Christamore House Guild General Meeting
October 22, 2025

Attendance-

- Julie Morton, Myra Miller, Giovanna Burris, Krissy Scheneck, Emily Winters, Laura Tobias, Nicki Griffen, Brenda Cacucci, Meghan Turner, Kristen Monnot, Manjari Puri, Cara McMaines, Jen Morris, Donel Hakes, Christie Snapp Thompson, Karen Momper, Kelly Garverick, Stephanie Thompson, Robin Hines, Kerry Lett, Stacey Johnson, Fin Farrar, Valerie Riley, Toni Tuey, Christine Raines, Brenda Cacucci

President Report- Emily Winters

- The Polo Fall Fundraising Event was very successful! We will continue this as an annual fall fundraiser. Call out for the event is in January and will be hosting the event ourselves. We raised the most money compared to all the other non profits and we will have one of the first picks of dates. Date TBD but looking at August to avoid summer vacations and school events. Profit was around $12,000. This money will be given to the Christamore House immediately for discretionary use.
- Change of date and location of the November Meeting. New Date is Tuesday, November 18th and location is now at the home of Emily Winters 12564 Scottish Bend , Carmel IN 46033
- Reminder of House Fight night on November 15th. Open to everyone. See previous email with details.
- The Guild Executive Board Had a meeting on Thursday October 2nd. Attendees assembled hygiene kits for the House. Kits had razor, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and a pack of tissues. They give them to anyone coming to the house for assistance. They were delivered this week and the House was very excited. Meghan Turner's girl scout troop will be putting together Baby Kits consisting of Shampoo, Soap, Lotion, Diaper Cream, etc. At the next General Guild meeting we will assemble period kits for teenage girls and hygiene kits. Also if anyone is interested in donating directly to the house please refer to their wishlist on the House website.
- The House is having a Thanksgiving food drive and Coat Drive. Latoya has asked for assistance from the Guild for the Thanksgiving food drive. There will be an email sent out with both Fliers and instructions. The items will be needed by November 20th. There are approximately 75 families in need. Of course if you have coats to donate they will take them too but primarily want the Guild to focus on Thanksgiving.

- A member also mentioned that the House will take donations of used clothing, shoes and school supplies.
- The diaper bank is in need of baby food donations, especially Emfamil formula. The yellow can is the most common with the purple can being the second most common.
- The preschool has asked if anyone would be willing to donate 20 sets of flashcards. 20 numbers and 20 letters. An email will be sent out with an amazon link.
- OF NOTE- ITEMS CAN BE DIRECTLY SHIPPED TO THE CHRISTAMORE HOUSE.
- Volunteer opportunity- Once a month in the preschool class to cover teachers during the staff meeting. Nicki and Emily went today. It is during nap time and the children are asleep. There will be other things for volunteers to do while sitting in the preschool room.

Secretary Report- Brenda Cacucci

- Please sign in on sheet
- Reminder to attend at least 5 meetings
- Meeting minutes from the September meeting were approved

President- Elect/New Member Liason- Meghan Turner

- 14 New Members. Halloween Party is planned. There will be a new member meeting on Wednesday November 12th at 7:00pm to talk about the committees and answer questions for the new members.

Treasurer: Nicole Ongwijitwat

- Dues is due for members

Christmas at Christamore- Giovanna Burris & SaraBeth Jones

- Giovanna reviewed the 5 components to the season: Decorating the House, Senior Holiday Brunch, adopt a preschooler, Children's after School Christmas Party, Decoration takedown with the scholars.
- Dec 3rd- Decorating the house at the general guild meeting and Senior Brunch to follow. Taylor Catering, Bingo, Craft, Gift Bags
- December 17th- Children’s after school party- 2:30 Preschooler and 3:30 K-6th Grade. Gift bags, food, games/activities
- Adopt a Preschooler- 19 children (10 Boys and 9 Girls) a sign up genius will be sent to adopt a boy or a girl. The children will be assigned and the wish lists sent.

The items will need to be dropped off at the December 3rd General meeting at the house.
- More emails to come

Book & Author- Cara McMains & Kristin Monnot

- All 5 authors have been selected and have accepted the invitation!
- Book Unveiling is February 3rd at District Tapp on 86th St.
- Author Reception will be at Woodstock Country Club Thursday April 16th at 7:00pm. The MC will be Porsche Chisley. She is a graduate of the House and owns a PR and Marketing Firm.
- The Luncheon will be April 17th at 11:00am.
- Theme- Bringing it back to the house. Cara and Kristin presented the designs for the event. The guild has a new Graphic Designer
- Ticket Prices will be raised $25 this year to $125
- Tables of 10 will be $1250
- Premium table will be $1500

Sponsorship- Julie Morton

- This is now a 2 year committee and Robin Hines has accepted the role as the 1st year member!!!
- Please let Julie and Robin know if you have any suggestions for sponsors.

Scholarship- Krissy Schneck

- 15 Scholars
- Attend Texas Southern University, Depaw (4) , Indiana State University Terre Haute, IU Indy (3), IU Bloomington, Marian University, University of Evansville, Michigan State University, Ball State, Saint Mary's College
- They receive a total of $3000/year and a $300 Amazon gift card around finals at Christmas time.
- The committee is starting a mentorship program. They are looking for mentors in the following fields- Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Elementary Ed/Special Ed, Biology, Counseling& Child adolescent mental health, Graphic Design, Communications, Nursing, Prevet, Informatic, Exercise Science, Sports Management- If you are interested in hearing more please contact Krissy

Associate Representative- Nicki Griffin

- Liaison between the Active members and the Associates
- 283 Associates, many of whom are actively giving to the guild and to the house!

- There was an associate luncheon on October 1st at Broadmore Country Club- 20 attendees of which 10 were past presidents.

Next Meeting- DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE!!!

- Tuesday, November 18th
- Home of Emily Winters- 12564 Scottish Bend, Carmel IN 46033