**Fannin County Family Connection**

**Board Minutes**

**April 20, 2023 -- 8:30 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE

**Present**: Ryan Beadnell, Jim Brumbelow, Theresa (TC) Dillard, Robert Gleadall, Brian Higgins, Miichael Kilpatrick, Jane Kimzey, Chris Martinez, Tom Niswander, Gordon Riddoch, Mark Snoddy, Anna Speesen, Bonnie Villeneuve, Karen Walton, Jim Yacavone, Candace Youngblood

**Absent**: Sherry Echelberger, AD Frazier, Gordon Riddoch.

**Staff**: Sherry Morris, Kristy Lindstrom

**CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF MINUTES, COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Yacavone

Motion made by Jim Brumbelow to accept minutes of March meeting; seconded and unanimously accepted.

Brian HIggins joining fund raising and Bonnie Villeneuve joining finance committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Finance – Tom Niswander –
   1. Reviewed P & L and Balance Sheets (see attachments). Still in good shape.
   2. Budget Development Timeline—New budget year starts July 1. Finance committee and Sherry Will start developing in May. Committees wanting to make requests from budget should get info to Sherry. Voting on budget will occur in June and new budge will go into effect in July.
   3. Mini Grants—discussion on giving mini grant to Summer Meals Program for families with kids from Snack in a backpack. Food is delivered once a week to complexes. Motion to give $2,500 to this program made by Tom Niswander; seconded and unanimously approved.
   4. 990T & Audit Completion Status—Auditors should provide us the results and completed form next week. Finance committee will review.
2. Fundraising –Kristy Lindstrom and Michael Kilpatrick
   1. Christmas Tour of Homes— three homes locked in as of now. Need six. Advertising via various media outlets, fall arts in the park, 4th of July parade and Christmas parade.
   2. New Marketing Strategies--
3. Strategy Teams—
   1. Mental Health Awareness – Anna: There is a “Your Mental Health Matters/Fannin” FB page for awareness and education. We are looking for a new leader of this strategy team since Anna is leaving at the end of May. Group is dedicated but needs someone to lead forward.
   2. Poverty Awareness—Sherry: New Office is close to completion and has own entrance. Need volunteers to be trained and ready to work with families.
   3. Kinship Care— Grant received with first report due May 19. Working toward completing activities and projects which will start on July 1. We were one of two groups to receive funds from state to start this program. We have money to purchase van but not one available at this time so we are on wait list to purchase. Kinship and poverty awareness groups will work closely together.
4. Communications & PR—Kristy Lindstrom
   1. PR continues via robust website, [www.fcfc1.org](http://www.fcfc1.org); Facebook and Instagram; Quarterly Newsletter; and Public Service Announcements on WPPL Mountain Country Radio and Rebel Radio. Thank you for “liking/sharing” our posts.
   2. Today--Pictures of new board members and soap box derby car. Our car was paid for by Love Mountain Community. Michael and Brian built & designed.
   3. Kristy represented FCFC at Impact 100 meeting and thanked them on our behalf. Candace reported Kristy represented FCFC well.
   4. Robert Gleadall asked for us to consider ways to share the “need for housing for the unsheltered.” Need is great but opposition to housing is strong.
5. Feed Fannin—Jane Kimzey—Garden is cleaned up; raised beds rebuilt; shed being redone with planting time being soon. FF works with Snack in A Backpack in the summer.
6. Soap Box Derby—Brian Higgins
   1. Schedule of Events— May 6 at FCMS. Still looking for drivers and can sign up online as approximately 60 drivers are needed. Also, sign-up sheet in food pantry. Winning car drivers receive cash prizes.
   2. Volunteers Needed—Kiwanis coordinating volunteers.
   3. FCFC Tent and Outreach—FCFC will have an info tent and needs volunteers.

**Director’s Report**:

1. Monthly statistics. Statistics not available due to technology issues but will have these at next meeting. Credit Union joint session last week was well attended. Partnership is formed and likely more sessions with Credit union in the future. CPR, AED and first aid trainings will be scheduled for volunteers, staff and board members with FCFC covering expenses.
2. Record Keeping—Conflict of Interest Forms for all Board Members—all board members complete form today if not already.
3. Upcoming events—see agenda for dates and information. Also check out events at <https://fcfc1.org/calendar>. No collaborative in June and July. September 26 is the Civic Dinner at the Craddock Center. Reality Day at Fannin High School is October 11 (approximately 60 volunteers needed).

Adjournment

Jim Yacavone adjourned the meeting at 10:05

Minutes submitted by Theresa (TC) Dillard

Next Board meeting – May 18, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

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

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Family Connection Executive Session-- April 20, 2023 at 10:10 a.m. (following regular monthly board meeting).

Same members present as was during regular board meeting, with the exception of Candace Youngberg as she had to leave.

Meeting called to order by Jim Yacavone.

Tom distributed estimated expenses incurred or to be incurred by Sherry during her recovery from her accident (see attachment). Discussion on budget and need to support Sherry M during this time.

Robert made a motion to approve the donating of $7000 to Sherry to cover expenses related to the accident; seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned by Jim Yacavone at 10:20 a.m.