



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting

### Call to Order

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on March 18, 2021 via zoom, it began at 8:31 pm and was presided over by Amanda Cruce as President with Christina Morris as Secretary.

### Attendees

Members in attendance included: Amanda Cruce, Christina Morris, Paul Vernon, Lynda Thompson, Martie Gillen, Melanie Stimmell, Coleen LaCosta, Kylie McCracken

Members not in attendance included: Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Teanna Houston, Lauralynn Segur, Saralyn Grass, Travis Davis, Harriett Wynn

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes was motioned to accept with changes by Paul Vernon and Seconded by Lynda Thompson and was passed unanimously.

### Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Last year we had to return ~\$50k to DCF, this year DCF is talking about a cut of \$75K for this Fiscal Year.
- **Board Recruitment:** Paul reported that 11 applied, and recommend to move forward with 4 people: Michelle C, Sara Lee, Selena G and Brandy.
- **Legislative Report:** Several meetings with legislatives have happened. Several bills in the works that will impact siblings and foster children. Amanda stated that Sara has been amazing. Received

a grant from CHAMPS to help us with legislative measures. Upcoming meeting with Georgia to go over how they go the child care funded.

- **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. Surveys have to be approved and they want a copy of the results.
- **FAST Report:** Coleen had no new updates. Continued to be lack of communications
- **CBC Advisor Report:** Lauralynn had no updates.
- **Newsletter/Memberships:** Board members need to pay for the 2021 Memberships if they haven't already. Send email to those who did not renew.
- **Book Club – Mini Conf:** 40 people attended the book club for February's Mini Conference.
- **Other:**
  - 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
  - Bylaws – Need to review and make necessary changes
  - Gay is being replaced with Jamie Averette as Advisor.
  - Our Legislative Advisor, Sara Lynn, will be stepping down.

### Open Discussion

- **Summer Conference:** Will be virtual, one day on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Maybe send a goody box before conference if registered by a certain date, have more breakouts
- **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**

Paul Vernon moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Christina Morris and this was agreed upon at 9:36 pm.