



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting

### **Call to Order**

A Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association was held on December 17, 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, Saralyn Grass

Members not in attendance included: Charles Parker, Gay Frizzell, Teanna Houston, Lillie Blackshear, Travis Davis, Harriett Wynn, Kylie McCracken

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes was motioned to accept with changes by Saralyn Grass and Seconded by Paul Vernon 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. Perhaps Faith based recruitment. Activities and events around conferences cost around \$3000. Saralyn suggested a separate call to talk about contract spending.
- **Legislative Report:** Saralynn met with two representative – starting to get some traction – lots of education to be done.
- **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. Only 4 people completed the November report.

- **FAST Report:** Coleen reported that still receiving a lot of relative calls, however, no trends on the types of calls.
- **CBC Advisor Report:** Lauralynn and Coleen to meet later to talk about the codes for closing homes/relicensing.
- **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.
- **Other:**
  - There was another USA article – not an accurate side of Florida
  - The Executive Board is participating on committees/boards and reviewing to make sure it fits into our mission.
  - Special Recognition to those leaving the board: Kara, Dorothy and Lillie

## Open Discussion

- **Summer Conference:** Planning on for in person conference at this time.
- **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 Melanie Stimmell and this was agreed upon at 9:28 pm.