



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on October 15, 2020 via zoom, it began at 8:33 pm and was presided over by Kara Elliott-Jordan as External Vice President with Christina Morris as Secretary.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: Kara Elliott-Jordan, Christina Morris, Paul Vernon, Lynda Thompson, Lauralynn Segur, Martie Gillen, Melanie Stimmell, Coleen LaCosta, Dorothy Alvarez, Kylie McCracken,

Members not in attendance included: Amanda Cruce, Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Teanna Houston, Lillie Blackshear, Travis Davis, Saralyn Grass, Harriett Wynn

Approval of Minutes

Minutes was motioned to accept with changes by Melanie Stimmell and Seconded by Martie Gillen and was passed unanimously.

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Kara Elliott-Jordan made a motion to approve the FY 20/21 budget and Dorothy Alvarez seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Paul stated that for the DCF Report – more need to be submitted, only 5 contacts was submitted last month. Kara suggested while talking with others mention FLFAPA and what we are currently doing and count this on the report.
- **President's Report:** Kara Elliott-Jordan gave a brief report in regards to Senator Roach. Senator Roach was a foster parent himself, he wants to get involved and supports us. Senator Roach felt that the

issues where both parents pass away and an adoptive child lose benefits was possible but just needs to research more.

- **Newsletter/Memberships:** Paul 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. For the next newsletter, we have Melanie's bio/picture.

Open Discussion

- **Board Retreat:** possible put together and include trust building activities.
- **DCF Contract:** Please submit reports on time. DCF Regions are different from ours – need to realign to match up.
- **FAST:** Coleen reported that she did a virtual training with Sarasota/Manatee area this week and that no one knew about FAST/FLFAPA that was on the training.
- **Book Club:** 97 people are signed up so far, 69 of those before September 1st. Books have been mailed out.
- **Hurricane Sally:** Providing relief funds. Kara to follow up with Paul by October 23rd with families names.
- **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.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Did we lose adoptive parents off the list that is sent to the printer for the Newsletter?

Adjournment

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