



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2020

Mosaic Church, Winter Garden, FL

Call to Order

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on March 7 at Mosaic Church in Winter Garden, FL, it began at 4:18 pm and was presided over by Amanda Cruce as President with Christina Morris as secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: Amanda Cruce, Orlando Avila, Kara Elliott-Jordan, Christina Morris, Paul Vernon, Melanie Stimmell, Saralyn Grass (via Phone), Kylie McCracken, Lynda Thompson, Lauralynn Segur, Travis Davis

Members not in attendance included: Charles Parker, Martie Gillen, Harriett Wynn, Gay Frizzell, Colleen LaCosta, Lillie Blackshear, Dorothy Alvarez, Teanna Houston, Harriett Wynn

Approval of Minutes

One change was noted to change the first line from Executive Director to Board of Directors. With that noted change the minutes was motion for approval by Orlando Avila and seconded by Kara Elliott-Jordan and was passed unanimously.

Reports

- Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Paul discussed the contract funds vs non contract funds. The DCF Contracts reports quarterly and Florida FAPA is expected to give back unused funds at the end of the fiscal year. The DCF Contract is a 3 year contract in

which we can re-negotiate at any time if needed. Paul stated that if anyone had any questions to reach out to him.

- President's Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. Amanda took a few minutes to discuss the Executive Director's position. Orlando stated that position was created 5 years as an administrative assistant position. That decision was based on a professional level, not personal, to ensure the future of Florida FAPA. She indicated that all hands on deck and to step up when needed as the goal is to grow the board over the next year.
- Legislative Report was presented by Saralyn Grass. She indicated that the bills did not go pass, however, still a positive as it brought awareness to the issues and we know where the barriers are now. Letters sent to legislative is helpful when it contains concrete information, possibility of an online petition via FCC and definitely need it to be on Florida FAPA's website.
- Conference Report was presented by Lynda Thompson. She is currently working on the schedule and sent out a list of tasks assigned for the conference. Asked for all to solicit goody bags items from their CBCs. The emails for scholarships for DCF went out. She indicated that each CBC should sent at least one family that is has a Level 1 Licensure.
- Mini Conference Report was presented by Melanie Stimmell. A round of applause was received for Melanie for a great Spring Mini Conference. Amanda spoke with Jim West about attending the Annual Florida FAPA Conference.
- Other: Amanda was contacted by a group that targets foster/adoptive families that offers discount to all paid members, it was decided that a look at the budget to see if available and decision to be tabled until next meeting. It was also mentioned that Florida FAPA to increase their membership fees if we are offering more perks.
- Other: Kara Elliott-Jordan discussed about the National Training Development Curriculum as Florida FAPA has been asked to be a part of. It is a five year research project and Florida is a test site and 3 CBCs are launching the new curriculum which includes a very in depth fetal alcohol training part. It also has an online portal for additional trainings.

- **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.

Adjournment

Melanie Stimmell moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Travis Davis, and this was agreed upon at 5:20 pm.