



Attendance: Pat Duboise, Toni Dixon, Meghann Adams, Mary Lyons, TaJuana Blakley, Verna Jones, Angelia Johnson, Jo-Ann Lawrence, Jane Arney, Lori Skillings, Jonathan Coe, Ryan Braid, Ellen Mazer, DeaRonda Harrison; Via WebEx: Shelley Wales, Samantha Bishop, Caitlin Costello, Simone Escho, Catherine Bridgers, Jill Malool. Kerri Gober.

Welcome and Introductions:

Pat Duboise introduced Ms. Carmen Tuner, Atlanta Community Food Bank and Ms. Toni Dixon, Atlanta Mission.

Ms. Turner and Ms. Dixon started by providing a brief history of their respective organizations; the Atlanta Community Food Bank began in 1979 and is now the largest food provider in the southeast. Atlanta Mission began during the Great Depression in 1938 and is now the largest and longest running provider for homeless services.

Each organization have diverse missions, specific fundraising models and strategic plans. Ms. Turner discussed that by the Atlanta Food Bank's Strategic Plan includes the goal of providing enough food so that all hungry people in the service area will have access to nutritious food by 2025. Whereas the Atlanta Mission's Strategic Plan is focused on a donor centered, donor driven, and donor outcome focused plan.

Chapter Business:

September Minutes Review and Approval:

- Meghann asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the September minutes, none were needed and the minutes were approved.

President's Report:

- GGPA will have a social outing at Ornsby's on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 5:00 – 7:30. Please RSVP to Meghann.
- The GGPA purchased a Georgia themed gift basket for the National Conference in November as part of the silent auction.
 - For those attending the conference, on Nov. 9th Meghann is coordinating a chapter dinner. If you are interested in attending, please email Meghann. Please provide a cell phone number so Meghann can send group texts.
- The GGPA Holiday Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Hudson Grille at 11:30. This will be in lieu of our December meeting, please make sure to RSVP to Meghann.
- There are a number of RSVPs above, please make sure to email Meghann at madams@zooatlanta.org with the appropriate RSVP in the subject line.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kerri Gober provided the Treasurer's Report and as of September 30, 2017, the current balance for the GGPA is \$16,996.05. This includes \$100.00 in Chapter dues and \$250 for program income.

Committee Reports:

- **Program Committee:** Ryan Braid is now over this committee and a speaker is scheduled for the November meeting, while speakers are tentatively scheduled for Jan-March.
- **Membership Committee:** Pat Duboise continues to reach out to new members, remind members of upcoming renewals, and recruitment. She also provided a report on the GPA's new Chapter Performance Rewards Program, formerly known as the "Member Get a Member Campaign". For the period of September 1, 2016 through October 3, 2017, GGPA is currently in 2nd place among large chapters for Most Members Recruited. The reporting period ends December 31, 2017 and winners will be announced Spring 2018.
- **Communications Committee:** No report
- **Every Chapter Challenge:** The deadline to donate to the ECC is October 31, 2017. So far, a handful of people have donated. Samantha reminded attendees that there will be drawings for prizes held based on giving level.
 - Please visit <http://www.grantprofessionalsfoundation.org/every-chapter-challenge/> to donate and note that the donation is coming from a member of the GGPA.
- **Southern Regional Grants Conference:** A preconference workshop will be held April 17th. Amanda is taking workshop suggestions for the conference. Please have suggestions to Amanda by November 17. Email Amanda at amandadaygpc@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned and the next meeting will be on November 28, 2017