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**Board meeting at The Schoolhouse in Poncha Springs**

Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2022

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| **Meeting Purpose:** | | |
| Invitees/Attendees | Title/Role |  |
| Paul Alexander | Vice Chair |  |
| Connie Callahan | Board Member |  |
| Bonnie Davis | Board Member | VIA ZOOM |
| Laurel Biedermann | Administrative Coordinator |  |
| Wendy Hall | Board Member |  |
| Rick Hum | Treasurer |  |
| Betsy Dittenber | Executive Director |  |
| Megan Leesley | Chair |  |
| Rachele Vierthaler | Board Member |  |
| John Vandewalle | Board Member |  |

**Executive Director, Amy Lovato, of The Schoolhouse gave the CCCF Board a brief overview of how The Schoolhouse came to be and the number of children being taught. Also talked about the challenges they face and the need for additional slots for this age group.**

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| Agenda ItemsDiscuSSION  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Ref NBr | discussion | | **1** | **Consent Agenda items**   * Consent Agenda items were approved as presented. | | **2** | **Chair Updates**   * Strategic planning for the organization: Starting to plan for strategic planning activities in the next few months. Suggestion to reach out to CCCF's stakeholders, like the municipalities perhaps with a questionnaire.   + It’s difficult and tiring to try to do all the strategy discussion in one afternoon or one day. The planning sessions can be spread out over the year, talking about different segments.   + With the previous board members, a survey was done about what CCCF’s focus should be regarding the over-arching goals and focus. Need to re-evaluate now. Betsy, Connie and Paul will initiate this activity. * Ark Valley Voice sponsorship issue: Megan and Rick met with Merrell and Jan Wondra. They clarified that CCCF would not do any invoicing or checkwriting for AVV, just accept the donations.   + The Colorado nonprofit Development Center had been suggested as another alternative to CCCF being the fiscal sponsor. Merrell reviewed it but it wasn’t the right fit.   + AVV is applying for membership in the International News Network and waiting for that response.   + AVV staff has said that some of their donors ask about the tax deduction, which is not available with AVV’s current LLC status.   + AVV needs to press forward on getting its own 501(c)(3) status, which will resolve this. Board members here feel there is uncertainty about the amount of work that will be required for them. Frequently, CCCF is not getting revenue for the volume of work a particular sponsorship requires.     - Betsy said she can do a short interval cost/work analysis with other sponsees as a reference.   + If AVV must use us as their sponsor, members here agree to accept them with a 10% fee and pushing them to acquire their nonprofit status asap.   CCCF will need to clarify its focus regarding fiscal sponsorships. With staff stretched as it is, there is a lack of capacity because of Audrey’s departure and simply a lot of work on an ongoing basis. This can fall under our strategic planning discussions. | | **3** | **E.D. Updates**   * Housing Roundtable: 18 community members participated, mostly municipal leadership and nonprofits.   + CHA’s board has just voted to approve moving forward for requesting a mill levy be put on the ballot. CHA will have to present to each jurisdiction and get approval from them.   + The next Roundtable meeting in August will be on the messaging for the mill levy.   + Betsy prepared a statement for public distribution about the attainable housing crisis here in Chaffee for the Board to review. Some concern was expressed that CCCF is endorsing the mill levy. General belief is that the her statement as written isn’t directly addressing the mill levy ballot issue, but talking about the need for the community to be involved in helping to resolve what is at stake. * Community Summit: Betsy has obtained $7500 in corporate sponsors for the Summit, $5K from Climax.   + Should Board members pay if they wish to attend? Betsy said yes to paying or volunteer at the event. * DOLA Funds: The application for funding is due Sept. 30th. * Ukraine Fund raised approx. $15,000. No work required on the part of CCCF; will just transfer the dollars when appropriate. | | **4** | **Committee Reports**   * Finance Committee didn’t meet. * Nominating Committee: Sasha Mitchell interviewed with the committee. Her interview was good. She is just starting a new job and wants to get settled in that before committing to taking a seat on the board. Paul will re-connect with Sasha in 2 to 3 weeks. * Grants Committee:   + BlueTriton funds will be merged with the SDCEA dollars, and added with the funds in our Community Grants Fund to increased the dollars available. There are 15 people on that review committee.   + The Gunnison Foundation has moved to a multi-year cycle, instead of the same nonprofits applying every year. This would require discussing it with the municipalities.     - It can be done by jurisdictions; they simply state “funds are subject to appropriation.” Rachele said she can help lead this effort after Oct. 1st (due to new baby!). | | **5** | **Board Education** |   Wlh 8.17.22; reviewed by |