**Fannin County Family Connection**

**Board Minutes**

**November 17, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Theresa Dillard, Sherry Echelberger, Robert Gleadall, Michael Kilpatrick, Tom Niswander, Gordon Riddoch, Jim Yacavone,

Absent: Jim Brumbelow, Renee Lunney, Chris Martinez, Jane Kimzey, Anna Speesen, Candice Youngberg

Staff present: Sherry Morris and Kristy Lindstrom

CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order Jim Yacavone, Chairperson.

Motion made by Robert Gleadall and seconded by Michael to Kilpatrick to approve the meeting minutes from September as we did not meet in October. Unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL BOARD BUSINESS

Motion to approve resolution changing the annual meeting to March/April made by Tom Niswander and seconded by Robert Gleadall.

Discussion of reminding board members they are only voting on the resolution to change the annual meeting date. The Bylaw changes regarding terms of serving for officers and directors will be reviewed and voted on during the next annual meeting. See proposed changes on attachment.

Resolution passed unanimously. The original is on file and a copy is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance – Tom Niswander –
   1. Reviewed P & L sheet and Balance Sheet (see attachments). We are doing a good job with expenses we can control. Donations are under budget (not in our control) and food panty expenses are up (not in our control). Cautiously optimistic that all will balance in the end. Tom indicated there were no real changes in the Balance sheet. Tom thanked Sherri and Kristi for their time and effort in preparing and submitting the Impact 100 grant application along with the video prepared and the tours conducted.
2. Fund Raising– Christmas Tour of Homes—Kristy --We had one house back out due to Covid but the Sisson Family graciously stepped in and put their home on the tour. Tickets are being pre-sold; flyers being distributed; silent auction and homeowner gift items are coming in from board members.

1. Strategy Teams—Sherry Morris
   1. Mental Health Awareness – Articles continue monthly in the newspaper with possible tv shows on the horizon. Anna Speesen will be stepping down from this committee and the Board of Directors as she is going back to school. Everyone be thinking of possible replacement to chair this committee.
   2. Poverty Awareness—The ACT (Ambassador Connection Team) role playing training did not take place. The group did drop off backpacks and coats to the apartments behind Roses. We will be dropping back and reevaluating the ACT
   3. Civic Dinner – Dinner was held at Craddock Center with an impressive turnout. Topics discussed are listed on attached handout. We will review notes and suggestions in January to determine the projects on which to focus. Sherry thanked everyone who coordinated, attended and supported the Civic dinner as it was a success!
2. Communications & PR—Kristy Lindstrom—This month’s mental health article will come from the Fannin County School System in regard to bullying. The school system being willing to write and submit article is another positive step towards strengthening our relationship. DFCS will write the article for December. Our banner ads in newspaper will continue through December. We have public service announcements that were recorded by Sherry and board members being played on local radio station and high school station. We will continue to assess and promoted through social media, newspaper and radio.

Director’s Report: Sherry Morris

1. Sherry reviewed handouts of monthly statistics. See attached.
2. Impact Fannin—Grant application process—FCFC is a finalist for the grant and will have two site visits. Special thanks, again, to Sherry and Kristi for taking the lead on this grant.
3. Upcoming events—see agenda for dates and information.

Adjournment

Jim Yacavone adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Theresa TC Dillard

Next Board meeting – January 19, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

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

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