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**Via ZOOM**

Meeting Minutes: Feb. 27, 2023

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

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| Agenda Items DiscuSSION

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| **1** | **Consent Agenda items*** The Board asked for a verbal update on Jane’s Place. Betsy reported that CHA has secured County funding and has selected a lending institution. Still waiting to hear about a grant from the CO Div. Of Housing in order to confirm the lending. Some of the groundwork at the site has begun.
* Consent agenda approved as presented.
* Rachele is officially the Dir. Of Operations for CCCF as of February 13th. YEA!!
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| **2** | **Chair Report*** Poncha Schoolhouse, Ark Valley Humane Society and Ark Valley Voice (AVV): There has been extensive news coverage and on-line public comment about these local nonprofits. Betsy asked if or what kind of statement(s) CCCF should or needs to make with reference to these organizations.
	+ Betsy reported that Liz (CCCF’s PR specialist) believes that “silence is deafening,” i.e. probably a statement should be made on the organizations’ behalf.
	+ Betsy stated that CCCF’s role in the community and for nonprofits is that we have vetted the groups that we support financially, that we have done due diligence before granting the organizations funding, and that we help them in their support of the community, noting that CCCF has found these groups to be important to community well-being.
	+ Discussion is that CCCF’s role is not commenting on the investigation, but to talk about how these organizations have answered a need in the community.
	+ Elisia has previously worked at The Schoolhouse and is familiar with their procedures.
	+ Truth Has A Voice(THAV) received a $1,000 grant two years ago during community grants cycle. When they merged the THAV and AVV, that organization then moved away from CCCF and to the Institute for Nonprofit News as their fiscal sponsor. Joe Stone has a prior unpleasant relationship with AVV and has previously and now recently written formal letters complaining about AVV’s practices and the fact that they received funding from CCCF as a conflict of interest. He has most recently asked for AVV’s report on the use of the funds received via CCCF’s grant cycle.
	+ Betsy need guidance on how to proceed.
		- Christy oversaw grants from DOLA when she worked there, and COLA did not post applications or the followup reports.
		- It seems that witch hunts are becoming a way of tearing down an individual or group that someone has a disagreement with.
		- Can CCCF get legal advice on this?
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| **3** | **Committee Reports*** Finance Committee has set the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 am for their committee meetings.
	+ CCCF’s accounting firm McMahon & Assoc. has signed off on their financial review of our books, and gave CCCF a “clean bill of health.”

They are starting work on our Form 990.* + Board education will be done on Fund Accounting.
* Nominating and Governance Committee
	+ Needed to formally approve Elisia’s appointing to the Board. Motion made by Megan to approve her, seconded by Christy, and motion passed unanimously. Welcome, Elisia.
* Grants:
	+ An individual donor wants to give a grant to Poncha Schoolhouse via their DAF. Grant funding was previously received by the Schoolhouse to renovate the building for childcare. At this point, they have no options but to close entirely and therefore will have to return some of the grant dollars they received. Early Childhood Learning Council will move to have the building vacated as quickly as possible.
	+ The DAF grantor wants to cover the expenses of closing the Schoolhouse and preparing the space for the next provider.
	+ In addition, DHS is reimbursing some of the tuition paid by parents for the time the Schoolhouse was closed when shut down for the investigation.
* Strategic Planning: Connie is absent for this meeting.
	+ The Stakeholder survey questions have been finalized and the survey is going out this week to approx. 500 respondents.
* Development: committee is working on a comprehensive fundraising plan.
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| **5** | **Other:** * The BlueTriton funding to CCCF for 2022 just came in. Betsy has spoken with them and the 2023 funds are expected soon. At that point, they will be up-to-date with payments to CCCF.
* Betsy proposed to the Commissioners that they match the funds in the Environmental Area of Interest Fund.
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