



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2020

Telephone

### **Call to Order**

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on March 26 at Mosaic Church via telephone, 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, Orlando Avila, Kara Elliott-Jordan, Christina Morris, Paul Vernon, Kylie McCracken, Lynda Thompson, Lauralynn Segur, Travis Davis, Courtney Smith, Martie Gillen, Harriett Wynn, Colleen LaCosta

Members not in attendance included: Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Lillie Blackshear, Dorothy Alvarez, Teanna Houston, Melanie Stimmell, Saralyn Grass

### **Approval of Minutes**

One change was noted to remove Harriett Wynn's name as it was listed twice. With that noted change the minutes was motion for approval by Orlando Avila and seconded by Paul Vernon and was passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

- Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Paul reported that the DCF payment for this month has not been received. Paul stated that if anyone had any questions to reach out to him.
- President's Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. Amanda discussed the visitation policy and asked if any push back is being

received. Amanda reported that a news reporter reached out to her and inquired as to how we are being a resource to our members.

- Legislative Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. It was reported that we will be focusing on the child care bill for the upcoming future session.
- Conference Report was presented by Lynda Thompson. Lynda reported that things are moving forward, Melanie has already ordered the bags. It was noted that no travel orders are being issued by CBCs/DCF. Kara mentioned that perhaps a virtual option for conference. A decision will be made shortly, currently following other national conferences to see how they are handling cancellations as well. It was decided that the Board will meet every few weeks and/or more as the time gets closer to the conference if needed.
- Mini Conference Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. Plans are still moving forward for the Fall Mini Conference for the Keys.
- COVID-19: A question was asked what happens when homes will not take in kids being exposed – what options are there? This is a statewide issue. A survey was sent out to foster parents to gain their input.
- DCF Update: Courtney Smith indicated that licensing code changes are coming. The wording of excellent parenting instead of prudent parenting verbiage change.
- **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**

Paul Vernon moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Travis Davis, and this was agreed upon at 9:19 pm.