

**Livingston CARES Board Meeting  
April 27, 2015**

**Draft Minutes**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Matthews called the meeting to order. Donohue moved approval of the minutes of the March 10 meeting of the Board of Directors. Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Officer Reports: President:** Matthews reported on the funding that is anticipated from our participation in the State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) campaign from last November. Livingston CARES received eleven anonymous donations and seven new donors who had not contributed in the past. Matthews also reported that the most recent Gumbo to Go was our most successful dinner to date. Over \$2,400.00 was raised for the general fund.

**Secretary:** Jon Macko announced that he has accepted a new position in Pennsylvania with the Parks and Recreation Department and will be leaving Geneseo on Thursday, May 7. Members of the board expressed their thanks to Jon for his work this year on behalf of Livingston CARES. Tamara Kenney has agreed to serve as the Interim Secretary for Livingston CARES, pending the election to take place at this meeting. Kenney will until such time as the Volunteer Coordinator position is filled by the College. A search will begin in May.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lehman reported that the current bank balance is \$33,869.49. Board members will receive a full financial report in early June.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Karen Bailey, reported the following recommendations of individuals for election to the Board of Directors:

Students to serve for one-year terms: Brandon Gaylord, Mitch Gillard, Sarah Yo, Victoria Morales, and Dan Martin.

Community Members and Staff: For three-year terms: Phil Natoli, Eddie Lee, Joan Ellison and David Parfitt.

Natoli moved and Martin seconded a motion to approve the recommendations of the nominating committee. The motion carried and the members were elected to serve on the board. Kallio moved and Parfitt seconded a motion to re-elect Matthews as President and Lehman as Treasurer, and Kenney as interim Secretary. The motion carried.

**Humanitarian Awards:** Donohue moved and Kenney seconded a motion to approve the following individuals for the 2015 Livingston CARES Humanitarian

Awards for their service: David Baker, Katie Baum, Alyssa Stefanese, Cassidy Lester, Austin Stone, and Jon Macko. Recognition certificates will be presented during the dinner later this evening.

**Strategic Planning:** Matthews suggested ideas for celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Livingston CARES, including a possible musical piece by Glenn McClure on Katrina, a possible visit from Connie Rocco, and a possible trip to Biloxi by members of the College Foundation, or presidential cabinet. Parfitt recommended tying the celebration with the Center for Inquiry, Discovery and Development Global Council Meeting or Great Day next April. Matthews recommended that we maintain our relationship with Harrison County, Mississippi. Lee suggested keeping our work focused on poverty and moving away from the emphasis on Katrina recovery work in Biloxi. Similar thoughts were expressed regarding our Long Island and Staten Island service trip. Matthews reminded the board that there are funds that still need to be used specifically for Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. International students at Geneseo do seem to be more interested in service in the downstate region of New York. Ellison recommended applying the social justice theme to the Long Island trips. The board members expressed interest in continuing the strategic planning discussion this summer. Once a meeting time is determined, all board members will be invited to an informal planning meeting in June.

Donohue moved and Macko seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Macko and Matthews

Schedule of Board Meetings & Events for 2015-2016:

Tuesday, September 8  
Tuesday, October 27  
Tuesday, November 17 (If Needed)  
Tuesday, January 26  
Tuesday, March 8

Monday, April 25 Annual Meeting & Thank You Dinner  
Gumbo to Go on Thursday, November 12 & Thursday, April 7  
2016 Volunteer & Service Awards Dinner: Tuesday, March 29 at Big Tree Inn