**Fannin County Family Connection**

**Board Minutes**

**November 11, 2021**

In Attendance

Present: Jane Kimzey, Tom Niswander, Gordon Riddoch, Chris Martinez, Renee Lunney, Michael Kilpatrick, James Brumbelow, Candace Youngberg, Robert Gleadal, Theresa Dillard, Cindy Trimble,

Absent: Cathy Cox-Brakefield, Sherry Echelberger

Staff present: Kristi Lindstrom

Call to order and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Robert Gleadal and seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor of approval.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Yacavone.

Finance Committee Report: Tom Niswander

Tom Niswander gave the financial report which is attached. We are doing well. Our expenses are relatively predictable. Income fluxgates but is above budget.

The staff PTO policy proposal will be deferred until December’s meeting.

Jim and the finance committee continue to work on the investment policy. It should be ready to vote on in about two months.

Slate of officers for 2022

The nominating committee met and developed a slate of officers:

Jim Yacavone, Chairman

Sherry Echelberger, Vicechair

TC Dillard, Secretary, Gordon Riddoch, Assistant Secretary

Tom Niswander, Treasurer

The above have agreed to serve. The slate will be voted on at the next meeting.

Tour of Homes Fundraiser:

Renee discussed several tasks that need follow-up for the Tour of Homes. Sponsorship is not at the level that we would like and each board member is asked to take 10 names to call or e mail. Kristi will send us a letter, the names and a poster.

The Sisson house will have a Santa Clause and toys for children to play with. Several houses are in town and Greg will drive a shuttle so that parking for those houses will not be an issue.

Tickets will be on sale at UCBI, Chamber, Family Connections and on line. Renee and Kristi asked us each to:

Bring in one auction item

Call folks who have not committed to sponsorship.

Put up 5 posters

Share e mail with friends.

We took suggestions on the silent auction and decided to have closed bids and take the highest.

Directors Report:

Monthly statistical reports are attached. October and November are traditionally the pantry’s busiest months.

Visits were down in October but no one know why.

We have budgeted for Christmas bonuses for all the staff. We also discussed looking at Sherry’s job; she seems to be here many nights past 7. What can be done to alleviate this stress? As we expand our outreach, we need more hours in the day and those usually fall to Sherry.

Miscellaneous

Ambassador training will teach volunteers how to navigate the resources that are available to clients. Volunteers will in turn be able to assist clients. It is a hands-on way to make a difference.

Poverty simulation is coming up. We need more people in Fannin County to attend in order to have a better understanding of the issues surrounding poverty. Influential people in churches would be great. It will be held March 16th at Fannin County Highschool’s “new gym.”

Adjournment

Jim Yacavone adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Jane Kimzey

Next Board meeting – December 9, 2021 at 2:00