

# **Livingston County CARES Inc.**

Annual Meeting of the Corporation

Monday, May 2, 2011

Approved Minutes

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**Call to order:** Matthews called the Annual meeting to order.

**President's report:** Matthews asked the Board members to review the Annual Report to the Community that was distributed upon arrival at the meeting. The Board members reviewed the annual report and the financial report dated April 30, 2011. Matthews reviewed our fundraising efforts including the Jail Break and Gumbo to Go dinners. Matthews also noted the Haiti projects included in the annual report. Jones made a motion, seconded by Natoli to receive the Annual Report to the Community. The motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Jones moved and Ellison seconded a motion to adjourn the Annual meeting. The motion passed. The Annual meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

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**Approval of the minutes:** Bailey reported that her name was spelled wrong in the March 30<sup>th</sup> minutes. Jones and Ellison asked that the minutes indicate they were excused from the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. With those corrections, Jones moved and Ellison seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting. The motion passed.

**Presidents Report:** Matthews reported that the Board approved, by email, the establishment of a Japan Relief Fund. Mathews indicated that SUNY Geneseo has 28 students from Japan and they have been doing a lot of fundraising to help the victims of the tsunami. Matthews also reported that an email was sent to faculty, staff and students letting them know that Livingston CARES is accepting donations for Japan relief.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lehman went over the financial report that was provided to Board members. Lehman indicated that the report was current as of April 30, 2011. Lehman reported that Kiwanis donated \$412 and Student Association donated \$2100 to help students with financial assistance on work trips to Mississippi. UUP also donated \$450.00 to assist two UUP members with the required registration fees.

**Report of Nominating Committee:** Ellison reported the recommendations from the nominating committee (Ellison & Lehman): Lehman, Kallio, and Kennison to serve three year terms and students (Andrews, Johnson and Bower) to serve one year terms. The committee

also recommended the re-election of Fly, Matthews, and Lehman as officers for 2011-2012. Ellison moved and Alonzo seconded a motion that the nominating committee's proposals be accepted. The motion passed. Matthews said that he would like the nominating committee to explore extending the Board to nineteen directors in order to add a member from the faith based community and a member from the elected town/county officials. Ellison responded that the nominating committee will take that under consideration and will discuss it at our next Board meeting.

**Report on Fundraising:** Matthews reported that the April 15 Gumbo to Go dinner income was approximately \$2000. Ellison suggested that we schedule future dates on Thursdays rather than Fridays and avoid Lent if possible. Dan Hart reported that the South Side Boys Concert and Improv Comedy performances raised approximately \$100.00 each.

**Awards:** Mathews asked the board to approve the following Humanitarian Awards: Rosemarie Chierici, Andrew Demosthenous, Matthew Jordan, Lori McEvoy, Richard Hatheway, Kenneth Kallio, Theresa Montenarello, Cynthia Oswald, and Rejoyce Owusu. Natoli moved and Alonzo moved to approve awards. Motion passed.

**Geneseo Goes to Town:** Fly reported on Geneseo Goes to Town. Approximately 100 students worked in 16 towns in Livingston County on service projects on April 16. The feedback from the students and the site managers was very positive and the program will continue next year.

**May Trip:** The May 15-21, 2011 trip to Biloxi is set with 28 volunteers. Ken Kallio will be the trip leader.

**Relief efforts:** Matthews suggested that the board approve a tornado relief fund. Matthews indicated that Provost Long suggested we might consider helping Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina that was devastated in one of the tornados. Since that tragic event there have been a large number of tornados affecting scores of communities throughout the south. Hart said that he thought establishing such a fund was a good idea and that we should be looking at establishing another location for future work trips. Kennison reported that SUNY Geneseo will be sending students to Haiti in January. Natoli suggested that we

should continue going to Mississippi but consider adding another location for one of the annual trips.

Alonzo moved and Bailey seconded a motion to establish a Tornado Relief Fund. The motion passed.

Kennison reported that the H.O.P.E. Foundation received a \$30,000 grant to support program in Haiti from the Red Cross and that the grant was given, in part, because of the collaboration between Livingston CARES and H.O.P.E. on our Haiti Relief Fund efforts.

**Adjournment:** Kennison moved and Jones seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

**Next meeting Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 3:30pm in the MacVittie Union Board Room**

Prepared by Kay Fly, Secretary