



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 30, 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**

Minutes was motioned to accept by Orlando Avila and Seconded by Melanie Stimmell and was passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

- Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Paul reported that the DCF is being flexible about the conference and they haven't decided if they will request the funds back yet. It was suggested that we could use some funds for care packages and is open for other suggestions on how to spend the funds. Colleen suggested we wait to do virtual as it takes a lot to put together, maybe do a quarterly

meeting. Orlando suggested doing a flashdrive with trainings preloaded. Amanda suggested we wait and see how QPI's virtual conference goes. Colleen suggested a "Sanity Hour" zoom call. Paul stated that if anyone had any questions to reach out to him.

- President's Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. Amanda discussed the partnership with FCC and they are contacting us when they need foster parent's input and the subcommittee has been tabled for now.
- Conference Report was presented by Lynda Thompson. Conference for the next two years will be at the same hotel and same rates.
- Mini Conference Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. Plans are to look at doing conference and quarterly meeting virtually. Most are preparing to do virtual conferences for DCF until 2021.
- FAST report was presented by Colleen LaCosta. She reported that 46 calls have been received in the last 10 days.

### **Open Discussion**

- We could have an in person meeting in Ocala if needed as that location is central and would be easy to put together.
- Lauralynn suggested a virtual pizza party and provide comic relief and/or motivational speaker.
- **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 Kara Elliott-Jordan, and this was agreed upon at 9:25 pm.