

**Fountain City Difference Project, Inc**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18th, 2022**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Columbus State University Main Campus Library Columbus, GA 31907**

**Directors present:** Jazsmaine Dixon (Executive Director- ED), Pierre Heard (Community Outreach Director-COD), Jacobe Love (Mass Media Director- MMD), Deionka Dixon (Financial Operations Director- FOD)

**I. Call to Order**

Jazsmaine Dixon, ED, called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. and welcomed everyone and the meeting began with the review of May minutes. Pierre made a motion to approve the minutes, Jacobe seconded, May 21st minutes approved by the board.

**II. Agenda**

Jazsmaine Dixon began the meeting with a discussion tasks and duty updates since the previous meeting.

**III. Old Business**

Pierre Heard informed the board that Tatiana Lewis was able to complete her volunteer hours elsewhere, so she will not be continuing on as a FCDP volunteer. Also, Betty Boutin of the Parks & Rec community school division, is the new director for community schools where they do after-school programs and summer camps as well as summer learning vacation bible school at Shirley B Winston park, Mon-Fri 7:30pm-6pm. Pierre asked if we were going to be setting up the day before or the day of Splash Jam, in correlation with the possible overlap in time with the summer learning VBS and the setup of Splash Jam at Shirley B, if we choose that location. Jazsmaine stated that it would be more than likely be the morning of the event because there would be no way to secure equipment if set up the day prior.

Jazsmaine informed the board that the other location option, Woodruff park (downtown Broadway), application cannot be submitted more than a year in advance and that she will be submitting the application the coming up Sunday to see how much they are going to charge in fees and other required information. As of now Shirley B is \$300 to rent entire space, outside included and if the water spaces could be turned back on, that area can be utilized as well.

Deionka asked to Jazsmaine to give her access to all financial outlets so she can keep track of them. Jaz said she would complete that at end of meeting Deionka also suggested that in the future Cheryls cookies with FCDP logo packaging could be used for FCDP events and possibly resold. Also she suggested the her place of employment does outside orders for events as well, like customized cookies and cake pops, but would need to ask how much and how many for a specified item.

Jacobe presented his updates regarding possible new board members. He suggested Whit (they/them), who worked with the Columbus Library and actively involved in the community by a board member of the Homeless resource Network as well as having experience with non-profits. He also suggested Mr. Jason Taylor from the Gun Safety workshop. Mr. Taylor is interested in doing the workshops & classes. Will be in discussion with him regarding dividing his classes into smaller segments. Jazsmaine suggested that if the classes were of substantial length, that they could in turn be converted into another FCDP Program. Will provide update at next meeting.

Jazsmaine reread the idea of having quarterly about Gun Safety, Domestic Violence, Self-defense and Empowering youth and suggested we could request the assistance of Mr Taylor for the Gun Safety, Ms Annie for DVRT, Columbus Martial Arts center for Self Defense, who also has agreed to become an official partner of the FCDP, and Empowering youth. Pierre suggested Dating Violence as a possible topic for one of the empowering youth quarterly meeting sessions. With the partnership with the Columbus Martial Arts academy, they have a network of kids that could be of assistance with FCDP programs events, networking etc. She also

suggested if it would be beneficial if one of the sessions could be a youth lead session. Pierre agreed that would was a good suggestion, that the youth would be more engaged with someone within their age range.

Jazsmaine informed the board that there would be no more communication with Brandy Tolbert, Director of the Literacy Alliance. She also informed us of the Program topics and what each director will be discussing. Jazsmaine- Leadership & Suicide Prevention, Jacobe- Domestic Violence Education, Pierre- Sex Education & Deionka - Financial Literacy and Career Pathing.

Jazsmaine discussed with the board the new outline of the FCDP flowchart in the Board Handbook to include title changes, additional positions, and review of position. Pierre suggested that the Communication specialist from Community Engagement to Marketing Media. Deionka suggested switch the hierarchy of the Program coordinator and the Volunteer coordinator. Have the volunteer coordinator report to the Program coordinator instead of the opposite. Possible BOD: Sylvester, Dr. Logan, Alex, Whit, Jason Taylor, Alana, Valarie, Phong. Jazsmaine posed the question how should we contact potential BOD. Jazsmaine suggested a expertly written email, Pierre suggested face to face, and Jacobe suggested video call.

#### **IV. New Business**

FCDP YMCA program run through of The Difference. Each child needs their own copy if the workbook, and the instructors each have a copy. Jacobe was concerned that there was too much information in the workbook for the kids. Brandy Cooper the coordinator at the YMCA advised us that the time slot was approx. 2-3 hours, but we could take as long as we needed. Pierre inquired as to the age group the he and Jacobe would be teaching. Brandy informed that the kids age between 5 and 12.

Before running through the program, there were some details that needed clarification before moving to the next step. So, after much discussion, it was decided that there would be 2 assemblies split in ages 5-8 and 9-12. The workbook will be divided up to include the recommended pages for the different age groups. Both Pierre and Jacobe would take turns leading during both sections. Pierre also suggested that Brandy have the kids take a consent form home to have the parents sign, stating that it's okay to talk to their child about gun safety and domestic violence. So that way it removes any liability from the FCDP. We ran out of time to run through the program but will have a couple of run throughs before the event on July 7. Will approve the volunteer handbook by Wednesday evening.

#### **V. Closing Remarks**

-BOD will meet up tomorrow to talk about the verbiage for market day on Saturday June 25, 2022.

-Next meeting August 20, 2022 @12:30. Location may change due to the fact that classes will have resumes by the time of next meeting.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Jazsmaine thanked everyone for their attendance and hard work towards FCDP. Meeting adjourned at 3:21p.m.