

Minutes of The
Fannin County Family Connections
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2025

Members Present: Sherry Echelberger, Robert Gleadall, Brian Higgins, Kim Gutierrez, Tom Niswander, Mark Snoddy, Gordon Riddoch, Jane Kimzey, Bonnie Villenenuve, Karen Walton, Jim Brumbelow, Curly Robinson,

Staff Members present: Jacqueline McKee, Victoria Walker, Mandy Hyde

Members Absent: Amanda Russell, Theresa Dillard, Ryan Beadnell, Becky Huffman

CLOSED SESSION

1. Sherry called the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board to order at 8:30.
2. Robert (Chairperson of Nominations Committee) reviewed the nominations procedures and gave short descriptions of the 6 candidates. Motion to accept the candidates by consent was made by Mark, seconded by Jim. Motion was passed, candidates accepted. New members: Katie Kirk, Deb Cantrell, Sha Frazier, Jacqueline Brown, Suzanne Ponton, and Kim Berger.
3. Robert presented nominations for new officers in 2025, Chairperson Sherry Echelberger, Vice Chair Robert Gleadall, Treasurer Tom Niswander, Secretary Gordon Riddoch. Officers approved by Consent.
4. Proposal to revise meeting time to 9:00am on 3rd Friday of month. Jim Made motion, seconded by Brian Motion passed on vote time changed to 9:00.
5. Annual Meeting Closed ay 8:45.

Fannin County Family Connections Board Meeting reconvened at 9:00 in open session.

1. Sherry opened the meeting by welcoming the new members and all the past members.
2. All the members present gave introductions and brief histories of how they came to serve on the board.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2025 Board Meeting as presented, along with the monthly Food Pantry report was made by Kimmberly, Seconded by Mark, approved by vote.

4. Feed Fannin- Tom reported that there were no issues to report. Jane gave an update on the Community Garden and preparations for spring planting.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance- Tom gave an overview of the Finances. (Reports attached) We are in good shape, better than the budget had planned.
2. Fund Raising- Soap Box Derby, Brian gave a update on plans for the event. Everything is on track for April 26. The main goal now is to get Sponsors and donors. We will need volunteers. The money will be split with School Fund and FCFC. Deb Cantrell spoke of how important the School Fund is in the lives of some students.
3. Family Care- Bonnie and Curly gave updates and overviews on their programs, "Grandparents raising children" they spoke of how the program is growing and helping lives. Spoke of upcoming events.
4. Committee assignments- Sherry spoke of attached assignments and what the teams do. Encouraged members to find a committee and volunteer. The committees and teams support the director.
5. Marketing update- Victoria working social media every day, please share the posts. Opening Day for baseball is this Saturday. FCFC is collecting hygiene products. She is working with a local company called Home Town Highlights.
6. Director's Report: Jacqueline is working on the Annual plan. The Draft proposal was approved in Dalton at regional area office. The final proposal will be presented in April in Atlanta. The 2026 year's budget will reflect the annual Plan.
7. Grants: We are waiting on replies from the Food Bank Grant, Food Lion for freezer, and Champer of Commerce grant for Soap Box Derby.
8. On August 29 FCFC is planning a fundraising dinner at Chateau Michtry.

After an Open Discussion on need for Volunteers at Soap Box Derby Members were thanked for their work and volunteering to serve. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45