

Minutes : SEFANN Business Meeting 12/20/2023 (Virtual)

1. **Community:** Derek reported that he met with Ashley Garcia of Kristi House on December 14 to deliver the toys that SEFANN members donated for Christmas. Some SEFANN members also contributed to the Kristi House online wish list. We will post pictures from the Christmas Toy Drive and Bahama Breeze Luncheon when they are available.
Derek mentioned that he has contacts and participates with a number of local volunteer organizations. He asked if we might feature some of these community opportunities for SEFANN members who might be interested. We will begin a “Community Corner” section on the website with information about volunteer events in our area.
Nancy Martinez shared that she has been in contact with the Broward March of Dimes group and possibly could get some info for SEFANN about participating and partnering in the annual Walk event.
Derek will provide a brief summary of Community activities for this year to be included in the NANN annual report.
2. **Fundraising:** Currently SEFANN’s income is from membership dues and fees paid by corporate partners who contribute to the Hot Topics Conference. We do not have an active fundraising committee right now but hope to restart in the near future, along with recruiting a fundraising committee leader.
3. **Membership:** 53 members as of 12/7 NANN report. Increase of 6 members since our June 27 meeting.
4. **Programming:** Possibly January Restaurant meeting on Tues 1/23. Derek has a list of Corporate Partners who have expressed interest in sponsoring restaurant meetings. He will be talking with them and putting together a possible schedule of meetings. At the time of this meeting, there were 4 representatives who were interested. Thank you Derek!!
5. **Treasurer Report:** TBA
6. **Research:** no report, open position. Mercedes has resigned since retiring and moving away. Thank you Mercedes for your service and friendship.
7. **Hot Topics 10-13-23 Conference summary:** This agenda item was tabled since Monica could not attend and Rene had to work during the meeting. We will take this up soon with a review of Hot Topics financials, comments and suggestions and plans for 2024.
8. **Vote for open positions:** (Volunteers who are members can be added on here)
Derek made the motion and Jennifer seconded that we vote on Nancy Martinez for SEFANN Secretary since Julie has retired from work and wishes to resign now as Secretary. Nancy Martinez was elected unanimously by members present.
Congratulations and thank you Nancy for volunteering for this position.
Julie and Nancy will meet to go over responsibilities of Secretary and make plans for transition. Secretary nominee: Nancy Martinez
Research Committee Chairperson: _____
Membership Chairperson: _____
Fundraising Chairperson: _____
9. **New business:**
10. **Meeting adjourned**