

Livingston County CARES, Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Approved Minutes

The Board of Directors met at the Board Room in the MacVittie Union on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. The following board members were present: Tom Matthews, Kay Fly, Karen Bailey, Dave Parfitt, Phil Natoli, Matt Jordan, Dan Dimpfl, Joan Ellison, Dan Hart, Wes Kennison. Guests: Liz Johnson, Matt Bower, Matt Andrews, Andrew Kopp, and Julie Matthews. Excused: Lisa Burns and Kathleen Jones.

Approval of the minutes: Natoli moved and Dimpfl seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 16, 2011 meeting. The motion carried.

Membership update: Matthews reported that earlier today he received resignations from two members of the Board of Directors--Lori McEvoy and Dick Hatheway. Natoli moved and Dimpfl seconded a motion to accept their resignations. The motion carried. Matthews stated that the board should have representatives from both the faith community and local elected officials. Dimpfl suggested that we should have a representative from the local churches. Parfitt suggested Tim McMahan.

Financial Report: Matthews introduced Julie Matthews, who had prepared our tax forms. Julie Matthews reviewed the tax forms she had completed for January 1 to June 30, 2010 that reflect the period between our old calendar year fiscal year and our new fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Matthews reviewed the financial report attached to the minutes. Parfitt moved and Dimpfl seconded a motion to approve the completed tax forms for submission to the Internal Revenue Service and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The motion carried.

Ghana Project: Matthews indicated that the students working on the Ghana project will be making a proposal to donate their funds to an established school in Ghana. Kennison suggested that it was important to work with organizations in Ghana have also have relationships with the College. Matthews and Kennison will be assisting the students as they move forward in the process.

March trip: Dan Hart reported on some of the frustrations on the March trip with HOPE and their coordination of work projects. Hart said that there were many other volunteers working in Biloxi that week including a group of 60 from Minnesota, a group from Texas and another group from the University of Tennessee. Hart said that the Geneseo teams worked fast and completed assignments early. Hart suggested that we should have alternative work sites in the future to make sure we have sufficient work projects for our volunteers. Matthews also reported similar problems with work flow on the January trip. Jordan reported that our students worked hard and that the team leaders did a great job. Jordan said that the clients were grateful and that Camp Suma treated them well.

Fundraising: Matthews handed out Gumbo to Go tickets to the Board members. Matthews said that the Gumbo to Go would be at the Presbyterian Church on Center Street on April 15. Hart reported on the concert the same night by the Southside boys in the church at 7:30pm. Matthews said that we are running adds in the Penny saver and the Livingston News. Dan Hart is also heading up the Jail Break fundraiser on April 27-28 on the College Green.

Geneseo Goes to Town: Fly told the Board about the Geneseo Goes to Town project sponsored by Livingston CARES. She said that students would be doing volunteer work in at least 17 towns in Livingston County on the morning of April 16th. Matthews indicated that this project will be a positive step for Livingston CARES to reach out to the entire county.

Update on Kodak: Matthews reported that he made a request to Mike Raszegia for a list of equipment that Kodak will donate to Ghana. Matthews said that Kodak had already donated some equipment to other organizations. Board members agreed that our involvement would be dependent on outside funding for shipping and other costs associated with accepting and transporting donated equipment to Ghana.

Humanitarian efforts: Matthews said that SUNY Geneseo students were involved with fundraising efforts to help Japan recover from the tsunami. Matthews asked if the board would be willing to establish a fund similar to the Haiti Relief Fund if the students are interested in our

assistance. Ellison suggested that we should do so if we can direct the funds to a specific place or project. Board members agreed and Matthews said that he would keep the board updated and poll the board if the students ask for our assistance.

The meeting adjourned 4:45pm.

Next meeting Monday May 2nd at 4:30pm and will be at the Inter Faith Center. The thank you dinner will be at 6pm following the Board meeting.

Prepared by Kay Fly, Secretary