*Chaffee County Community Foundation*

**Board Meeting**

**July 27, 2020 ♦ 3 pm**

Participating Board Members via Zoom:

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| Paul Alexander | Megan Leesley | Kayce Penrod |
| Jordan Brown | Casey Martin | Rachele Vierthaler |
| Ed Cooper |  | Exec Dir: Joseph Teipel |
| Wendy Hall | Gordon Schieman |  |
| Rick Hum | Syd Schnurr | Guest: Wendell Pryor |

**I. Call to Order and Approval of Consent Agenda**

No revisions to the agenda. Consent items approved with two revisions to the Minutes noted.

Meeting was recessed for an hour meeting with Wendell Pryor regarding diversity.

Meeting reconvened.

**II. ED Report**

* Response to our BLM statement – about 5% said it was inappropriate; the rest were positive.
* Becky Gray and Joseph are meeting with Bonnie McDonald to discuss the options for her Salida property presented to her. Bonnie has received an interested inquiry from a for-profit group but Bonnie’s desires & interests more closely align with a nonprofit development.
* The BV project is paused; Bob Grether’s design does not align with our concept so Joseph is looking for a different architect that has experience in this type of work and that is affordable.
* The Food Cohort is having its fourth meeting to choose projects. One good project is having a shared database with mapping, coordinating service and times for more efficiencies, and sharing volunteers. A shared board is the objective.
* The Food Coalition is launched. The grant application to Guidestone is due Monday, Aug. 3. Once that is done, Joseph can move to working on housing and other CCCF initiatives.
* Possibility of a merger of Farm to Table and Guidestone. Early stage discussion.
* Food & supply storage is a huge issue; no group has the capabilities to acquire a facility, equipment. The Coalition is the place to look at those systems and their management.
  + Suggestion that restaurant facilities that may not be in use in the coming months be used because the restaurant is closed.

Budget / Financials

* The ERF balance is at $107,000 less about $20K for the Food Cohort. No one can be sure what effect the change in unemployment benefits and possible evictions may have on applications to the Fund.
* Appears likely that another round of stimulus checks will be coming. CCCF’s messaging should be that “without the Foundation, the $400,000 in contributions to an emergency response fund would not have been available for use in providing assistance.”
* With schools starting back up, childcare is becoming an urgent issue again. CCCF could create another Field of Interest Fund focused on childcare and education. The County leadership has not shown interest in addressing the lack of childcare.
  + Belief that childcare should be the next focus of the ERF. Ad hoc task group on childcare solutions: Jordan, Dustin, Joseph, Janine Pryor, others.
* Huge budget cuts for the schools.
  + Young families have to choose between putting the kids in school where there is risk, or homeschooling, which removes them from the workforce.
  + Casey said school districts in other places have their own foundations serving as the philanthropic arm of the district.
  + CCCF can serve to energize the schools’ ability to receive philanthropic dollars. The Salida School Board asked Joseph to be the entity with clout to raise funds.
  + Joseph feels strongly that the schools present a united front, the schools as one community; he doesn’t see a Salida Schools Fund and a Buena Vista Schools Fund as a good option. Belief is that CCCF is going to have to take the lead since the municipalities are not stepping up.

**III. Other – Committee Reports**

1. Fundraising/Development – Paul has said he may be able to find additional volunteers to help from his other groups.

2. Finance – They meet regularly and are formulating financial guidelines for CCCF. Are also drafting the final version of the DAF Guidelines. Reminder that CCCF needs a Gift Acceptance Policy.

3. Grants – Changes need to be made to the process for the Sangre de Cristo Community Grants. Rick recommends a de-brief related to the ERF, discussion how it might be done better before the next wave hits.

**Next meeting is Aug. 24th.**

Submitted by W. Hall 8/3/2020. Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_\_EdC\_\_\_\_\_\_