

Livingston County CARES, Inc.

Approved Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The Board of Directors met in the MacVittie Board Room at SUNY Geneseo on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 3:35PM. The following board members were present: Richard Hathaway, Dan Dimpfl, Kathy Jones, Kay Fly, Amanda Flannery, Jerry Alonzo, Doug Wilson, Lyle Lehman, B.J. Scanlon, Connie Hurlburt, Tom Matthews, and Jen Delcourt.

The first order of business was **approval of the minutes** of November 28, 2007. Jones moved and Alonzo seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Matthews reported on the **January work trip to Biloxi** and indicated that it was one of the most successful January trips partly due to the great food and accommodations at Yankee Stadium. Delcourt agreed that the Salvation Army was a great host site. She said that all projects were in East Biloxi and they worked inside and outside on seven different houses. Matthews talked with Miss Daisy, a homeowner from the first January trip and she reported that her insurance bill was close to \$4000.00. Many other homeowners whose houses volunteers have worked on are reporting similar bills and may be forced to go without insurance. Dimpfl commented that the casino's are up and running and trying to buy people out but many are refusing to sell their property.

Matthews reported that the 10 volunteers are all set to go on the **February trip** that is being led by Chris Lynch.

Final payment for the **March trip** is due Feb. 1st. All 56 seats are filled for the trip.

Report from Treasurer Lyle Lehman on finances.

As of 11/30/07 - \$14,679.07
3 deposits + \$1,490.00
2 check payments - \$1,561.50
1 check supply - \$4.87
Interest + \$3.42
12/31/07 - \$14,606.12

Deposits

12/04/07 – Trip fees - \$80.00
12/24/07 – Trip fees - \$225.00
Donations \$465.00
Total - \$1490.00

Payments

12/18/07 – registration/Insurance \$1,352.00

12/27/07 – T-shirts -\$209.50
12/31/07 – check supply - \$3.42
Total - \$1,566.37

Scanlon reported that he and Delcourt are meeting regularly to plan the **March trip**. Scanlon also indicated that letters were given out during the January trip asking for recipes and stories for the cookbook. He hopes to have the **cookbook** completed by the end of the summer.

Matthews reported on the visit to **Moore Community House** in January. The furniture that CARES helped purchase arrived and when Matthews (Tom & Betsy), Delcourt and Hatheway visited the center, Burnett and her staff were organizing the classrooms in anticipation of reopening within a few weeks. Two years ago the facilities were in shambles and CARES watched part of the demolition of the houses. Wilson indicated that Moore Community House had been affiliated with the Methodist church and he hoped the Coalition of Churches will continue to contribute to Moore Community House.

Jones reported that the **green house** needs a covering and heaters. She said that the Bio club might do some fundraising for the project.

Jones also reported on plans for the **Livingston CARES dinner**. She recommended that we schedule the dinner on April 23rd from 6pm-8pm at the Geneseo United Methodist Church. Delcourt agreed to send info about the dinner through the Students Care organization. Matthews reported that the dinner last year only cost \$100.00. Wilson asked if we could bring some of the people from Mississippi here for the dinner. Matthews indicated that we flew Connie Rocco up last year but airfares are very expensive and would add to the cost of the dinner. Jones hopes to offer gumbo on the menu. Alonzo asked how this would fit in with the chefs. Jones will check with the chefs. She is also looking for program ideas and for students to help out with set up, serving and dish washing. Matthews raised the issue of selling tickets instead of just accepting free-will offering. A decision on tickets will need to be made at the next meeting. Matthews/Fly will email everyone that's been on trips and Cynthia Oswald will inform the Chamber members. Wilson will send the information to the churches through the Coalition of churches. Dimpfl moved to have the date of the dinner be April 23rd. Wilson seconded and the date was approved.

Matthews asked for approval for a **contribution to work sites in Biloxi**. He said that we could give the money directly to the management of the Salvation Army site. Matthews said that the February group will be working directly with the Beaverton Four Square Church on construction projects. Matthews suggested that we wait to see how the February trip goes and then decide about contributions. The board agreed to postpone a decision until the next meeting.

The **May trip will be May 18-24**. Dan Dimpfl is the trip leader. Last year there was an excess of \$800.00 from the May trip. After a short discussion on setting fees for the May trip, Matthews asked for approval from the board to permit the chair and the trip leader to

determine the fees. Lehman moved and Hurlburt seconded a motion to authorize Matthews and Dimpfl to review the costs and set the student and non-student fees for the May trip. The motion carried.

Matthews reported that Matt Girtler, the student Vice President of SUNY Geneseo Outing club requested financial support for their second **alternative spring break trip to Louisville** to work with the Living Lands and Living Waters foundation on clean up of the Ohio river. Last year the Center for Community funded a van for the Outing Club trip. The Outing Club is a recognized student organization. Alonzo raised concerns that Livingston CARES is a non-profit agency and questioned if we should donate money to other groups. Lehman cautioned that a CARES contribution to the Outing Club would open the door to any student group to request funds from Livingston CARES. Alonzo pointed out that the flood project in Binghamton was a Livingston CARES sponsored activity. The river clean up is not a Livingston CARES project. Hathaway suggested that a solution might be to co-sponsor the trip. Matthews suggested that might lead to assuming some liability for the trip. Alonzo asked if the Senator Volker grant could be used to fund the Outing Club trip. Matthews responded that the only restrictions on the grant are that funds be used to assist with student travel expenses. Hathaway moved and Dimpfl seconded a motion that CARES support the outing club using funds from the Volker grant. The motion carried.

Dimpfl is interested in having towns in the county raise fund for building a **Habitat House** perhaps on a four year cycle. He asked if Livingston CARES would consider creating a holding fund for building houses that could be used when the projects kick in. Dimpfl thinks that each community could raise \$15,000 per year for four years and he would like Livingston CARES to consider establishing accounts to hold the funds. Alonzo raised the issue of what our role would be in holding money for another non-profit agency. The board agreed to explore the possibility and to investigate the legal and administrative aspects of establishing holding accounts.

Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2008 from 3:30-4:30 in the MacVittie Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Submitted by
Kay Fly, Secretary