



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on November 19, 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: Amanda Cruce, 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: Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Teanna Houston, Lillie Blackshear, Travis Davis, Saralynn Grass, Harriett Wynn

Approval of Minutes

Minutes was motioned to accept with changes by Travis Davis and Seconded by Kara Elliott-Jordan and was passed unanimously.

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul Vernon. Paul solicited for ideas on how to spend the budget for the DCF Contract Funds. Kara asked if we could pay for speaker, however, Paul informed us that was a no. Coleen stated that we needed to build up membership perks. Saralynn suggested Train the Trainer for TBRI. Coleen asked for Amanda to send out the list of items that was denied. Paul stated we could hold a monthly conference, however, there is no cost to do so at this point. Paul reported that for the Hurricane Sally Relief, 4 foster families received funding, \$1250 to each family.
- **Legislative Report:** Amanda reported that the most recent uproar is the 3 reports within 5 years, homes are closing unless CBC fights to

keep their home open. Still focusing on the child care bill for next year.

- **DCF Monthly Report:** Paul and Amanda emphasized the importance of completing this report each month. A phone call to local FAPA/CBC, any statewide groups, etc. as long as you mention Florida FAPA is a contact for the contract. The numbers are needed or they won't renew our contract. Coleen suggested looking at those who are not doing the report.
- **FAST Report:** Coleen reported that still receiving a lot of relative calls. The top question being asked is "Should I get an attorney?"
- **CBC Advisor Report:** Lauralynn reported that QPI is holding region meetings. For the FCC Licensing Group, there are 16 CBCs involved and recruitment is the top topic.
- **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.
- **President's Council:** Amanda reported that they are skipping December due to the holidays, but will resume monthly meetings in January 2021, and have approximately 16 people participate.

Open Discussion

- **Book Club:** 25 people showed up for the book club, over 200 people registered.
- **Mini Conference Report:** Final Speaker was a no show. 293 attendees throughout the day.
- **Next Conference:** Feb 6, 2021, Connection with DCF about Right & Responsibilities of Foster Parents.
- **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?
- **ACTION ITEM:** Board Retreat: possible put together and include trust building activities

Adjournment

Saralynn Grass moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Kara Elliott-Jordan and this was agreed upon at 9:34 pm.