

Livingston County CARES Inc., Board of Directors Meeting

April 22, 2013

Draft Minutes

The board of Directors met at the Interfaith Center on April 22, 2013. The following board members were present: Alyssa Stefanese, Matt Bower, Kay Fly, Tom Matthews, Chris Crocker, Lyle Lehman, Phil Natoli, Brenda Donahue, Dave Parfitt, Matt Andrews and Ken Kallio, Kathleen Jones and Karen Baily. Guests: Tamara Kenney, Zachary Bodenweber, and Kyle Kelschenbach

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

Approval of the minutes: Natoli moved and Bower seconded a motion to accept the minutes of March 13, 2013 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Work Trips: Matthews reported that the May trip to Biloxi includes 14 volunteers who will fly from Rochester, Boston and New York. Ken Kallio will be the trip leader and Sam Cardamone will be the second driver for the trip. He also reported that more promotion of the May Trip to Staten Island will be needed because only one student and three community residents have submitted registration forms for the trip.

Volunteer Award Dinner: Matthews reported that the March 2013 Volunteer and Service Awards dinner was very successful and helped promote volunteer and community service. Natoli indicated that he felt the event was a very positive and important community event. Matthews indicated that the Volunteer and Service Advisory Committee suggested having a script for the presenters to read in order to balance the tributes to the award recipients. Matthews also reported that the committee will likely add an award next year for a faculty member who promotes service learning and/or volunteering.

Geneseo Goes to Town: Fly reported that the students volunteered in 19 towns/villages in Livingston County. Donahue reported that she utilized a group of students in Conesus and that her town was very pleased with the volunteers and their work.

Treasurer's Report: Lehman reviewed the attached April financial report. A copy was included with the minutes of the March meeting.

Gumbo to Go: Matthews said that the Gumbo to go raised \$1800 and served 175 customers.

Governance By-Laws Change: Matthews requested a change in the By-Laws (Number 5 article 10) in order to increase the number of seats on the board of directors. Lehman moved and Donahue seconded a motion to modify the language to state that the board would consist of at least 15 members and no more than 21 members, effective immediately. The motion was approved.

Nominating Committee: Lehman reported the following recommendations from the nominating committee: Re-elect Karen Bailey, Kathleen Jones and Tom Matthews for three-year terms and Phil Natoli to a two-year term. Elect Tamara Kenney for a three-year term. Re-elect Chris Crocker for a one-year term and elect Zach Bodenweber, Kyle Kelschenbach, Diana Castro, and Dan Martin for one-year terms. The nominating committee also recommended reelection of the officers. Kallio moved and Donohue seconded a motion to approve the recommendations of the committee. The motion was approved.

March trip to Long Island: Kenney reported on the March trip to Freeport, Long Island. The group enjoyed cooking their own meals and living in a church for a week. The sites were well managed and the volunteers were provided with all the tools and supplies needed to complete the work assignments. Kenney compared her experiences in Mississippi and Long Island. Although the residents were not as poor on Long Island, the devastation of homes and properties was virtually the same. Bodenweber added that the work was very organized and his group worked with retired fire fighters and most of the work was demolition. He also observed that many of the homeowners were financially better off than the families in Mississippi. He also heard many horror stories about problems with insurance companies.

May Trip to Mississippi: Kallio reported that the orientation for the May trip will be next week and plans are progressing now that the 14 volunteers are now in place.

Resolution: Matthews recommended approval of President Dahl as an honorary member of the board and that we present a resolution honoring Dahl for his strong support for Livingston CARES. Donahue moved and Bower seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ghana donations: Matthews asked the board to approve \$150 from the Ghana fund for school supplies for the Besease Village School in Ghana. Natoli moved and Kalio seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hurricane Sandy Donations: Matthews suggested that we work through the New York Annual Conference: The United Methodist Church (NYAC) since we are buying our insurance and scheduling our trips under their umbrella. They might be best able to help us determine projects and programs that we might fund with the donations CARES has received for Hurricane Sandy. Kenney suggested that some of our funds might be used for dry wall and tools to be used in reconstructing homes. Board members agreed by consensus that we should ask for recommendations from pursue swere needed. The board agreed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Kay Fly, Secretary