

FCA January 2022 AGENDA

Date | time 1/12/2021 6:00 PM| Location Zoom

Meeting called by Chair Lisa McOmber
Type of meeting Monthly Membership
Facilitator Lisa McOmber
Note taker Kandi Camacho
Timekeeper Kandi Camacho

Attendees All Community Invited:

Please read Any Attachments

Please bring Notes, Questions, Ideas, Comments

In Attendance: Erin Goodman, Carl McDaniel, Jessica Bee, Joni H., **Melonie Ancheta**, Kristi Sletti, Sam Norris, Gerald Perdue, **Joel Dollar**, **Kari Dollar**, Rebecca Cayen, **Rochelle Hollowell**, Julia Johanson, Dawna Drum, Richard Whitson, Matthew Thuney, **Ivy**, Kandi Camacho, Lisa McOmber

*Bold indicates left prior to meeting/voting ended

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction: New Members	Lisa	5 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Procedures	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Updates	Dawna	10 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> F/U Computer Request	Dawna	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Updates Forms etcetera.	Kandi	5 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Development/Recruitment Updates	Lisa	30 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Interviews	Lisa	15 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Funding Request(s)	Lisa/Kandi	15min
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Updates(s)	Lisa	15 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Reminders	Lisa	10 min

Other Information

Introduction

Introduced current IB members to new attendees and new members and what brought them here.

Not voting:

Kristi Sletti , Jessica Bee, Joni Hensley, Sam, Juli, Matthew Thuney

Previous Minutes accepted

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Meeting Procedures:

Lisa explained meeting procedure to keep things on track and progress through the meeting to meet timelines.

Treasurer Updates/F/U

No changes since last meeting. (In November)

Question was asked about the purchase for laptop and printer for secretary. Dawna did receive approval for a Special purchase for laptop and printer. Dawna is still looking into quotes for these items and will have this ready for the February meeting. Lisa explained to persons not in attendance at the last meeting the reason this request was made.

Julie clarified that we do NOT have a \$1,500 spending limit per year, the money is for FCA and can be used how we see fit.

Website Updates

Kandi Gave updates regarding additions to website regarding new member sign up section also a section for board candidacy application, new calendar is now a community calendar for all events, meetings etcetera that happen in our community. Lisa asked for members to go look at the website and let us know if something looks off are suggestions. Jessica asked for definition of our community, Lisa clarified that per bylaws it is defined as the map of the UGA of Columbia Valley. And to ensure that CV is being served

Board development

Carl made a motion to see if sitting board members would stay on for at 1 year to keep this board moving forward. Rebecca Cayen seconded the motion. Lisa asked each interim board member if she wanted this, Dawna- excited about the direction it is going and is looking forward to staying on. Thanked Carl for Nomination.

Rochelle- Yes also would like to stay and continue as we have completed the “grunt” work and now looking forward to spending money.

Kandi- Yes accepting of the nomination and thanked everyone for the trust and nomination that has been bestowed upon us.

Lisa- Accepting the nomination and has enjoyed working with everyone thus far.

Carl motioned

12 voting members, 5 not voting

Kandi 11 yes, 1 not for nor opposed

Rochelle- 12 yes no oppose

Dawna- 12 yes

Lisa- 12 yes,

It has been voted in that all board members will remain.

Board Interviews:

One community member applied for board candidacy and was interviewed for that position last week and the IB who were present felt he would make a good addition to the board,

Rebecca asked if Carl would still be serving on the MBF and if it would be a conflict. Julie stated Yes, it is a conflict BUT MBF approved the conflict and Carl will abstain from voting on anything for MBF.

Rebecca wanted to know what the Conflict would be.

Julie clarified that for example if MBF decided to reup another \$500K how would he abstain and from what side. Julie stated that he would abstain from MBF vote regarding that.

Carl spoke to members regarding his desire to be on FCA.

Rochelle commented that Carl is a great person and good contributing member to community but does have a concern that he works for MBF and be on FCA board and maybe presenting projects for funding and he may have an undue influence. Suggested that if he is involved in a project how would we be handle bringing projects Lisa and Kandi clarified that this would be very transparent as we do with every board member who has presented for a project. Rochelle continues to ask that Carl will recuse himself for conflicts and transparency. Carl stated that he will be transparent and stated that the conflict of interest states that “ A financial gain” is the wording for conflict of interest and stated there is no money gaining.

Jessica states that she is thankful of Carl wanting to add another “hat” also stated that she has seen other boards that when a board member presents and item, after the presentation, that member removes

Kandi made motion for Carl to be a board member, Rebecca Cayen seconded the motion.

12 voted yes 5 not voting

Carl has been voted in as a new Board Member.

Project Funding Requests

Matthew Thuney presented Funding request- Thanked FCA for patience and considering the proposal for Foothill’s communication project that has been going on for about 3-4 years now. Lives in South Fork Valley.

Requesting Funds for a Communication Hub newspaper for the community to have one place to go to for all and everything. One hub of information, Shared mission statement for the HUB

Has board of directors, mapped out a service area. Starting out for the Foothills area to start. Need of unity of communication. Purchased a website domain and has a web developer, editorial policy.

Three things in the HUB- Website, monthly newspaper, Radio station of KVZP radio to help promote and spread information.

Main idea is for getting information out there, space for interviews with locals and why doing stuff to engage community. Secured a fiscal sponsor WFCN. Researched for physical location for the HUB, but to start with editor/administrator who will oversee the HUB along with Board of Directors will start with working from home. Have researched possible locations, everybody stores in Van Zandt, Visitor Center in Maple falls, created a budget. Have tried to get funding from other sources and have not had responses from them of yet. Now seeking local funding Wanting to have funds to have a part time person and office supplies and such.

Amount Requesting- \$50k

Towards: part time person salary (\$20k) to oversee website newspaper and outreach, building of website, office supplies,

Board Matthew, Carl, Wa’lynn, and some ancillary persons, still recruiting more board members.

Once up and going, feels this would be self-sustaining.

Carl- one reason for complexity of website, as an organization would have their own password to get into the website and be able to input what they wanted into their section of the paper/website.

Sustainable funding might come through business sponsorship.

Richard- If we have already spent so much money on website and such what is different about this one?

Carl- it's not just a website but that this is a better website, it's a shotgun spread to get all communication out to all aspects delivered in the same words in different accesses, i.e. web, newspaper, radio.

Richard- supporting of a newspaper but wants to hear from the board their thoughts.

Lisa- personally feels happy that they came forward and requested funds and feels that it would be a good use of funds. Thinks a great idea to disseminate the information out to everyone and spending thousands of dollars and time to develop everything. Seems like a plus for everyone to have one place to put all the information.

It would take the place of the hello neighbor and other outreach efforts and help with collaboration.

Lisa read what Kristi wrote and followed up with growth for businesses and owners.

Great way to take all the hard work everyone has done and put it in one place. We get a lot of support from non-CV residence, and it would be great to be able to get them all the information in one place. Is this a one-time ask for funds, what are plans for future?

Matthew- yes this is a startup budget, not everything we want but it will get us up and running, this is not just another website, plan to continue funding through grants, and going to other organizations that have already been spending thousands yearly for mailers in this community.

Carl- Once we have funds from FCA, it will give us better leverage for being approved for funds.

Joni- Is this a formation of another nonprofit? Are we correct in that bylaws have not been taken yet?

Matthew- Yes, we do have bylaws and we did decide to be nonprofit since that is what we are dealing with mostly and that is why we felt WFCN was a great organization to partner with.

Erin- Will this admin collect information and disseminate it back out to social media sites that people are already comfortable using

Matthew- Yes, admin will continue with including those links to all other sources of information and dissemination.

Sam- agrees this is a needed resource for getting information out to the community. Hopes there will be an attempt for metrics.

Richard- does the board envision this as a one-time funding request, what are your thoughts on how you envision this scenario

Lisa- when someone brings a project forward and is shovel ready then we need to honor that and hear it, there is nothing keeping anyone from coming back and requesting more funds if it helps our community, just like the chipping event or summer fest does or will come to request more funds. Dawna and Kandi agreed. Richard was happy with how the board responded.

Carl responded to the Joni's question, we (Communication HUB) had to do all the same things that the FCA had to do to become a board and nonprofit and have a fiscal sponsor.

Lisa read notes written in the Zoom Chat boxes.

Lot of pros to having something like this,

Kandi stated that being the person who is currently trying to get all events and meetings in one calendar is a huge daunting task and very difficult to stay up to date and make the changes.

Richard stated he is confident in voting tonight and has full faith in the current board.

Rebecca- I do have faith in the board and if I must vote then she will vote in favor of it. Would like to have summary of projects to know ahead of time. Lisa, feels that when Rebecca requested funding last year, things were not fully in place, soes not feel the paper form needs to be shared with everyone if all questions are asked and answered and reviewed thoroughly. Rebecca, as this is half of our funding project so want to know what we have

Dawna please tell us what our current balance of funds are for projects- Dawna -Still have surplus left from previous years of the \$100k/year. Lisa, in the future will ensure that we have a small recap of the funding request and what it is for in the agenda so all will have a basic idea.

(Members in bold left prior to this vote, reducing number of voting members)

Vote was made to vote for funding request tonight. 7 yes 1 no

Vote yes for funding of project request

Kandi motion to vote for voting for funding request, Dawna and Richard second this motion. 6 vote yes 1 vote=
Project funds approved.

Questions-

Lisa thanked Matthew for coming and sharing what they are doing and for his time to request funds.

We have talked in the past about how to get communication out to community. Idea of something like this is exciting and sounds like a lot of work and research have already been done.

Do you feel this is shovel ready and ready to go?

How soon could you be printing newspapers? – Yes, shovel ready and groundwork laid now just need funding. Need to find a person to act as Admin/Editor, once we have that, it would be about a month to get website up and 2 months for newspaper.

Carl- added to presentation- what started this was just more than trying to get everybody get the same information. Example direct mailings for chipping event cost about 3K

MB Coalition spends about 10K a year for mailers. With no traction being gained. Feels that the HUB has all the components to get into all the houses.

Is your goal to join smaller communities together? – yes absolutely Reaching out to all communities to have it inclusive, to get proper word out to everyone.

Dawna- Tell us about the editorial policy you have written- there was a newspaper in the area, but editorial policy was not what the community has expected.

Matt is clarified that policy is content is information, no opinions no editorials, celebrating local folks in community. Positive, uniting influences. Not to have division in the community. Happy to forward the policy to us.

Rebecca- Board, is this an official request, Lisa- if we are ready to vote yes, we want to vote. But can postpone for 30 days

Has more questions, policies, dollar amount, locations, will there be advertising once funded, how to continue to acquire funds, who's on the board.

Matthew stated Editorial policy will be sent to us, Kristi is aware of the policy as they had asked for it

Advertising will not be done perse per Nonprofit guidelines but will provide pace for organizations to input who they are what they do, how they do it etcetera. Resource oriented project.

Project Update:

Funds for Parks and Rec and Carl and Jessica were both present and Carl updated us that they are still looking for property and they have a real estate agent looking like well Carl looking at properties trying to see if they will sell it.

Also have gone to county as there are about 6 properties that didn't sell t the tax auction, meeting held with Sat Paul and were told there is a few things they need to do for a request for those properties to be gifted.

Still working with Lehigh for the property behind us.

Richard also has about 40 acres behind the resource center. Richard stated that this is Brent Cowden's property and we do know that it is unbuildable and is outside the scope of a local property.

Carl property search is still happening.

Jessica added Parks district is having a public meeting Jan 15th at 1pm at the Resource center to do a drive around to look at properties. Trying to be fiscally responsible with the \$65k that was funded to them. Need to find a proper fit for funding and property.

4 out of 5 park commissioners are present at the meeting tonight.

Reminders:

Agenda item requests to be submitted no later than 9 days before scheduled meeting or more time as well.

Funding requests fill out form on website, submit no later than 8 days prior to meeting

Kristi stated that she invited Sam to meet as they have some potential funding needs

Rebecca stated that her funding request for April funding in for next month.

Misc.

Joni- Ask a nurse program Health ministries volunteer for blood pressures and health needs during food bank hours. Partnering with the YMCA for a self-monitoring of BP's with a 4 month commitment, they would give them a BP monitor and take bp twice a month and meet with a nurse twice a month and a nutrition class. Nutrition class will be open to the community. There is a Flier out promoting this already.

Advanced care directive class this Saturday 9:30-11:30- community event needs to held via zoom, need to RSVP by Friday

Sam Norris introduced himself he is Foothills Community Foodbank Director.

Needs for this community resonate deeply with him.

Food bank is going through changes right now. Becky Zender Operations manager is stepping down. Formal announcement will be coming out soon.

Becky has been involved with the foodbank for at least 15 years, Sam's priority is to take a top-down look at the foodbank and ensure the systems are working properly. Goal is to continue firming foundation and sustainable and help that is being offered can be continued indefinitely.

Continued to give us updates regarding the food bank.

Foodbank Garden and new ideas and possibly other organizations to partner with to help with education purposes.

Wants to be more accessible to community and possibly be open another day or times

Able to Shop like you would in a grocery store not having it already pre-boxed.

Serving about 200 households size ranges from 1-9 people

Comments about a better way to vote perhaps vote in comments box.

Matthew- Thank you for funding and we commend you on the meeting process. Apologize for technical issues. Thank you for your support.

Lisa- We will want updates on your progress and please return to some meetings to provide updates and we look forward to celebrating your paper.

Board will continue to meet twice monthly and general meeting monthly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting February 9,2022 @ 6pm