

# Livingston County CARES Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

March 24, 2010

## Approved Minutes

The Board of Directors met at the MacVittie Union Boardroom on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. The following board members were present: Tom Matthews, Kay Fly, Katie Rogers, Marissa Evarts, Andrew Demosthenous, Karen Bailey, Lori McEvoy, Wes Kennison, Kathleen Jones, Dan Hart, Dave Parfitt, Dick Hatheway, and Joan Ellison. Guest: Zachary Kennedy

Matthews called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

**Introduction:** Joan Ellison introduced Zachary Kennedy, an intern from Albany Pharmacy School that is working with her at the Livingston County Health Department.

**Approval of the minutes:** Ellison made a motion to approve and Kennison seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 24, 2010 board meeting. The minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** Matthews stated that we have 21 participants going on the May trip and that we have three drivers.

**Treasurer's Report:** See February financial report

**March Trip:** Matthews asked that Evarts, Hart and Rogers each talk about their experience on the March trip. Evarts said that she had worked with HOPE and there were 10 volunteers with her group. Evarts said that at the first work site the group built a trench and that there was another group of volunteers there at the same time painting. Evarts said that they went to a second site where they worked on demolition and painted. Matthews explained that HOPE didn't have enough projects for our 54 volunteers so Camp Victor took half of our volunteers. Hart said that his group went to four different sites. Hart said that for the first two days they laid down tile and painted and on another day they raked leaves for a disabled couple. Hart said that on another day they counted pill samples for Haiti and that for the fourth site they primed a house for a woman that had 35 cats. Hart said that there was not enough paint to complete the job. Rogers said that her group, made up of 20 volunteers worked with Camp Victor and were sent to an animal shelter. She said that a representative from Camp Victor called the Humane Society and the authorities after seeing the condition of the animals at the shelter. Rogers said that one trailer housed 75 cats and there were three dogs in a cage. Rogers said that the sheriff came and the shelter was treated as a crime scene. The Humane Society said that 25% of the cats were healthy but 75% of the cats needed help. Rogers stated that the sheriff asked the volunteers to feed and water the animals while he can find a place to put them. Parfitt asked Rogers how all the volunteers processed this situation. Rogers said that during their lunch break the students would decompress and talk. Rogers kept the media away from our students. All the press knew was that the students were from a New York university. Rogers said that it made front-page news in Biloxi. Parfitt asked if we had support mechanisms in place for these students. Matthews replied that we had four trained staff people on the trip

working with our students. Rogers said that the animals were moved to a county farm and that the students went to see it so they could observe that the animals were in a better situation. Ellison asked if anyone was bitten and Rogers said that a nurse was bitten and the cat was quarantined.

**Fundraising:** Matthews stated that the Gumbo to go will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> and Glen McClure would be the chef again. Ten tickets will be given to each board member to sell. Matthews said that Muddy waters and Key bank would be selling tickets. Rogers said that tickets for students would be \$8.00 and would be sold out the Center for Community in the Union. Kennison suggested using Facebook to promote it. McEvoy request that the gumbo-advertising postcard be sent in a PDF file so she could send it to the churches. (The PDF was sent to all board members after the meeting).

**Dinner:** Matthews said that the volunteer appreciation dinner would be at 6:00pm on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Inter Faith Center. Demosthenous said that students from Men for Action and Change (MAC) would be helping set up, serve and clean up. Matthews said that Gary Towsley will be the chef for the dinner.

**Action Item:** Kennison moved and Ellison seconded a motion that our fiscal year be changed to July 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion was approved.

**Announcements:** McEvoy said that there would be a Crop walk this Sunday starting at 1:00pm at the log cabin in the park. Ellison said that the Taste of Livingston County is on April 13 and the proceeds would benefit Cornell Cooperative Extension and the tickets were \$20.00. Fly reported that a county wide volunteer effort, Geneseo Goes to Town will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Hart announced that also on April 10<sup>th</sup> there would be an a cappella concert at 8pm in the Wadsworth Auditorium on campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Submitted by Kay Fly, Secretary

**Next meeting: April 26, 2010at 4:30pm at the Interfaith Center. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will follow.**

### **Livingston CARES February Financial Report**

Beginning Balance	1-31-10	24,654.37
9 Deposits		+19, 629.33

8 Withdrawals	-21,646.05
Interest paid	+3.21
Ending Balance	22,640.86

#### Deposits

January Trip 2010	125.00
February Trip 2010	550.00
March Trip 2010	15,950.00
Haiti Relief Fund	3,004.33

#### Withdrawals

Housing March '10 trip	3,500.00
Rental room Dinner	100.00
Reimbursement Ms. Trip	100.00
Give Kids the world expenses	1,233.82
Registration & Insurance March '10	354.50
Check supply	5.73

#### Ghana Project

Deposit	2361.00
Expenses	851.00
Balance	1510.00

#### Give Kids the World Project

Deposit	3700.00
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Expenses	2746.32
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Balance	953.68
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#### Haiti Relief Fund

Deposit	3,004.33
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Expenses	-0-
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Balance	3,004.33
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#### Livingston CARES

Bank balance	22,640.86
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Special Projects	-5,468.01
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Balance	17,172.85
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