**Fannin County Family Connection**

**Board Minutes**

**February 10, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Jim Brumbelow, Theresa Dillard, Sherry Echelberger, Robert Gleadall, Chris Martinez, Tom Niswander, Gordon Riddoch, Anna Speesen, Cindy Trimble, Jim Yacavone.

Absent: Mauren Escott, Michael Kilpatrick, Jane Kimzey, Renee Lumney, Candace Youngberg

Staff present: Sherry Morris, Kristi Lindstrom

CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Jim Yacavone.

Motion made by Jim Brumbelow and seconded by Robert Gleadall to approve Minutes from January meeting. Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Finance: Tom Niswander

1. Reviewed the Balance Sheet dated January 31 and the Profit & Loss (P & L) Budget Vs. Actual Sheet dated Feb 10 (documents attached). There is one new line item in the P & L named Resilient Georgia Activities. No questions.
2. Banking Signatory Resolution-- With new officers we must complete a banking signature resolution so that they can conduct business on behalf of FC. Once resolution on file, officers will meet at bank with Identification to sign and complete forms. Motion to approve resolution made by Robert Gleadall, seconded by Chris Martinez and approved unanimously (copy of draft resolution attached).
3. Trading Accounts Resolution— A family wants to make a donation of securities to FC. In order to receive this donation, we need to establish a trading account. The purpose of the account is to receive any such donations, and then be able to immediately sell in order to receive the cash proceeds. We will not hold securities as means of investing due to the increased record keeping as well as intention of donors. Jim Brumbelow and Tom Niswander will act on behalf of FC when dealing with this account. Motion to approve resolution to establish and maintain trading account made by Gordon Riddoch, seconded by Sherry Echleberger, and unanimously approved.
4. Capital Projects Update—Currently seeking out vendors for generator for FC with cost ranging from $60,000 to $70,000. County officials have agreed to pay balance of generator once FC determines amount of grants and donations available for project. Other projects to start researching are the improving of technology in the conference room as Zoom meetings are here to stay and a storage shed on site to free up space with the FC facilities.

Special thanks to Tom and the finance committee for their continued work on maintaining accurate financial records.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -- Strategy Team: Anna Speesen & Sherry Morris

1. Mental Health: The first article in the News Observer came out in January. Next one is scheduled for the last week in February. Committee currently seeking ideas and input on next steps for this initiative. Special thanks to Anna and her committee for their amazing work.
2. Poverty Awareness—Next meeting of poverty task force is Feb. 22 at 1:00. Ambassadors working diligent and embracing the resource information. Sherry demonstrated how to find and utilize the online resource directory. This is a very useful tool, but it needs updating and then promoted to community. Resource Notebooks will be given out at the Feb. meeting. Adult education initiative falls under Poverty awareness. Sherry will continue to assist but the group needs a coordinator. Anyone interested see Sherry. Sherry will be teaching the Poverty Awareness curriculum in Fulton County and in turn they will share their adult education curriculum with us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Committees & Task Forces: Tom Niswander & Sherry Echelberger

1. Volunteer—Task force met and reviewed procedures and policies already being implemented with volunteers. Conversation now is to how to improve. The focus will likely be on “recruiting” and “recognition.” Ideas and suggests sought from board members on what they have seen work in other organizations.
2. Donor—Very similar to Volunteer meeting. Currently in fact finding mode and having conversations on policies and procedures and how to move forward. Tom reminded everyone of their access to Board.Source which supplies information on how boards and organizations are organized and operate. Tom will send info on how new board members can access as well as remind older members of the log in process. Tom encouraged everyone to utilize this resource.
3. Collaborative—Sherry reported on this task force meeting and establishing goals and next steps. Plan to survey those currently attending Collaborative to determine best time to meet and how to improve. Input welcome from all board members. Thanks to Sherry for sharing the printed handout of local resources created by Kiwanis.

Feed Fannin Report: Jim Yacavone

FF very complementary of current relationship with FC. We will continue working on communicating with FF and especially in the areas of appreciation. Donations to FF are projected to be over $200,000 for 2022. They continue to be able to meet needs of those in community who lack transportation to get food at FC .

Directors Report: Sherry Morris

1. Sherry apologized for not having monthly reports printed out as usual. Board totally understands as Sherry is returning from illness. The total numbers of clients served is down from July to December. Not sure as to why-- maybe cost of living and lack of affordable housing making people leave area; maybe people returning to work and need is less. Will continue to study data and trends. (Elderly client number staying the same.)
2. Upcoming events—see agenda. March 16—Many volunteers needed for poverty simulation. Sherry noted that anyone with info for annual plan to please submit to her immediately.
3. Resilience Grant Report (Pittullouch Grant)—Region grant that is currently in last six months. Region asked to renew and all 15 counties in region agreed. Sherry stepping down from the board of this grant but will continue to be active and represent FCFC. Items paid for with this grand include the civic dinner.
4. Kinship Care Funding—Extra money is available through Department of Family and Children’s Services. Sherry is working with reps from Rome to see how to utilize money now. FCFC being used as a focus group because of our relationship with our clients.

Adjournment

Discussion held on moving meeting day from second Thursday of the month to the third Thursday of the month so the Director and Treasurer can have adequate time to prepare monthly reports. Unanimously agreed upon.

Jim Yacavone adjourned the meeting at 3:25.

Minutes submitted by Theresa TC Dillard

Next Board meeting – March 17, at 2:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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