**Fannin County Family Connection**

**Board Minutes**

**September 8, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Brumbelow, Theresa Dillard, Robert Gleadall, Michael Kilpatrick, Renee Lunney, Chris Martinez, Tom Niswander, Gordon Riddoch, Jim Yacavone, Candice Youngberg

Absent: Sherry Echelberger, Jane Kimzey, Anna Speessen

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 Jim Brumbelow and seconded by Robert Gleadall to wave the reading of the minutes and approve. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance – Tom Niswander –
   1. Reviewed 2021-22 Budget VS Actual (see attachment). Net Income for year is $97,091.15. Tom stated that donations cannot be controlled but expenses can and the FCFC staff did a great job of managing expenses.
   2. Reviewed Capital Projects (see attachment)—Upgraded server and technology utilized for virtual meetings; down payment has been made for the FCFC generator; the cooler is being upgraded with no cost to FCFC; the sign is taking longer than anticipated. We will continue to strive to complete capital projects.
2. Fund Raising– Christmas Tour of Homes—Renee L. – We have four confirmed houses but need one more at least. Would like to have a house on the lake. Suggestions welcomed. Board members supply Silent Auction items and can start now making requests and collecting items.
3. Strategy Teams—Sherry Morris and Anna Speessen
   1. Mental Health Awareness – Articles continue monthly in the newspaper; team looking to meet quarterly via Zoom; Sherry is now a member of a state-wide mental health committee due to the program implemented here in Fannin County.
   2. Poverty Awareness—The ACT (Ambassador Connection Team) is continuing training and everyone is invited to participate in these training sessions. The goal is still to start providing services in January of 2023.
4. Communications & PR—Kristy Lindstrom—First banner ad was in this week’s newspaper; Special thanks to Michael Kilpatrick for his support and assistance with graphics; board members are in the process of recording radio announcements to be aired on our local community station with hopes of using the same recordings on the high school station; website is being updated regularly and the newsletter will be published quarterly.

Director’s Report: Sherry Morris

1. Sherry reviewed handouts of monthly statistics. July and August were very busy months in the food pantry.
2. Impact Fannin—Grant application—Seeking second transport vehicle for delivery of food to clients without transportation and for use in the Kinship Care Program, along with funds for part-time driver.
3. Upcoming events—see agenda for dates and information. Special notice given regarding: the Sept 26 Great Pantry Makeover Day with Food Lion; the annual Community Service Conference on October 5, from 9 a.m. until 1:30 at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds; and Reality Day at Fannin County High School (FCHS) on October 12, where many volunteers will be needed.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by Theresa TC Dillard

Next Board meeting – October 20, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

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

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