

# **Livingston County Cares, Board of Directors**

**Monday, April 16, 2012**

## **Approved Minutes**

The Board of Directors met at the Interfaith Center on Franklin Street on Monday, April 16, 2012. The following board members were present: Tom Matthews, Kay Fly, Erin Bills, Karen Baily, Kevin Felter, Ken Kallio, David Parfitt, Cynthia Oswald, Matt Bower, Kathleen Jones, Wes Kennison, Lizzy Johnson, Matt Andrews, Brenda Donahue, and Lyle Lehman.

Matthews called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

**Approval of the minutes:** Jones moved and Lehman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Humanitarian Awards.** Parfitt moved and Oswald seconded a motion to put the names of those receiving the Humanitarian awards in the minutes. Those awards were given to Larry Bellomo, Mindy Benamati, Kevin Felter, Amanda Leonard, Kellan Morgan and Sean Phillips.

**Treasurers Report:** Lehman distributed an Accounts Summary Report as of March 21, 2012. The Livingston CARES balance as of March 31, 2012 was \$21,099.72.

**Fundraising:** Matthews reported that the Gumbo to Go was a great success and that the income was approximately \$2000. Matthews said that we are waiting on Glen McClure for bills. Brenda Donahue offered to help with Gumbo to Go in the future. Matthews suggested that we schedule the next two Gumbo to Go dinners in early November and in March. Felter suggested that the spring dinner be after the spring break work trip to Mississippi.

**Nominating Committee:** Lehman reported for the committee that the 3 year terms for Parfitt, Ellison and Dimpfl, and the 1 year terms for Andrews, Bower and Johnson are expiring. The committee recommended that Parfitt, Ellison and Dimpfl be re-elected for another

3 year term and that Bower, Johnson, and Andrews be re-elected to another 1 year term. The committee also recommended that Chris Crocker be elected for a 1 year term. Baily moved and Kallio seconded a motion to accept the nominating committee's recommendations. The motion was passed. Kallio moved and Donahue seconded a motion that the three officers be re-elected. The motion carried.

**March Trip:** Matt Andrews reported that his group moved materials out of a house and replaced flooring for an entire house. Andrews said that some of their group tiled the hallway and that the person who owned the house was ready to move in. The owner got to share some stories with our volunteers. Bower said that his group worked at the food pantry and did painting in a Biloxi park. Andrews also reported that everyone at Hope was very prepared for our volunteers. Johnson said that the RD's were great on the trip and very supportive of the team leaders and members.

**May Trip:** Kallio reported that 28 people have signed up for the May work trip. He said that there will be an orientation on April 11 and that there were 4 team leaders and 4 drivers for the trip. The May trip will be the 25<sup>th</sup> work trip. Matthews said that 675 students have gone to Mississippi. Oswald suggested that we need to recruit more members of the community to participate in the Mississippi trips.

**Give Kids the World:** Dave Parfitt reported that Give Kids the World will be scheduled during March break next year.

**Volunteer and Service awards:** Matthew reported on the first Volunteer and Service Awards Dinner held at the Big Tree on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Several board members attended the dinner. Awards were given to a community organization, students and student organizations. Felter observed that the guest speaker (Bill Mandicott) was very good.

**Geneseo Goes To Town:** Fly reported that over 90 students volunteered at 19 sites throughout Livingston County. The only town not represented was Avon because they had to cancel at the last minute.

**SEFA:** Kallio reported that we did submit Livingston CARES to be part of SEFA and that it will be another month before we know if we were accepted.

**Jail Break:** Felter said that the fundraiser Jail Break will take place April 24-26 on the college green. (Due to inclement weather the jail break was moved to the MacVittie College Union Lobby).

**Action item:** Matthews asked the board to approve the distribution of the El Sauce Microfinance funds and the balance of the school project funds to Kellan Morgan for use in Nicaragua. Donahue moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the request. The motion passed.

**Guest:** President Dahl joined the meeting and shared his excitement and enthusiasm for the work of Livingston Cares and that CARES is one of the best service programs that the college has ever created, particularly because of the joining together of the college and the community. Dahl remembered his work trip to Mississippi and that the work was inspiring and educational.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

Prepared by Kay Fly, Secretary