

Livingston County CARES. Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Approved Minutes

The Board of Directors met at the Board Room in the MacVittie Union on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The following board members were present: Kevin Felter, Phil Natoli, Dave Parfitt, Wes Kennison, Dick Hatheway, Daniel Hart, Jerry Alonzo, Karen Bailey, Lori McEvoy, Dan Dimpfl, Kathleen Jones, Tom Matthews and Kay Fly. Guest Callie Eidler.

Matthews called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Matthews introduced Callie Eidler to the board. Eidler is a marketing intern and will be helping to promote fundraising efforts for Livingston CARES as well as work on Livingston CARES publications.

Approval of the minutes: Jones moved and Alonzo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting.

Work Trips: Natoli reported the January trip a success, that quality students participated and that there was tangible work for everyone to do every day. Natoli said that there was roofing, painting and cleaning for all to do. Natoli reported that Camp SUMA was adequate but did not have a recreation room for students to go to at night. Felter said that the student response was good, and that Bill Stallworth, CEO of HOPE, gave an inspiring talk letting the students know why help was needed in Mississippi. Matthews said that his team worked with lead abatement that they were in suits and masks and that Stallworth told the group that they saved one of the homeowners \$5000. Dave Parfitt reported on Give Kids the world. Parfitt said that 12 students participated and that there were 50 families at the camp. Parfitt reported that Neal McCord, the director of the program, gave the students a tour of the village and shared its history and why volunteers were needed. Parfitt said the last part of the week there was plenty to do and our students worked very fast and our students made a good impression. Matthews said that 28 students will be going on the March trip and that Matt Jordan will be the staff person in charge and Dan Hart will be the student leader. The March group will be flying out of Buffalo. Matthews said that the May trip is not yet filled.

Fundraising: Matthews reported that Gumbo To Go will be on April 15th and the dinner will likely be prepared at the Presbyterian Church. Callie Eidler will help market the dinner. Jones suggested that we advertise through the Penny Saver. McEvoy said that the Penny Saver is widely read by members of the community. Eidler will also advertise to students in the Lamron. Dimpfl suggested that we let all the participants on the trips know about Gumbo to Go.

Discussion: Matthews said that he had a contact from a retired businessman from Avon, Mike Raszeja, who has been involved in the Ghana Project. Razseja indicated that Kodak would like to donate equipment to Ghana but they need to send it through a non-profit organization. Cindi Oswald suggested that Livingston CARES might be able to serve as the non-profit conduit. Matthews said that he advised Raszeja that if we were to accept the equipment, we could not be responsible for covering the cost of shipping. Kennison said that we need a description of what they want to ship and that we don't want to take on shipping and liability. Alonzo asked how we would know if what's being sent is what is really needed. Matthews said that the excess scientific equipment would be used at the Ghana University. Matthews said that he needed Board approval to go forward on this project with the stipulation that we would not be responsible for shipping. Jones said that she feels like we don't have enough information. Alonzo asked what would be shipped and if it was realistic. Kennison said that we need to get a detailed description of the equipment being shipped. Natoli asked if we could bring the contact from Kodak to our next meeting. Board members agreed that we should continue the discussion with Razseja and Kodak.

Action Items: Compliance language: Lehman was unable to attend the meeting today so the item will be postponed until the February meeting.

El Sauce: Kennison said that a student who was in El Sauce last summer contacted dengue fever but the student received good care. Kennison reported that the parents of the student have donated \$1000 to Livingston CARES to be used to help the health clinics in El Sauce. Kennison said that we will ask them what they need.

Web Site: Matthews stated that the person that had been in charge of the Livingston CARES website would no longer be able to work on it. We need a new webmaster.

Natoli moved and Alonzo seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 3:30-4:30pm in
the MacVittie College Union.**

Prepared by Kay Fly, Secretary