



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Chairman Elijah Neal called the Commission Board Meeting to order via conference call at 10:38 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 in the Indiana Government Center South, Media Technology Conference Room. The meeting opened with thankful thoughts and positive comments from all in attendance.

Roll Call

Chairman Elijah Neal (via phone), Eddie Melton, Warren Boyd proxy for Lance Rhodes, Lynn Smith proxy for Kevin Moore, Laura Heinrich proxy for William Van Ness, Kenneth Allen, Tim Brown proxy for Bruce Lemmon, John Barnes proxy for Supt. Glenda Ritz, Marco Deckard proxy for Jamal Smith, Jessica Robertson, and Reverend Joseph Smith.

Absent – Rep. Tim Brown, Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermanan, Sen. Scott Schneider, Rep. Dr. Vernon G. Smith, and Sen. Greg Taylor.

Guest – Ms. Renee Hatcher, Attorney with The Initiative for Northwest Indiana.

Staff – James Garrett Jr.

Invocation

Chairman Neal asked Reverend Joseph Smith to give the invocation.

Introductions

Attorney Hatcher introduced herself the work and role of The Initiative for Northwest Indiana and their engagement concerning the Second Chance Law. Attorney Hatcher shared a Power Point presentation and answered questions regarding their work with individuals attempting to take advantage of the Second Chance Law. She also offered to work with the Commission with the informational forums facilitated across the state. The Power Point presentation was informative and may serve as a tool or additional information to enlighten community leaders and service providers assisting persons with the Second Chance law.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion was moved by Vice Chair, Tim Brown, second by Reverend Joseph Smith; motion passed to accept the October 23, 2013 minutes with the noted spelling corrections.

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 (6000). The Motion was moved by Kenneth Allen, second by Tim Brown; motion passed to accept the financial reports as presented.

Old Business

Expungement Second Chance Law Forums

The Commissioners were provided a DVD of the news clips from the Second Chance Informational Forums in Fort Wayne and Evansville.

Following the presentation from Attorney Hatcher the Commission will explore additional partnerships, preparing a flyer or information document regarding the Second Chance law. The suggestion was also made to consider offering or coordinating educational sessions concerning the law, for attorneys and service providers, community leaders and continuing the informational forums for prospective constituents.

New Business

No new business proposed

INWIN Second Chance Project

Power Point Presentation from Attorney Renee Hatcher

The Power Point presentation by Attorney Hatcher is attached.

Chairman Mr. Neal entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.