

# FCA Monthly Membership Meeting

Date | time 4/13/2022 6:00 PM | Location Zoom

Meeting called by	Lisa McOmber	Attendees Lisa McOmber, Kandi Camacho, Dawna Drum, Carl McDaniel, Joni Hensley, Jessica Bee, Ally Robinson, Kristi Sletti, LATE ARRIVALS: Rochelle Holloway and Ivy Little (due to local fire)
Type of meeting	FCA General Meeting	
Facilitator	Lisa McOmber	
Note taker	Kandi Camacho	Please read:
Timekeeper	Kandi Camacho	Please bring: Questions, Ideas

## Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Intro new members	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of previous minutes	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Updates	N/A	0min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Updates (Vote)	Dawna	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Updates	Kandi	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Updates (CVPR and Communication HUB)	Lisa	20 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Requests (twin sister \$10K/vote) (2 requests not complete)	ALL	15 min
Board Development Update (Vote)	ALL	15min
Community Events Update	Lisa	10 min

## Other Information

### Upcoming Meetings:

April 16, 2022

May 11, 2022 @ 6pm- FCA General Meeting- Zoom

### Special notes:

If you would like a community meeting event added to this list and website monthly, please email us the meeting, date, time, location and link.

Meeting started at 6:02pm

**Intro new members:**

No new members tonight

**Acceptance of previous minutes:**

Motion made and passed unanimously to accept previous minutes: (one board member not present)

**GUEST: Ask a nurse program:**

Joni Hensley program to work close with Slavic community. Two nurses will be working in the community. Also, will have Narcan to provide and distribute to individuals that would potentially use it

Will also have a van to transport women down to B'ham to get mammograms done. Currently about 3 people signed up for this.

Joni will also come up and help with the Easter Egg event.

**Secretary Updates:**

None currently

**Treasurer Updates**

Looking into TechSoup program for QuickBooks for about \$75 per year. She has been currently keeping items on a spreadsheet, but it would be great to do QuickBooks for \$75/year.

Motion made by Carl, Kandi Second motion unanimous vote of three (not in present Rochelle and Dawna) Dawna returned and voted in favor (computer connection issue)

Dawna shared treasurer report by screen share.

Dawna spoke to her request of QuickBooks.

**Website Updates**

Kandi updated website added W9 form, and new professional services agreement. Also updated funding request due by date as per voted on 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. All links have been tested and verified to be working properly.

**Project Updates**

**CVPR**

Jessica B property should have been surveyed and parks department will be discussing this at the next meeting (tomorrow night) Planning meeting will be held for community input. Feedback form on FB. Lovely natural features at the new park location. If there is a community led design, there may be a strong ability to have some funders pitch in to fund the community led design. Discussions about a trail greenbelt area behind the park.

**Communication HUB**

Carl- will be doing interviews soon. Needed to find a time that all board and interviewees could do them. Interviews should be done in the next week or so. Once done, Tyler Bird will design the website. We should be set for the first paper hopefully by June 1, 2022

Kristi- timeline hello neighbor has an article about being handed off to Communication hub. Hello neighbor will come out in May.

## **Funding Requests**

Twin Sisters funding request for \$10k. Cat was able to provide us with more information regarding this request.

Members shared thoughts and ideas of this request.

Concern about this request- funding that is received for FCA is to be used for funds inside the CV area.

Yes, this is a 501c3 entity but is being used to support farmers out of the area. This does not seem to be best model for this area. Does not feel it fits into the charter the funds are for.

Worried about current economy and food shortage, asked Sam for a tour of the facility. It seems like the foodbank needs a lot of items but doesn't have much butter, milk, etcetera if economy gets worse, we continue to have a shortage. Cat explained that Farmers can give a certain amount of food and what is not sold is then given to the foodbank but no guarantee. Cat talked about potentially paying farmers and then bring in more produce to bring in more customers but still does not guarantee produce to the foodbank where our focus is on those who cannot afford expensive foods right now.

Feels the foodbank needs more dairy, etcetera.

Feeling of money request is not the correct use of funds as this is for paying to keep farmers with twin sisters not for providing the community with food without charge.

Ally stated that the request is for providing affordable food to the community but not for supplying the foodbank with food per se, as that would be an added benefit.

- Farmers do need to get more money and get the farmers markets up here, they are not as affordable as it is being said. What it is doing is providing three markets with the food not just in this community.

Food bank has been the focus for the community as the source for community who needs food up here.

After discussion was had, vote was made

Felt the request for funds is too far out of wheelhouse

Motion made to not fund this project Dawna seconded this motion 4 votes for "no" (unanimous vote) (Rochelle not present)

Would like to foster support for Twin sisters and keep them in the community, this is a discussion for a future time.

2 other funding requests were sent in recently, not complete yet but hope to have them in May meeting.

## **Board Development Update**

A month or so ago, there was discussion about having a probationary period for new board members to ensure they have had a time to ensure they are fully aware of the board duties for them and ensure FCA is a good fit for them.

We want to encourage to have many different community members on the board not just people with previous board experience.

Board member supports the idea as people don't really understand how much work does happen. This would require a bylaw and policy change.

Like the idea to give someone a chance to "try out"

Two community members have made application for board position, we need to know that someone can handle the technical aspect and a chance to learn especially if they want to help the community.

Board member agrees with having a probationary period. Eventually we will go back to in person meetings but there will still need some technical knowledge.

There is a lot of work that could be done not as a board member that people can still contribute

Open for community input.

Joni gave word of caution, sometimes when filling out grants or paperwork you must list board members and contact information so you may want to think about that.

Jessica: We are a community that has a good diversity and being able to talk to the diversity of the board members, someone who can't read doesn't mean that they can't contribute.

It was suggested to table this for another month. Or put a poll out there for community.

Another board member suggested that we just go ahead and make a vote now for this probationary period as we haven't gotten new members anyway. This may help gain members as they decide if this is a fit for them without being so scary and big commitments.

Another member agreed that this may be a better way to go since we are not getting any bigger.

After further discussion it was decided that a vote would be had tonight.

Kandi made a motion to have a 90 probationary period for a new board member, Dawna Seconded this

Carl asked for a 60-day probationary period versus 90 days. Dawna seconded this for a 60-day probationary period.

Carl withdrew his amendment for 60 days and Dawna second the 90-day probationary period. Vote obtained 4 voted for 90-day probationary period. Rochelle was in favor of a probationary meeting but not for 90-day length.

Rochelle joined the meeting at 7pm and was brought up to speed on the probationary period vote. Rochelle lost her connection prior to making the vote.

Rochelle stepped away from the meeting at 7:10pm, Ivy sat in in her place.

### **Community Events Update**

Invite sent out for FCA to join us for the Emergency kit distribution.

Last week FCA members went to distribute the emergency kits to the officers. Photos were taken and an article will be written. Officers were very thankful for this gift to the WCSO. Small kits that can strap on the vest or belt so they can always have the kits with them. Presentation will be sent hopefully next week,

Basket was taken to fire district with a card thanking them for being here for supporting us and responding to the community needs.

Spring fair volunteers please join us at 10am at the Kendall elementary. We will have tables, vendors, food trucks, photos and much more.

Vest for volunteers.

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at 6:30 to go over details

Ivy joined at 7:10pm

If you would like an event or topic added to the agenda, please make sure it is emailed to FCA at least a week prior to the meeting the agenda will go out a week prior to the meeting.

Lisa will be putting together a list of to dos for volunteers

Vendors sign up and payment but not sure who from PTA will be managing this aspect of it.

We need a lot of help for the event.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting Carl seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm