



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on January 21, 2021 via zoom, it began at 8:33 pm and was presided over by Amanda Cruce as President with Christina Morris as Secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: Amanda Cruce, Kara Elliott-Jordan, Christina Morris, Paul Vernon, Lynda Thompson, Lauralynn Segur, Martie Gillen, Melanie Stimmell, Coleen LaCosta, Saralyn Grass, Travis Davis, Harriett Wynn, Kylie McCracken

Members not in attendance included: Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Teanna Houston,

Approval of Minutes

Minutes was motioned to accept with changes by Melanie Stimmell and Seconded by Travis Davis and was passed unanimously.

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Paul solicited for ideas on how to spend the budget for the DCF Contract Funds. Paul stated that we need to ensure that we fall within our mission with the contract funds. Saralynn asked about the Executive Director position, Amanda replied that the Executive Board will review in March.
- **Legislative Report:** Saralynn reported that the goal was to keep focus on the Daycare Bill, but also want to be at the table when foster parent input is needed. One bill is 100 pages long in regards to transition and sibling reunification as focus.

- **DCF Monthly Report:** Paul and Amanda emphasized the importance of completing this report each month. A phone call to local FAPA/CBC, any statewide groups, etc. as long as you mention Florida FAPA is a contact for the contract. The numbers are needed or they won't renew our contract.
- **FAST Report:** Coleen reported that some are reporting there is a recourse if they let the license time out. Lauralynn replied that they can't take the license but per Admin Code, but can recommend not placing children in their home. They want to change code so that CBCs can have recourse and able to close a home.
- **CBC Advisor Report:** Lauralynn and Coleen to meet later to talk about the codes for closing homes/relicensing.
- **Newsletter/Memberships:** Paul reported that the newsletter went out, an increase of foster homes on the list to over 7000 total, 2000 of those was level 1 licensed homes. Possibly look into Bulk Mailing. Possible looking into changing printers, but need to check contract. Paul indicated that with the increase of number of new families, we may go over budget in that category. For the next newsletter, we have Melanie's bio/picture.
- **President's Council:** Amanda reported that they are skipping December due to the holidays, but will resume monthly meetings in January 2021, and have approximately 16 people participate.
- **Other:**
 - NACAC Conference - \$60/registration, if interested let Amanda know.
 - CBC membership letters going out soon
 - Level 1 Licensing – PG is not happening within 6 months
 - Adoption Benefit following the child – no update
 - Letter to DCF regarding vaccinations to include Foster Parents/Children as front line workers

Open Discussion

- **Summer Conference:** Planning on for in person conference at this time.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Need to update website with local FAPAs and other organizations with their meetings
- **ACTION ITEM:** Send bios to Kylie for newsletters.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Need to nominate other board members and others for awards such as FCC.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Realign regions to match DCF Regions.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Did we lose adoptive parents off the list that is sent to the printer for the Newsletter?
- **ACTION ITEM:** Board Retreat: possible put together and include trust building activities

Adjournment

Melanie Stimmell moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Paul Vernon and this was agreed upon at 9:25 pm.