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Meeting Minutes: Sept 25, 2023

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| **Meeting Purpose:**  |
| Invitees/Attendees | Title/Role |  |
| Paul Alexander | Departing! |  |
| Connie Callahan | Interim Treasurer |   |
| Bonnie Davis | Board Member |   |
| Christy Doon | Board Member |   |
| Wendy Hall | Board Member |  |
| Caitlyn Fortner | Board Member |  |
| Rick Hamilton | Vice Chair |  |
| Megan Leesley | Chair |  |
| Moe Leneweaver | Board Member |  |
| Crissey Supples | Board Member |  |
| ~~Elisia Parham~~ | ~~Board Member~~ | Absent |
| John Vandewalle | Board Member |   |
| Betsy Dittenber | Executive Director |  |

**Visitors Andrea Coen and Michael Robinson were present to observe the meeting as they have been discussed as good candidates for the board.**

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| **1** | **Consent Agenda items*** Consent agenda items approved unanimously.
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| **2** | **Chair Report*** Introduction of potential board members who are observing: Andrea is well-known throughout the community as E.D. of Guidestone, as well as her fiddle-playing. Michael recently served on the SDCEA board and is now chairing the board for Aristata Communications.
* Farewell to Paul: This was Paul’s last meeting as a board member. He was thanked for his significant efforts on behalf of CCCF and presented with a platter made by the Maverick Potter. (A social hour was scheduled following the meeting, catered by the Howard General Store.)
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| **3** | **Chair Report*** Jane’s Place: Betsy reported the working committee is doing very well. DOLA approved the significant grant. Related to the budget, Joseph Teipel and Jeff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will serve as owner’s rep, which will save on contract costs.
* Event at Wood’s Distillery: Board members are invited to attend a media event on Oct. 6th at the Distillery when PT Wood presents a check to CCCF from the proceeds of the special limited-edition whiskey created.
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| **4** | **Committee Reports*** Finance Committee
	+ Committee will be trying to nuance all the data from the board survey related to projects and staff time so the board can use the information on decisions related to best use of staff time and effort.
	+ The Colorado Trust provided $150,000 in grant funding, not applied for or requested; the Trust was aware of the CCCF’s work in a rural community.
* Nominating and Governance Committee
	+ A formal vote was taken to approve Connie as Interim Treasurer since Paul is stepping away. Connie was approved unanimously.
	+ Due to the busy-ness of the holiday season, it is agreed that the Board should reconvene in early January to prepare for the annual meeting on Jan 22nd. Wendy will send out a survey to find the best date for everyone’s schedule. **UPDATE: Thurs., Jan. 4th was confirmed.**
* Grants:
	+ The committee is working on new policies and procedures. Revised best practices will be sent to the full board for review.
	+ SDCEA has provided $5,000 in funding for 1st Responders Grants. Applicants can request up to $1,000 and funds will be awarded until the dollars run out.
* Strategic Planning: The committee did a ranking of the array of CCCF initiatives as they relate to CCCF’s mission and staff time.
* Development: (Moe is the Board liaison since Syd Schnurr is the committee chair)
	+ The $50,000 summer appeal match was met!
	+ The committee is now working on all the Colorado Gives/Regional Champion messaging and details.
* Nonprofit Capacity: Needs board members! Christy requested interested board members to consider.
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Wlh 11.20.23 Meeting adjourned at 6 pm for presentation to Paul.  |