

# **Livingston County CARES, Board of Directors Meeting**

**7/27/11**

## **Approved Minutes**

The Board of Directors met at the GOLD Leadership Center in the MacVittie Union on July 27, 2011. The following board members were present: Tom Matthews, Jerry Alonzo, Karen Bailey, Lisa Burns, Joan Ellison, Kathy Jones, Wes Kennison, and Phil Natoli. Guests included Erin Bills, Brenda Donahue and Barbara Battaglia (minutes for Secretary taking notes for Kay Fly).

**Approval of the minutes:** Minutes from the 5/2/11 Board meeting were reviewed. Bailey moved and Alonzo seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Nominations:** Matthews introduced the proposed board members, Erin Bills and Brenda Donahue. Ellison, reported that the nominating committee recommended Bills and Donahue. Ellison moved that the number of director seats be expanded from 17 to 19 seats. Alonzo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Ellison moved and Bailey seconded a motion to elect Bills and Donahue for three year terms on the Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously. Ellison asked for an updated Livingston CARES member list and if it can be posted/updated on the website.

**Presidents Report:** Matthews talked reported on an email he had received from Kellan Morgan, (SUNY Geneseo designated project in El Sauce) regarding project updates and fund raising for El Sauce. Matthews indicated that he authorized Kellan to solicit funds for El Sauce provided that all expenditures must be approved by the Livingston CARES Board of Directors.

Kennison reported on the student who had contracted Dengue Fever while on a Nicaragua trip and was treated by a local clinic. Kennison reported that the students' father donated \$1,000 for El Sauce projects. Discussion followed on how Dengue Fever is spread by mosquitoes and is common in South America. Ellison suggested that a presentation be made to the American Medical Association in hope of raising funds for

El Sauce. Jones moved and Ellison seconded a motion to authorize payment of funds to Study Aboard to reimbursement Study Aboard for monies expended on projects in El Sauce by Wes Kennison. Copies of receipts will be provided by Kennison prior to payment from Livingston CARES. The motion was approved.

Matthews reported that students involved in the Ghana Project are currently in Ghana for the summer.

Matthews recommended that we continue our successful Gumbo to Go Dinners and that we offer the dinners on Thursday nights. Natoli moved and Alonzo seconded a motion to approve, Thursday, November 3 for the next Gumbo to Go dinner. The motion was approved.

Kennison reported for the new members on the Haiti projects with purchase of supplies to replace trees, give out water purification systems and teacher boxes. Matthews reported that the Japan Fund did not bring in much money and the funds will be forwarded to Japan when the students return in the fall. Matthews reported that he is expecting the student board members to take the lead on fund raising and assistance to communities affected by the recent tornadoes in the south and Missouri. Matthews also explained the HEROS Program to the new members. Two new student coordinators will be making contact with the schools and recruiting volunteers in September. Matthews reported that \$853.45 was raised by the students conducting the jailbreak fundraiser.

**Livingston CARES May trip:** Matthews indicated that Ken Kallio, trip coordinator/leader reported a very successful May trip. Kudos went out to Joe Dolce of CIT for agreeing to serve as a driver and volunteer at the last minute .

**Trip Budgets for 2012:** Airfares for January were announced in earlier in the month and we secured 28 seats on Air Tran out of Rochester. The budget for the three 2012 trips were distributed and reviewed using the January airfares as a guide.

The Center for Community will support the trips with a \$2500 contribution and Matthews will be requesting \$2100 to support financial grants to students needing assistance with trip expenses. He will also ask United University Professions to support grants to assist

faculty and professionals. Kiwanis and Rotary have given funds in the past and will be asked again this year.

After a lengthy discussion on what the trip fees should be, Natoli moved and Jones seconded a motion to set the cost of the January trip at \$525. The motion carried.

Matthews thanked Lyle Lehman, Lisa Burns and Alyssa Polosky for sitting at the tent promoting Livingston CARES during the Geneseo Summer Festival. A suggestion was made that Livingston CARES make a proposal to be the charity recipient from the Taste of Livingston event in the spring.

Matthews also announced that there will be a new Community Volunteer Thank You Dinner” scheduled on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at the Big Tree Inn. This is a separate event from the Livingston CARES volunteer dinner in April. Board members were asked to save the date on their calendars.

Meetings for upcoming fiscal year approved by consensus will be on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Monday, April 16, 2012 (Annual Meeting & Dinner)

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Draft minutes submitted by Kay Fly with assistance from Barbara Battaglia.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21 from 3:30-4:30 pm in the MacVittie College Union Board Room 351 on the third floor.