



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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 8:32 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, Lynda Thompson, Lauralynn Segur, Travis Davis, Martie Gillen, Harriett Wynn, Melanie Stimmell, Lillie Blackshear, Colleen LaCosta

Members not in attendance included: Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Dorothy Alvarez, Teanna Houston, Kylie McCracken, Saralyn Grass

Approval of Minutes

Minutes was motioned to accept by Paul Vernon and Seconded by Martie Gillen and was passed unanimously after one change indicating that Harriett Wynn was absent from the April Meeting.

Reports

- Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Paul indicated that it was this year that DCF started asking for financials. Paul stated that we have an unique contract. Florida FAPA is composing a letter for DCF. Melanie commented that we should include foster parent retention as recruitment is a challenge with the pandemic.

- President's Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. Amanda discussed the partnership with NAAC and National FAPA and making sure voices are heard from foster parents.
- Conference Report was presented by Amanda Cruce. Amanda reported that Kara's area did a virtual watching party and it worked well. Florida FAPA's virtual summer conference will be June 26-27th.
- FAST report was presented by Colleen LaCosta. Colleen reported that FAST Training is going well and is working with local FAPAs for more opportunities. Lauralynn indicated that she needed more FAST Brochures.

Open Discussion

- Board Retreat: possible put together and include trust building activities.
- Orlando mentioned about emergency preparedness is more critical this year as there is still a supply shortage. Orlando will send links to post to members.
- Elections: 3 positions are open: President, External Vice President and Treasurer. Information will be posted by tomorrow.
- **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

Orlando Avila moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Martie Gillen and this was agreed upon at 9:19 pm.