

GREATER WYOMING COMMUNITY RESOURCE ALLIANCE
Minutes of the Board Meeting
December 22, 2015
9:00 AM
City of Wyoming
City Manager's Conference Room 2nd Floor

I ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Sluiter, Paul Wegener, Curtis Holt, Rebecca Rynbrandt, Kent VanderWood, Tamara Lopez, Jim Carmody

Absent: Jeff Koeze, Elizabeth Reyes, Bob O'Callaghan

Guest: None

Carmody called meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion by VanderWood, seconded by Wegener to approve the October 27, 2015 meeting minutes was made. Motion carried unanimously.

III FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Finance Department

Rynbrandt distributed the written report prepared by Nancy Bazan, Treasurer. Bazan is on vacation this week. The report indicated a General Activities Fund Balance of \$58,498.40. General Activities Expenses year to date through December 17, 2015 are \$20; revenue for the same period are \$1,739.

Rynbrandt shared that the invoice for the first six months of Parks and Recreation Scholarships will be received in January.

Carmody noted the Pinery Park Little League account has been established and asked Holt to provide an update. Holt shared that progress is being seen. The Alliance has received a revenue check from PPLL Bingo to being addressing the leagues expenses. Staff has been working with them to begin establishing cash handling policies. We are continuing to speak with the State of Michigan Lottery Commission to learn more about the status of the Bingo; including as it relates to their nonprofit status, processing of income, expenses related to bingo. A review of the registration process was also made.

A motion by Holt, seconded by Sluiter to accept the written financial report as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

IV OLD BUSINESS

- A. Communication from Hand2Hand – Further discussion on amount of funds requested.

At the last meeting the Board requested additional information from Hand2Hand related to their grant request. Christine Hoek, Communications and Development Director for Hand2Hand submitted a three page reply. The document was reviewed by the Board. Discussion ensued. VanderWood stated that he did not believe it is the intent of the Board to provide multi-year commitments. This was affirmed by other board members.

Vanderwood moved to award \$1,500 to Hand2Hand for this year, seconded by Sluiter. Vanderwood said it is important the Hand2Hand provide a detailed accounting of how the funds are used. The motion carried unanimously.

V NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ask letter funds total so far.

Through December 17, the Annual Appeal has raised \$1,265. Donations are continuing to come in.

- B. Memo from Nancy Bazan regarding audio books.

The memo, dated December 10, 2015, was entered into the record. While not present, the Board thanked Bazan for bringing this information forward. The Board discussed the information and decided that no further action was to be taken.

- C. Review of any additional Grant proposals.

Rynbrandt affirmed that there were no pending grant proposals. She shared with the Board that Christina Agema has been in contact with Val Mester and her office investigating whether or not the African American Youth Leaders Academy through Wyoming Public School's Intermediate school had applied for a grant. Rynbrandt affirmed that no such application has been made during the last 12 months.

- C. Addition of new Board Member – Tyler Jacob Toscano.

Carmody reported that City Council has approved Toscano's appointment to the Alliance. He still must take his oath of office.

VI ITEMS FOR ACTION

On behalf of the Board and City Council, Carmody thanked Wegener for his service to the GW CRA. Wegener's term ends December 31. He served for four

years on the Board. All in attendance wished him well and thanked him for his service.

VII ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

VanderWood affirmed to the Board that we still have one open board seat to fill.

Carmody shared information on the possible development of a Godfrey Lee Public Schools/Police basketball program.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX CLOSE – NEXT MEETING DATE

January 26, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rynbrandt
Secretary
Board of Directors