

FCA February 2022 AGENDA

Date | time 2/9/2021 6:00 PM | Location Zoom

Meeting called by	Chair Lisa McOmber	Attendees All Community Invited: In Attendance: Lisa McOmber, Rochelle Hollowell, Kandi Camacho, Dawna Drum, Carl McDaniel, Jessica Bee, Richard Whitson, Ivy, Jerry Burns, Wayne Land, Rebecca Cayen, Jone Hensley, Kristi Sletti, Linda, Kerth, Please read Any Attachments Please bring Notes, Questions, Ideas, Comments
Type of meeting	Monthly Membership	
Facilitator	Lisa McOmber	
Note taker	Kandi Camacho	
Timekeeper	Kandi Camacho	

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction: New Members	Lisa	5- 10 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Procedures	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Updates	Dawna	15 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Updates	Kandi	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Development/Recruitment Updates	Lisa	20 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Interviews	Lisa	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Funding Request(s)	Lisa/Kandi	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Updates(s)- Parks and Rec & Communication Hub	Lisa	15 min
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Other Information

Next Meeting March 9,2022 @ 6pm

Meeting started at 6:01pm

Introductions:

Lisa introduced new members to the group.

New members introduced themselves, Lisa introduced board members

Acceptance of previous minutes: -

majority vote to accept last months minutes

Treasurer updates

year end filing has been reported with 99 postcard federal, renewed stated licenses. Talking about possibly getting quickbooks for use as managing more projects.

Dawna showed us year end report

See sheet attached

Krisit stated that TechSoup is a discounted program for non-profits software and hardware

Monthly Statement

\$50K for Communication hub, will send request tomorrow

Purchased computer and printer, paid Secretary fee, PO Box and state business renewal fee, legal bylaw fee.

Community Question about the paper that was funded. - Question answered

Krisit just checked Key bank and the \$100k has been deposited into FCA Account

Secretary Updates

Calendar updated and more events being added, will also be posting post project report form and W-2 for Vendors. and Professional services agreement.

Kristi clarified if we (WFCN) need a W9 form anyone, FCA will collect the W9 and WFCN will send out the 1099.

Board development Recruitment

No new interest this month

We have tossed some ideas around since the board has been formed.

Voting- Reviewed policies, bylaws etcetera regarding voting.

Starting now, we will discuss things in meetings, but the board only votes now. We do want community input and concerns but the board will now only be the ones voting. If you are interested then you need to submit an application for a board position.

Funding request

A request was received after the agenda was sent out. However, the presentation was not completed and not ready for hearing. We need more information prior to submitting to members, Once all material will be received then it can be put on the agenda.

Question- Policy that you have to have two to 3 quotes then I can not get more quotes so I can not do my project. states that vendors do not want to give quotes.

Lisa stated that she was able to get a quote in about 15 minutes. We need everyone doing their due diligence to obtain the required quotes as established in our Funding Policies.

We are hoping that we will have a multitude of project requests and we need to make sure that monies are being spent wisely and everyone follows the same procedures.

We need quotes in writing. Members felt that she will not be able to complete this as there are not many vendors that do this project.

Another community Member- not familiar with the project but has contacts for some vendors to put chipping event directors in touch with.

Another member stated that they have received several calls for chipping event needs. Another member asked about the chipping quote as well, and is acquainted with several people and can get several quotes. Lisa requested that both individuals reach out. It would be helpful to get in touch with Rebecca for this as she is the funding requestor.

Board recruitment and Outreach for board members.

We have done community projects, social media and various events but not having turnout for membership. Last meeting we started talking about opening up a small number of board seats for non resident members becoming a board member.

Poll was launched for these questions.

I am/not in favor of allowing a limited # of people from outside of the CV to hold a position on FCA or I am not sure.

Question was asked about how many, it was explained no details are set yet as we are just trying to get an idea.

Results of poll are 38% (3/8) are in favor, and same numbers for not in favor with 25% (2/8) unsure

COMMENTS:

Members stated that CV is not just the Foothills and feels that we all need to pull together to have our voice heard on matters and we all share a lot of common concerns. and feels that being more inclusive is important.

Another member felt that even though the monies are designated for CV other areas are benefiting from them as well so we can make the voice of the who;e area heard.

Concern is that the central valley was prescribed by Mt Baker Foundation and according to the bylaws we may have an advisory committee instead of a board position.

Kristi spoke that the geographic boundaries were to limit it to a focal area, but the very outset MBF minds were open to a wider area. We are not limited to the CV community for board members in MBF's eyes.

It might be beneficial to have an advisory board or member to people serving the area, ie persons working at Kendall, even though they don't live here in the valley

The bylaws do say currently that the board has to live within the area that is mapped, but talk about amending the bylaws that board members could be broadened but the Funds are to benefit the CV community. Such as Communication Hub will serve more than just CV, board expansion was thought of as long as they understood that the funds would stay in CV.

Mt. Baker Foundation was originally open to the board setting the geographic boundaries. The community process brought it to the strategic focus of Columbia Valley, at least for the initial 5 years of funding. Diversity of community participation was also originally a high priority of the funder.

Another member stated that this is to be a CV project, governed. etcetera. People would like to see a more concrete idea of what this would look like.

Since we have over 3K residents, why do we not have more people joining the board?

Board stated that we are questioning this as well, why will community members not come and join the board. Board has done many aspects of recruiting until you have to look outside of the box.

The idea is not to have a larger number of non resident people on the board. It is just to gather insight at this time.

Another member felt that the board has not done enough to gain membership and feels that outside members should not be admitted. Feels that she has not heard anything about FCA other than what she has heard from her friend. She feels that info is great to hand out at the foodbank as there is a lot of people there.

The board stated that we have worked for the past year doing the following:

1. FCA provided hundreds of fliers to the foodbank events through our Co-Chair and Resource Center for patrons who were receiving services.
2. Letters were sent out to all local churches, requesting the leaders contact the FCA to meet to discuss potential members who may be able to join the FCA and serve on the Board.
3. ALL FCA Board members have personally reached out to community members and have invited them to our meetings.
4. FCA Board members participated in the Kendall Holiday Bazaar and had over 20 people sign up to become members. Of these, 5 have attended the meetings.
5. FCA worked with the Food bank to deliver food during the Winter Pantry event in December
6. FCA members support the local Neighborhood Watch Dogs each month during the community clean ups.
7. FCA board members helped host a farewell party for our local deputy Jayson Loreen in December
8. FCA set up a table and the Friends of the Library Bazaar in December sharing information with community.
9. FCA participated in the Summerfest Event in August, setting up a table, sharing information and recruiting new potential members.
10. FCA posts regular social media announcements on Facebook, Nextdoor, The Scoop, our Webpage
11. FCA mailed out over 3,000 fliers to residents last summer.
12. FCA shares publicly every meeting inviting local community members to join our Zoom Meetings via, Facebook, Nextdoor, and requesting community invite others.
13. The FCA Board has requested at ALL meetings that ALL members talk to their neighbors and fellow community members to inform them of the work the FCA is doing and to invite them to our meetings.
14. FCA has attended meetings for other organizations as guest speaker to discuss the work the FCA is doing and discuss our goals.
15. FCA attended a town hall meeting in 2021 where they were able to talk about the FCA with attendees.
16. FCA posted an article in the Hello Neighbor for exposure

Ideas:

-Perhaps you could write a feature article for the next Hello Neighbor. It won't happen until May. The most recent version just went out this week.

-Banner at EWRRC

-Kendall Elementary Monday News article.

It was explained that in no way shape or form would non resident members be allowed to have a majority vote.

Another member felt that no one in the meeting had done ANY form of recruitment and felt that it would be better to "hand Pick" people for the board.

Chair reiterated that we have always asked for members to invite people to meetings to see if they would be a good fit. We want to make sure we get people who care about the community.

Question

Have you sent a letter to the local churches and asked them to make an announcement to congregations--seeking board members. Answer yes, we have done this and have not heard back from all of them yet.

Member suggested writing to the board of the churches for this,

Have not received a lot of feedback yet

Of the 6 letters we sent, 3 were returned as undeliverable even though the address was correct. So if anyone knows contacts at the churches, let us know.

April Barker, Wa'Lynn's temporary replacement, may have current contact via the Mt. Baker Community Coalition at mbcoalition@wfcn.org

another member- If FCA would like to have a warm intro to churches, She would be willing to help and do this.

In March at a Town Hall Meeting, FCA could have a person speak at the town hall meeting.

The Russian church was confused despite being asked to call and set up a meeting. The Co-Chair did go and speak with the Russian pastor during the Christmas Event.

FYI- Many churches are struggling post covid

Health Ministries have a list of churches and will hopefully have a Russian speaking nurse at some point. They could get us a list. Lisa will contact the member for the list.

Board Interviews

No new applications for board

Project Funding Requests

A request for funding was submitted via email to the board, but not complete yet or ready for public presentation, hopefully will be ready for the next meeting.

Project Updates

Communication HUB

Looking for

- 1) website to get going then able to create newspaper
- 2) needing a person for the position - Has received some feelers out there, they need a good editor and website person. Have contacted University and local possibilities,

Have received one resume so far, but most are from freelance writers. Once they get resumes, they will need a committee for interviews.

KAVZ radio is ready to go, lots of community contacts but need these two components to move forward. Resumes can be emailed to Matthew@southforkvalley.org

It is very important to have good communication

Job description and application have been added to LinkedIn , FCA will continue to help promote this.

Complete Job Description Matt has and will share Resumes only at this time.

Job Description is also in Hello Neighbor. Rochelle needs a job application as they may have someone interested.

Question asked if the job was posted at our local libraries. Matt sent it to a person there but hasn't heard back yet. Jessica will get contacts with Matthew for them.

CVPR

CVPR has identified a property and is in process, would like to have more news next month but can not give more details at this time. Report back next month.

Questions- clarified CVPR has Found a piece of property and made an offer, now we will see. Updated to be given next month.

Members are curious about the Lehigh property. CVPR sent a letter as they asked for a proposal letter and this was sent just before Thanksgiving, but has not heard back yet. Figuring it is not a "NO" at this time.

Next CVPR meeting is Tomorrow at 6:30pm. This can be found at the CV parks website as well as the FCA Calendar.

Question was asked for a follow up call or email to Lehigh to get an update on progress. We will follow up on this at the next meeting.

Other Items:

Town Hall Meeting- what is the date? No date as of yet, trying to get in contact with Councilman for a concrete date, also need to find a venue.

Members would like to see the Board work with Kristi to have a petty cash fund so members do not have to put out their own money upfront for expenses.

Processes have been talked about and still working on trying to establish a good system.

We can ask for an advance if we want it, but would still need to show receipts and everything as the same we have.

Funds can be given upfront then receipts to be turned in and any unused monies to be returned.

Treasurer- stated that we would still have to do double entry on our end. fill out the money for advance, do the paperwork, come back and do paperwork again showing proof of purchase.

Right now will stay this way until all can find a great solution for all entities involved.

Board currently working on end of year report for WFCN/MBF

Will continue discussion within the board about a better outline idea for board members that don't live in the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm