



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on September 17, 2020 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, 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, Dorothy Alvarez, Kylie McCracken, Saralyn Grass

Members not in attendance included: Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Teanna Houston

Approval of Minutes

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

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Paul stated that we need to have creative ways to use the contract funds to meet the needs of our members. Melanie asked if it was possible to give funding to Local FAPAs for Christmas party, Paul replied that it is a possibility. Orlando suggested we utilize the President's Council to see if there is a need. Amanda stated that the PPE survey just went out. Christina motioned to approve the FY 20/21 budget and Melanie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- **President's Report:** Amanda indicated that there will be Townhall Meeting with Poppel on October 2nd at 2:30 pm. Amanda wants to be sure that foster parent's voices are being heard. CFR – statewide measures every 4 years, Amanda indicated that we will probably need to do a training with the board.
- **Newsletter/Memberships:** Amanda reported that the newsletter went out, an increase of foster homes on the list to over 7000 total, 2000 of those was level 1 licensed homes. Possibly look into Bulk Mailing. Possible looking into changing printers, but need to check contract. Paul indicated that with the increase of number of new families, we may go over budget in that category.
- **Legislative Update:** Amanda indicated that the child care bill is still in the works. Each board member will need to reach out to the representatives in their area to touch base on issues at hand. The issues of the adoption subsidy if both parents pass away, the child's subsidy ends, child would have to re-enter foster care. Lauralynn indicated that in level 1 licensing homes, the subsidy follows the child as they indicate a backup caregiver.

Open Discussion

- **Board Retreat:** possible put together and include trust building activities.
- **DCF Contract:** Please submit reports on time. DEF Regions are different from ours – need to realign to match up.
- **Elections:** Since it was uncontested, Amanda will resume President Position, Paul as Treasurer and Melanie as External Vice President.
- **FAST:** Colleen indicated that the FAST Line has been getting a lot of calls from relatives.
- **Book Club:** 72 people are signed up so far, 69 of those before September 1st. Books have been mailed out.
- **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.

Adjournment

Orlando Avila moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Melanie Stimmell and this was agreed upon at 9:39 pm.