 3 years

Closing prayer: Br. Rod Pieretti, OFM Cap.

It was discovered at the end of the meeting that Sacred Heart Housing unexpectedly did achieve a quorum, so the minutes and elections for that entity were able to be presented:

#### Sacred Heart Housing Approval of Minutes – Karen Bifferato

A motion was made by Karen Bifferato to approve the minutes as presented. David Ross seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

### Sacred Heart Housing Elections – Karen Bifferato

Officers nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> 1-year term:

President: The Hon. Maria Cabrera Vice President: Deborah Kraak

Secretary: David Ross

Treasurer: Rick Giacco, Esq.

Members nominated for an additional 3-year term:

Karen Bifferato, Esq. David Ross Richard Gessner, Jr. Richard Giacco, Esq. Richard Forsten, Esq.

David Wilk, CRE, MAI

A motion was made by Karen Bifferato to approve the slates of officers and members as presented. David Ross seconded. All in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Philips Chief of Staff