

FCA Meeting minutes

4-14-21

6:04pm

In attendance:

Kandi Camacho, Lisa McOmber, Carl McDaniel, Dawna Drum, Scott Wallace, Shorty Bjornstad, Kristi Slette, Richard Whitson, Jessica Bee, Joni Hensley, Aly Robinson, Jerry Purdue, Rebecca Cayan, Rochelle Hollowell

Previous meeting minutes no objections to previous minutes

Lisa opened with IB meeting progressive overview

Abstaining from voting:

Jessica, Joni, Aly, Scott Wallace, and Kristi

Dawna, re: 501c3 Formation

Everything on hold currently until we hear back from the attorney, Dawna is ready to file for Nonprofit and UBI when we get the go ahead from Karen. Once this is done, we will have a WECU acct.

Treasurer report

We have only had 2 expenses

1k managing for us, when turned over to us, balance was \$693.23

Current balance of 485.23

Expenses

130 p box in mf for FCA

78 for GoDaddy email

WFCN did receive 135K from MBF at end of March for FCA

Karen did receive bylaws and is reviewing them and should be done shortly, once done we can start on policies.

We have checked off a tremendous amount of work assigned to IB so far.

Flier that Kandi completed showed to members

Discussion had about non-Columbia Valley residence being part of FCA

Rebecca feels that it is okay to have non-CV residence as part of community

Kristi explained how the monies were won for UGA of CV and while we are starting on bylaws, it could be looked at to change and add other communities' members and ability to "annex" in non-CV members per board.

At the outset of the Mt. Baker Foundation Partnership, there was openness the funds serving a broader geography than only CV UGA. There may be wisdom to serve other Foothills communities as capacity of FCA is strengthened.

Does anyone object to this? NO objections

Matthew Thuney wants to put together info for SM outlets for FCA & the Southfork "scope" E-newsletter.

Rochelle will pass out remainder of the fliers from our past reach out effort in Nov/Dec 2020

Unanimous vote 7/0 for acceptance of flier as is. Rochelle has cost/quotes for printing/mailing.

Linda asked about the changes to membership for CV

We agreed that down the road we will leave it open for potentially adding outside of CV residence but currently we will keep it within CV residence only

Linda working on member recruitment has made contact with Summer Star with the Volunteer Center of Whatcom County. Linda showed the Volunteer info we do match all the terms of agreement for.

There are 72 people in the 98266-zip code as volunteers for this organization, we could potentially gain volunteer members from them if we join them.

They help with "matching" of volunteers with organizations who need volunteers.

They have classes for volunteers, also have a medical transport opening soon for east Whatcom county to help drive people to med appointments.

Linda will also be in contact with a Jaimie Pearson via this organization

Linda feels this is a great resource for us as an organization. There is also a monthly newsletter that they put out for orgs looking for volunteers and volunteers looking for orgs to join

WFCN is in the process of hiring 2 Summer AmeriCorps Associates who will be spending time doing outreach to elevate opportunities for participation by diverse people. If you have position descriptions for the board positions, we would be happy to distribute them and copies of your brochure. We will be doing community pop ups in July and August in the community, and we can help get the word out for you. - Kristi asking for position descriptions so they can help promote our needs July and August

Any reservations?

Joni found the foothills foodbank via this organization states it works and it is a central location for people searching for. Kristi shared volunteer opportunities. The website for this-

<https://whatcomvolunteer.galaxydigital.com/need/>

Vote held 7/1 majority for Linda's proposal- proposal accepted

Until we get UBI and business license in place, we have currently put a service mark on FCA logo to protect us from someone else from using it, this is precautionary, to protect what we have done so far. As long as we can show that we have had this logo, SM etcetera, we have common law rights to it. We can apply for it through secretary of state for \$55. Lisa will pay and be reimbursed.

Show of vote by hands 8/0 to buy service mark

Donation button to use on website

Flip cause allows WFCN to have an online donation button and it will not cost FCA any money. There would be admin fees for the other donations and grants, there would be "separate accts" specifying what it is and then when we use monies, we would need to specify which "account" we are using monies from.

Discussion had about who can get funding- they would need to have a fiscal sponsor to get funds from us, unless FCA gets their 501c3 and then would be able to sponsor projects that don't have a fiscal sponsor

IB has not been tasked with looking at funding projects to date as we have been focused on completing the projects that we have been tasked with for FCA, once we complete our tasks as an IB, we can then come back to the community and see if they want us as the IB to take on funding of projects for the community.

Question- regarding the flip cause service cost- it was cleared that FCA would not be charged to use Flip cause

Cigna Grant

Joni- RN looking to help support getting health care resources up here. A possible grant was shared with Joni through Cigna health care, but FCA may not be able to apply for it now as you have to have your 503 but WFCN could possibly apply for the grant for FCA.

The grant is 25-125k a year to support 501c3 to developing healthcare with focus on well-being. As it was stated in the focus groups that they wanted healthcare in this area.

Would possibly require partnering with others. Joni did research to see if we were a focus of need for healthcare as this is a requirement for the funds.

Haven't been surveys about travel time to see dr, number of vaccines, are you getting routine healthcare.

There is a lack of data for the need for healthcare in CV

Census updates in Feb 2022

Question asked about developing a survey for this type of grant.

Could use WW to help, also survey monkey as a possibility. Door to door survey called Casper design.

A group has been meeting since 2019 to bring services to CV, Jessica encourages for someone from the IB to be in attendance. Pop up on May 25th for mobility and balance. Invited Joni to join the meeting.

Rochelle is working on the health care with Jessica and Aly already. If we need data we can check with EMS and phone book, also get data from the dr offices for how many people coming from CV and how often without violating HIPPA

Online surveys do not work well in our community as many do not have access for it. We will have to do some other kind of in person survey.

Kristi- because FCA is a fiscal sponsor of WFCN when there are grant opportunities, we can apply through WFCN, Kristi will support us with grant writing and answering questions. Concern, is we could overwhelm the IB board with all of this that may put the IB of looking for permanent board on back burner, but there are SEVERAL grants available and FCA could find significant monies for CV.

Group Health Foundation has another opportunity (Group health learning grant- \$75k/yr.) that would be a great fit for FCA IF you feel like you have capacity to manage more funding, more program work. - 3-year grant and great opportunity. Will also support admin cost for hiring someone.

Does IB have the capacity to take this on? It is okay to say no if IB does not feel it can handle this right now.

We need to get a bigger permanent board.

Are the grants that are available need to have projects in mind and ready, because FCA does not have any projects ready now. Group health does not require for specific projects but does want to know how it went, what went well/wrong etcetera. The Cigna grant is a specific project grant.

Where is this new bigger board coming from? After 2 years, it's still small numbers and same people.

Discussion had regarding board formation and projects- some people see what is going on and then will step up but not necessarily the planning, set up and grant writing but want to help with "getting hands on" and then after a while, we may be able to pull in people for board positions.

IB can talk at next meeting about grant potentials.

We could also look at funding for chipping project and health drive that FCA could get there name out there.

Lisa will be gone from May 7-24th Rochelle will be running next monthly meeting in May.

Jessica invites FCA to submit newsworthy items by second Wednesday of each month to get put in newsletter and SM

Resource center is working with WCHD and lifeline to get substance abuse treatment up here in CV, resource center like a "gateway" for these services.

Lifeline, Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). There are services nearby--not perfect, but there is access.

If we are sponsoring projects, we need to let the public know that FCA sponsored it as these are set projects and getting our name out there.

We gave money for the parks project but haven't seen anything that we did that

The offer for banner space at the EWRRRC is still available :)

Ensure that funding agreements include "Acknowledgement" of MBF-FCA funding.

The banner could highlight your programs and how to be involved.

Shorty asked where is the feedback? There is none because we are not posting it anywhere

Kandi will add a page to our website for projects that have been funded by FCA and will post to SM

A newsletter is being developed as well to get info out there.

Rebecca- IB I have worked with most of you, and I trust and support you for your decisions about grants.

Next monthly meeting is May12th at 6pm chair by Rochelle.

It was clarified that when posting about projects being funded by us, do not publish amounts.

next IB meeting is April20th

Meeting closed at 7:47pm