Christamore House Guild General Meeting

February 11th, 2026

Attendance- Emily Winters, Nicole Ongwigitwat, Manjari Malayai, Julie Morton, Meghan Turner, Brenda Cacucci, Kelly Garverick, Nicki Griffin, Emily Wehmeyer, Cara McMains, Kristin Monnet, Christine Rainey, Giovanna Burris, Brittany Wright, Donel Hakes, Sheryl Weaver,Laura Tobias, Kristin McConnell

President Report- Emily Winters

- Welcome- Thanks to the Author Unveiling co-chairs, Wava Raymond and Kate Nickoli and committee for the amazing event. Shout out to Nicki Griffin, associate liaison, who has been doing an amazing job keeping the associates informed through her newsletter. There has been a lot of renewed interest from the associates in the Christamore House and they really appreciate the updates!
- House Updates- There was a Christamore House Board meeting in January. Latoya has secured a grant from the Lilly Foundation of $800,000 over 3 years. First year $400,000, 2nd year $250,000 and 3rd year $150,000. Latoya is actively seeking a full time fundraiser employee for the house. If you know anyone who may be interested in the position please pass the information along. There is availability for volunteering at the preschool during staff meetings. The next one is February 18th. A sign up genius will be sent out with future dates. The house will be holding their annual RACE TO LITERACY event in May. This event promotes reading to the children at the Christamore House. The children receive prizes for reaching certain benchmarks. If you would like to donate small prizes please send them to the house. A question was raised as to whether the Christamore House has an Amazon wish list. This is unknown at this time.
- Trish McEvoy event- March 4th at Nordstrom Cafe. Arrive at 9:45 and go to the entrance off of the second floor of the parking garage. Only that door will be open. There will be a breakfast, a brief meeting and then a presentation. 10% of sales will go to the Christamore House. If you cannot make the event you can still purchase with the House benefiting. Just let them know you are from the Guild.

Secretary- Brenda Cacucci

- January meeting minutes approval

President Elect- Meghan Turner

- Slate update- Slate for 2026-2027 is completed and will be emailed out later today or tomorrow. Meghan is very excited about next year!!

- New members Update- The Senior Valentines Day party is Tuesday February 11th at 10:00am. Breakfast is catered from Taylor's Cafe.
- Meghan's daughter's first grade Girl Scout Troop assembled baby hygiene kits for the house. 25 kits consisting of baby lotion, shampoo, combs and wipes.

Treasurer- Nicole Ongwijitwat

- Nicole is filing for a gaming license in the state of IN to hold raffles, etc. The application requires a dissolution clause in our bylaws. A dissolution clause confirms that an organization's funds will be distributed in line with its mission and state/federal laws if the organization dissolves. This required an amendment to the bylaws, adding the dissolution clause. Manjari put the wording of the clause together and associate Paige Button reviewed the language. The Guild Board approved the amendment to the bylaws.
- Please submit reimbursement forms even if you are donating and do not want the reimbursement. You must include the receipts or copy of the receipts. The information helps for budgeting. The form is on the Guild Website.
- Discussions were had regarding asking the committee members to make a spreadsheet of expenses that will be shared with the treasurer.

Book & Author- Cara McMains & Kristen Monnot

- The author unveiling was a great success!
- The Author Reception is on April 16th at Woodstock Club on Thursday April 16th. Arrival is 6:00pm and the event program will start at 6:45.
- Indy Book and Author event is Friday April 17th
- Tickets will go on sale to active members on February 24th, Associated and Board members on 25th & 26th and the general public 27th.

Sponsorship- Julie Morton & Robin Hines

- On track with money pledged. Currently at $83,000 committed. The committee will be making a final push in the next few weeks. Please let Julie and Robin know if you have any potential sponsors or would like to have an advertisement in the programs

Social Media- Alyssa Riddhagni

- Please repost, share or like any of the social media posts
- Authors have been communicating with each other on social media.

Scholarship- Krissy Schneck

- 3 applications for the Marge Kroeger scholarship have been submitted. They are being reviewed.
- There will be an award given to the winner at the luncheon. (No big check) The verbage is being finalized.

Associate Representative- Nicki Griffin

- Continues to update the associates

Next Meeting
Wednesday March 4th, 2026
9:45 arrival with10:00am breakfast/meeting and Trish McEvoy Presentation
Nordstrom Cafe in the Fashion Mall