



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Chairman Elijah Neal called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 10:58 a.m. in the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room A. The meeting opened with thankful thoughts and positive comments from all in attendance.

Roll Call

Chairman Elijah Neal, Eddie Melton, Shanel Poole, Warren Boyd proxy for Lance Rhodes, Lynn Smith proxy for Kevin Moore, Laura Heinrich proxy for William Van Ness, Kenneth Allen, Representative Dr. Vernon Smith, and Reverend Joseph Smith.

Absent – Rep. Tim Brown, Supt. Glenda Ritz, Bruce Lemmon, Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermanan, Sen. Scott Schneider, Jamal Smith, Jessica Robertson, and Sen. Greg Taylor.

Guest – Rodric Reid and Anna Garrett from Fathers and Families Center.

Staff – James Garrett Jr.

Invocation

Chairman Neal asked Reverend Joseph Smith to give the invocation. Following the invocation the Commission was informed about the Fathers and Families Center program for fathers on November 16, 2013.

Introductions

Rodric Reid, friend of the Commission introduced his colleague Ms. Garrett, Director of Operations and Grant Management for Fathers and Families Center. They gave a presentation to the Commission entitled, "A Call, A Conversation, A Celebration Fathers of Children with Special Needs" The event will occur on November 16, 2013 at the Ivy Tech Corporate College and Culinary Center, 2820 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis Indiana. They were requesting sponsorship of the event from the Commission as the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration was unable to fund their request. The Commission appreciated the presentation and requested information on the sponsorship levels and any additional information available regarding the event.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion was moved by Kenneth Allen, second by Reverend Joseph Smith; motion passed to accept the August 21, 2013 minutes with the one correction of the spelling of Commissioner Lance Rhodes name.

Financial Report

Commissioners were provided copies of the financial reports for the general and Donations accounts. The standard operational expenditures were made from the Appropriations (1000) account and there were no expenditures from the Donations account. The Special fund (6000) Motion was moved by Dr. Vernon Smith, second by Warren Boyd; motion passed to accept the financial reports as presented.

Before addressing old business, discussion was had regarding the sponsorship request from Fathers and Families Center and the questions posed were; does the Commission have a process for sponsorship requests and has a precedent been set regarding solicitation requests from groups or organizations? Following the discussion the consensus was to provide a small donation to Fathers and Families Center for their event. Lynn Smith moved and Dr. Vernon Smith seconded the motion to provide a donation of \$500.00 to Fathers and Families Center for their event. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Adoption of Commission Bylaws

James shared the lasted draft copy of the Bylaws. Much discussion was had regarding the Bylaws and the modifications to the draft. Vernon Smith stated he understood a subcommittee would be empanelled to work through and modify the Bylaws. After much dialogue Vice Chair Tim Brown moved that the Bylaws be addressed by a subcommittee of Virgil Madden, Laura Heinrich and Vernon Smith. Reverend Joseph Smith seconded the motion with the understanding that at the next month's Commission meeting a vote on the Bylaws will be taken. The Chairman, Vice Chair and Danny Lopez will also assist with redrafting the Bylaws. The subcommittee will be given dates and times to get together from James.

No further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Neal entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.