

FCA General June 8, 2022

AGENDA

Date | time 6/8/2022 6:00 PM | *Location* Zoom

Meeting called by	Chair Lisa McOmber	Attendees All Community Invited
Type of meeting	Monthly Membership	Please read : NA
Facilitator	Lisa McOmber	Please bring Notes, Questions, Ideas, Comments
Note taker	Kandi Camacho	
Timekeeper	Melonie Ancheta	

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction: New Members	Lisa	2 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lisa	5min
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Updates	Kandi	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Updates	Dawna	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad Band info	Gina	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Updates	Kandi	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Updates (CVPR & Communication Hub)	Carl/Matt	20 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader Board Update	Erin	15 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Requests (Summerfest) (1 received incomplete, not ready for presentation)	Carl/Melonie	15 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Development updates	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Events	Lisa	10 min

Other Information

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

June- 4th Library Anniversary Celebration 12-4pm @ Library

July- No Meeting for FCA will be held

August- 6th Summerfest 4pm-8pm @ Kendall Elementary School

10th FCA General Meeting 6pm via zoom

In Attendance: Kandi Camacho, Lisa McOmber, Carl McDaniel, Melonie Ancheta, Dawna Drum, Terri Carter, Joni Hensley, Jessica Bee, Erin Burke, Linda Kerth

Meeting started at 6pm

Introduction: New Members

Terri Carter introduced herself, recently bought a home in the area. Found us on the website. She currently does not have any questions, observing and trying to figure out where her family can fit in. Own a martial arts facility in town and possibly having a table at the Summerfest.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Kandi motioned to accept previous meeting minutes, Melonie seconded and board in favor

Secretary Updates

No new updates, no new members currently

Treasurer Updates

No project expenses, Kandi was reimbursed for printer ink. This has been the only expense since last meeting. Still working on Setting up QuickBooks, has met with WFCN bookkeeper, talked to QuickBooks Tech support and was told that she has free 24/7 support since we are a nonprofit., By Next meeting Dawna thinks she will have everything ready to fully use QuickBooks. No questions for Dawna currently.

Broad Band info

Gina did not attend the meeting to speak for this subject. Gina is working on fiber to get up the mountain. They are trying to show that people are needing Internet services up here. The problem is the [people that do need it, can't get the survey as it is currently only on web.

Website Updates

Policy updated website regarding funding request and deadline.

Melonie has been working on another form of funding project request to replace the JotForm. It was suggested that the board have a chance to review the forms first and make needed changes before presenting to the community. She has found another one that is a cost of \$240/year. Board will review forms and discuss what is the best option moving forward.

Project Updates

These are ongoing projects so do not have an end date yet

-CVPR

Jessica Bee gave update- Development of new property for park. Sunday a public meeting was held at the property, they had 21 people in attendance including commissioners. New people who had never heard of previous survey were present. Brainstorming idea took place including kids, the information will be put into notes. Meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6pm and virtually as well. Most people had not heard of FCA, Melonie got their info so they can be added to the email list.

Question- Community member drove by location and has concerns about the neighbor that is cutting metal and such right next to the park property. Jessica spoke with the owner of this property and sent a registered letter for removal of items. Neighbor did lend commissioners electricity for presentation. He is also trying to help clean up the properties as well and welcomes having a fence put up. New ideas will be posted on the website and will be

posted on approved minutes to see the ideas. Blog post will be done as well. Will be posted on the parks FB page as well. Online survey received 70 responses so far. CVPRD wants a minimum of 5 parks throughout the UGA.

- Communication Hub

Money was given to them for a newsletter/paper for the area

Carl update- yesterday found someone as a potential editor and waiting for a resume. Through talks he has all the requirements, had attended initial meetings but had to drop due to work requirements but now is back. NO expected "print" date currently. They do have a plan in case an editor is not found right away.

Reader Board Update Funding Request

FCA board had some concerns and had asked Erin to follow up with concerns and have answers.

Erin- has updated her slide deck with the questions board has.

She presented a slide show again.

Responses to questions from previous meeting- Still one item needing to be finalized.

Q

Specific policy for use of reader board for outside uses. Policy- 4060P They will use the same process for the reader board- Email to Mary Sewright with why it is important to student, and cc Executive assistant ar Kendall and well as the principal

Statement of sponsorship with FCA sponsor wording- Increased sign price to \$66,371.56 previous bid was \$57K Erin is confirming this. To verify that the \$10k difference is due to what, Ie updated material cost or the signage update. Asking for an updated quote without banner

Insurance coverage would be covered by school district for damages etcetera.

Software updates- another email confirming that if sign is in operation, data plan is included and would not require any additional charges.

Erin would need a letter from FCA saying that we are giving this donation, she would take it to the school board to ensure it will be approved, the project would need at least 50% down. Plan would be to have it installed over the summer so it would not impact traffic.

Question- Why is there a need for this sign, considering the date she gave regarding the poverty level and why do we need a fancy sign when that money could better be served to help students more directly. Erin responded the answer is access, many families do not have access to the information they are putting out. Wanting to increase the amount of family and community involvement in the school. Community member feels this could be accomplished with less money and not a big fancy signage and use such a large portion of the budget. Monies could be used for other outreach programs and could be better served. We could get a smaller sign that could do something similar versus all the bling of a sign. Community member feels this is a large amount of money for this project when district is not wanting to put any funds together.

Question asked- if FCA decided to approve funds but a smaller amount, what is the plan then. She would start to look at grants for this, Question asked about looking at a smaller less flashy sign, she said yes but she hasn't explored going smaller and would go with "older" technology.

Community member stated that this would be the single ideal spot for getting info out to the community. General concern is the amount changing 17% of the cost of the sign for a sponsor name. This is a little steep for putting name of a sign. Kids are important and does not feel this is a big amount of money for a service like this. Funds are

allocated for very specific targeted things, and this does not fit into any field. Erin has reached out to signs plus for an updated quote without banner. Unsure if this is an increase in material price. Each quote is only good for 30 days. Question was asked to have additional quotes for sign and investigate grants prior to next meeting as this seems to be something that will be tabled. This topic was tabled for now.

Funding Requests (Summerfest) (1 received incomplete, not ready for presentation)

We had two but one was not completed, and ca is not present tonight.

-Summerfest

Carl- venue is at the school, Free food will be served to low-income people. Since 76% of children are below poverty level, they will waive food handlers permit. Fire department will do the cooking and will be the firehouse there as well for the kids.

Started talking to Chamber of Commerce and she will have the next sponsor request for the Summerfest, they are asking for funding only in case they cannot get any funding anywhere else. They are also going to charge vendors. They feel that they should have funds, any funds that come in, WFCN will repay FCA any funds they submitted, and then additional funds will remain for next year. Insurance and liability waivers for event. Children's events/games are already taken care of. Since Summerfest is an 5013c they can do free background checks for all volunteers prior to the event. Car show may happen at the same time. Carl working to follow up to get more people. Confirmed 1 food truck working on a second one for event, has around 40 vendors so far. Erin (principal at Kendall) is excited for this event. Received new funding stream for community festivals and will be eligible for this next year.

Question was asked what the amount of funds is you are requesting and what are they for.

Asking for just under \$1,342.89

They are wanting this to be a self-sustaining event and hopes is to not have to keep asking for money. Previous person never kept previous documents, forms etcetera and always had it structured as a stand-alone event.

Kandi made a motion to approve funds requested with caveat to repay FCA with any monies they received. Dawna seconded. Carl and Melonie had to abstain from voting, Vote was 3 for funding it, 2 abstained, 1 board member not present.

Board Development updates

Still have 9 board positions open. No new candidates at this time., We do ask that anyone interested in a board position need to come to at least 3 consecutive meetings to learn what we are about before they can join

Community Events

Mt. Baker Community Coalition Town Hall event- Held at Kendall, had a great event but did not have as many people in attendance as they had wanted,

Library anniversary held on June 4, went well approximately 400 people came through. A lot of them may have showed up for the fish truck and then left but while waiting for the fish, they went around to the tables.

Town hall meeting Tuesday, June 28 from 6-8pm at the Resource Center. County reps are to come.

Catherine Mahaffey wellness fair had about 193 adults and 42 kids with 2 days of vision and glasses exams done. 39 served with this and were able to get glasses, about 30 blood sugar kits given out. And thanks to Health ministries, they will be able to have about a year's supply of diabetes testing equipment. More than 50 raffle prizes

given. 68 different vendors, 31 partners tabled event. Great lunch. Starting in August they will begin planning for the next one.

Health Ministries Update

Joni-

Shared health ministry's network nurses' partner with student nurses at Western, they put a project together asking for ways to do outreach in the Slavic community Joni shared results and research they did.

Possibly would ask FCA for funding for translation of newsletter.

A lot of monies for foodbank for home delivery of needed food.

Few minutes left so we revisited Erin's request for reader board funding,

Carl- agreement that the sign is needed, what we are not in agreement on is the amount and needing to have the "FCA" verbiage on it. Can we get a quote?

Question was to have a updated and version of a less "flashy" signage since this cost is so much. Erin did have quotes for the "older" version 10mm. 16mm final price is \$54,009

The mm means the difference between the bulbs. Request for a quote for a sign that is "down" to the level of the Senior high school signage.

She hasn't done that yet but has looked at differences

Community member, asked about the fire hall not having an adequate signage and would be using the sign, has anyone asked the fire hall to help contribute to the cost.

FD is run by levies and grants, and we would be paying for it essentially., Don't see them putting things on their on a regular basis, but they are all levy or grant driven.

Signage, right now we are in 2022, this sign could go for at least 50 years, putting in older signage is not the best solution, we need to look ahead not behind. Don't see where we are saving money by not being able to

Current price for 16mm signa with plaque at bottom is \$54,009, including tax, installation for sign and electric fee is \$6,100 plus permit \$150.

Break down

A little over \$60,259k for older technology (16mm)

A little over \$66K for new technology (10mm) w/ banner \$60, 121 w/o \$57, previous quote \$50,986 w/o banner (from March)

Community question, are we locked in using a local company or what? Of the two quotes, this is the cheaper one that is high enough that it can be seen. Wanted it like Nooksack elementary.

Q- Has anyone talked to Signs plus about a discount considering the community does not have sufficient monies.

Along the lines of asking for a discount or something, because we are talking about the school use, community use and fire hall, maybe there is something in that bundle for the benefit of the entire community using it and maybe help them to give us price break. If we go back with "lower technology" then it would almost be pointless as technology is always changing. Has anyone considered that if we do the more upgraded sign without the banner, we are only about \$6k away from the original price? Would the district and sign company consider us putting a plaque on it versus the banner form signs plus.

Sign can be done in other languages. Could use it as a selling point for future funding sources.

Board member- being the tech person, she agrees with what Carl said, we are not saving much with going with the older technology and if we are going to spend this much money then let's have it look nice. Dawna is fully behind paying for this.

Carl wanted to make motion to ensure that cost of FCA signage is not more than 8% of total cost and if it is, then FCA would just buy a sign to save money.

Erin -if it doesn't void the warranty, she has already put in a message to signs plus for an updated bid without banner to see what

Carl made a motion to approve the funding request for \$66,236.10 10mm sign with banner unless the Banner saying sponsored by FCA is more than 8% then we will not use the banner and pay less. Erin will get a new quote for both tomorrow.

Melonie seconded this motion-

All in favor for sign as stated- 5 for banner, 1 board member not present.

Erin will send updated quotes for banners to FCA and we will file this

Once FCA Approves funds, we need to write w letter to school board stating that we will sponsor funds for this. It will be presented to the school board and then to signs plus.

Next school board meeting is tomorrow June 9

Question was asked to see if signs plus would commit to the quote for a little longer than 30 days to "lock in" the price.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm