

May 7, 2021

Board of Directors,

Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$2M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Community Day Services, through April stands at \$4M (same as last month). The entire \$7M line of credit continues to be available.

We hope to receive our forgiveness of the PPP loan in June.

- Great news...Governor Pritzker announced yesterday that Illinois will move into **Bridge Phase on Friday, May 14**, and if metrics continue in the right direction we may move to **Phase 5 as soon as June 11**. Masking and social distancing guideline will still apply as outlined by IDPH and the CDC.

Bridge Phase:

- ✓ Office capacity increases to 60%
- ✓ Recreation – Indoor lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity of room/area. Outdoor groups is maximum of 100; multiple groups allowed.
- ✓ Social Events – Indoor up to 250. Outdoor up to 500.
- ✓ Spectator Events – 60% capacity of room/area
- ✓ Meetings, conferences, and conventions – lesser of 1000 people or 60% capacity of room/area
- ✓ Masking/distancing as recommended by CDC

Phase 5:

- ✓ No capacity limits
- ✓ Masking/distancing as recommended by CDC

This should mean that our **Golf Outing** in June, **Summer Games** in August, **Employee Appreciation** in September, **Run, Walk and Roll- Geneva 5K/1M** in October and **Top Hat** in February should be back to... (near) NORMAL.

- **Elgin Pool Update:** The good news: we have been issued a permit from the City of Elgin. The bad news: a number of the parts we need have a long lead time (e.g. one of the pumps won't be in until September, we are looking for an equivalent pump). Once our pool company has all of the needed parts they will start the project. We don't want to start the mess and then have to stop because of parts on back order. We certainly hope to start the project in the next couple months.
- The Board approved the following at our meeting last month:

FY21 OFFICERS

Chair	Frank Murnane
Vice Chair	Mike Herlihy
Treasurer	Jerry Finis
Secretary	Jeff Risch

Executive Committee:

Chair	Frank Murnane
Vice Chair	Mike Herlihy
Treasurer	Jerry Finis
Secretary	Jeff Risch
Member-at-large	Jim Armbruster

The following committees were also approved:

Development: Jim Armbruster, Howard Brandeisky (Chair), Carie Carney, Carol Donahue, Dan Foley, Laura Karlins

Governance: Jim Armbruster, Howard Brandeisky, Laura Karlins, Frank Murnane (Chair), Jeff Risch, Jack Zimmerman

Finance: Gerry Estes, Duane Fitch, Jerry Finis (Chair), Mike Herlihy, Melissa Kud, Yaneth Medina

In addition, **Carie Carney** was re-elected to the board and **Jim Armbruster** was elected as our first **Emeritus** board member.

- We sent our **CILA application** package to DHS/BALC on April 7 with about 10# of budgets, policies, practices and procedures. Once approved, we will be issued our *provisional* CILA license. There are still a couple of steps before being approved to open a group home but this is the last BIG step. We should be hearing from them...very...soon. Actually starting the homes still remains a decision of the board.
- Our **Voter Voice** currently has 496 active participants; this is the Marklund Action Network. We utilize this group to advocate for bills that we feel are important to Marklund both on the state and federal level. I thought you might be interested in how many of our elected officials are covered by those in our network:
 - U.S. House of Representatives: 12 members (out of 18)
 - IL State Senate: 31 members (out of 59)
 - IL State House of Representatives: 43 members (out of 118)

Thank you for your leadership and participation in our network.

- Last Friday, Mary and I went to the opening of **State Rep Keith Wheeler**'s new district office in North Aurora. We were very surprised that **Speaker Emmanuel Welch** and House Republican **Leader Jim Durkin** were both there (see attached pictures) to help celebrate the opening. Speaker Welch immediately remembered Mary from the radio program that she had him on, that she produced, while at the Farm Bureau...five years ago! It was a great opportunity to talk to each of them.
- The **Run, Walk and Roll- Bloomingdale 5K/1M** was a great success; hopefully it will be our LAST fully virtual event. It looks like the net will be in excess of \$65,000. I want to thank the following board members who participated: **Howard Brandeisky** (sponsor/donor), **Carol Donahue** (participant/donor), **Duane Fitch** (presenting sponsor/had a team) and **Laura Karlins** (participant/donor).

- Our 39th **Annual Golf Classic** will be held...**IN PERSON**...on June 10th at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club. Please visit <https://www.marklund.org/golfclassic> for registration and sponsorship options. There is also a unique opportunity to sign up yourself or a foursome to play Rich Harvest Farms on October 14. See the golf website or contact Heather for more details!
- As I shared with you and the staff yesterday in my **Mother's Day** message:

As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, it is an opportunity for us to remember that our organization began with a mother's selfless act to entrust the care of her child (Mark William Lund) to another mother, **Claire Haverkamp**, in order to give him a better chance for a full life. And how that small beginning led to Marklund serving thousands of children and their families over the past 67 years.

More than ever...thank you for all you do, *everyday*, to continue that legacy of loving care to those we serve.

Happy Mother's Day!

- Just as a reminder, here are the remaining Board dates for **2021**: May 20 (Finance only), **June 24**, August 12 (Board Retreat) and **October 14**. All of these dates should be in your Outlook calendar.

Have a great weekend and a **Happy Mother's Day!**

God bless you!

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