**Fannin County Family Connection**

**Board Minutes**

**August 18, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Brumbelow, Theresa Dillard, Sherry Echelberger, Robert Gleadall, Renee Lunney, Chris Martinez, Tom Niswander, Anna Speesen.

Absent: Michael Kilpatrick, Jane Kimzey, Gordon Riddoch, Jim Yacavone

Staff present: Sherry Morris and Kristy Lindstrom

CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Echelberger, Vice Chairperson.

Motion made by Robert Gleadall and seconded by Jim Brumbelow to amend the minutes to reflect that we did not have a meeting in July. Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance – Tom Niswander – No Finance report this month as work continues on closing out FY 21-22. Detailed report given next month. Tom did report that the generator has been ordered.
2. Fund Raising– Christmas Tour of Homes—Renee L. – We still need two homes with parking being the biggest concern.

Fund Raising –Clay Shoot—Jim Brumbelow—due to conflicts the clay shoot event will be moved to the spring.

1. Strategy Team – Mental Health Awareness – Anna Speesen-- Articles continue monthly in the newspaper; support groups going strong; meeting with Union NAMI to discuss joining together. Next strategy meeting will be September 12 @ 1:00 via Zoom.

Poverty Awareness—Sherry Morris—The ACT (Ambassador Connection Team) is continuing training and outreach events. The goal is to start providing services in January of 2023.

1. Communications & PR—Kristy Lindstrom—Latest edition of Newsletter distributed and reviewed. Since there hasn’t been one for a while this edition is lengthy and detailed. In the future the newsletter will be produced quarterly. The PR Plan will target the placing of banner ads in the newspaper two times a month, conducting public service announcements on the radio, and asking board members to promote in their sphere of daily contacts.

Feed Fannin Report: Tom Niswander

FCFC and FF relationship continuing to grow together in order to benefit those in need. FF will conduct their online auction August 21 – 30. FF has a new treasurer and FCFC treasurer will work closely with new treasurer to insure procedures and payments continue to flow smoothly. FC Chairperson, Jim Yacavone chaired another Food Summit.

Executive Board Meetings—Sherry Morris

1. Sherry will be on vacation during the third week of September so the monthly meeting will be moved to the second Thursday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m. This change to the second Thursday is for September only.

Directors Report: Sherry Morris

1. Sherry reviewed handouts of monthly statistics. (See attachments). May was as busy as holiday month. Compared this May to the last two years and the increase is eye-opening. Likely that number of clients to be served will only continue to increase.
2. Staff Update – New manager of food pantry and Kristy have both settled in their positions and are already making a difference.
3. Impact Fannin—The newly formed “Impact 100” has had 101 women to join and they have $101,000 available for grants. FCFC will be seeking input for applying for some of grant money.
4. Upcoming events—see agenda for dates and information. Special notice was given to the increased attendance at the August Collaborative meeting which was held for the first time on a Friday and served lunch. This format will continue as attendees expressed their approval. The next collaborative will be September 9 at 11:30 a.m. In place of the October Collaborative organizations will be attending the annual Community Service Conference on October 5, from 9 a.m. until 1:30 at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds.

Adjournment

Sherry Echelberger adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Theresa TC Dillard

Next Board meeting – September 8, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Signed: Secretary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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