

Livingston County CARES Inc.
Annual Meeting of the Corporation

Monday, April 27, 2015

Approved Minutes

Annual Corporate Meeting of Livingston CARES, Inc.

The Board of Directors met at the Geneseo Interfaith Center on Franklin Street on April 28, 2014 at 4:00pm. The following board and corporate members were present: Tom Matthews, Kay Fly, Kathleen Jones, Diana Castro, Dan Martin, Phil Natoli, Lyle Lehman, Brenda Donohue, Chris Crcker, Kyle Kelschenbach, Alyssa Stefanese, Dave Parfit, Wes Kennison, Guests: Rob Lupisella, Austin Stone, Glen McClure, Eddie Lee and Katie Baum.

The meeting was called to order. Introductions were made.

Community Report: Matthews reviewed highlights of the "Community Report" of April 28, 2014 including the reports on trips and participants, the Chronology Highlights from 2012-2014, the lists of contributors, the chart of Livingston CARES trips, and the summary page of Livingston CARES finances. Jones moved and Parfitt seconded a motion to approve the corporate minutes of April 22, 2013. The motion passed. Board members expressed appreciation for the annual printed report of activities and programs.

By-laws: Lehman reported that a new state law effective July 1st will require an updating of our by-laws.

Guest Speaker: Robert Lupisella from the Nicaragua Project reported on the El Sauce school projects that Livingston CARES has supported to build schools in Nicaragua. Nicaragua is the second poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere with a history of political instability, civil war, corruption, and national disasters, such as earthquakes and a hurricane set the country back fifty years. Lupisella reported on the challenges of building the schools in the rural area of El Sauce, Nicaragua and shared a PowerPoint highlighting the school projects that have been completed. He also talked about the plans to build another school in San Gaytano this coming summer. The El Sauce Project: The Enlace Project on Nicaraguan School Construction is included in the April 28 Livingston CARES Community Report. Livingston CARES supports these projects through our special projects accounts.

Adjournment: Natoli moved and Martin seconded a motion to adjourn the Annual meeting of the Corporation. The motion passed and the corporate meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Kay Fly, Secretary

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Approval of the Minutes: Matthews called the meeting to order. Donohue moved approval of the minutes of the March 10 meeting of the Board of Directors. Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officer Reports: President: Matthews reported on the funding that is anticipated from our participation in the State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) campaign from last November. Livingston CARES received eleven anonymous donations and seven new donors who had not contributed in the past. Matthews also reported that the most recent Gumbo to Go was our most successful dinner to date. Over \$2,400.00 was raised for the general fund.

Secretary: Jon Macko announced that he has accepted a new position in Pennsylvania with the Parks and Recreation Department and will be leaving Geneseo on Thursday, May 7. Members of the board expressed their thanks to Jon for his work this year on behalf of Livingston CARES. Tamara Kenney has agreed to serve as the Interim Secretary for Livingston CARES, pending the election to take place at this meeting. Kenney will until such time as the Volunteer Coordinator position is filled by the College. A search will begin in May.

Treasurer's Report: Lehman reported that the current bank balance is \$33,869.49. Board members will receive a full financial report in early June.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Karen Bailey, reported the following recommendations of individuals for election to the Board of Directors:

Students to serve for one-year terms: Brandon Gaylord, Mitch Gillard, Sarah Yo, Victoria Morales, and Dan Martin.

Community Members and Staff: For three-year terms: Phil Natoli, Eddie Lee, Joan Ellison and David Parfitt.

Natoli moved and Martin seconded a motion to approve the recommendations of the nominating committee. The motion carried and the members were elected to serve on the board. Kallio moved and Parfitt seconded a motion to re-elect Matthews as President and Lehman as Treasurer, and Kenney as interim Secretary. The motion carried.

Humanitarian Awards: Donohue moved and Kenney seconded a motion to approve the following individuals for the 2015 Livingston CARES Humanitarian

Awards for their service: David Baker, Katie Baum, Alyssa Stefanese, Cassidy Lester, Austin Stone, and Jon Macko. Recognition certificates will be presented during the dinner later this evening.

Strategic Planning: Matthews suggested ideas for celebrating the 10th anniversary of Livingston CARES, including a possible musical piece by Glenn McClure on Katrina, a possible visit from Connie Rocco, and a possible trip to Biloxi by members of the College Foundation, or presidential cabinet. Parfitt recommended tying the celebration with the Center for Inquiry, Discovery and Development Global Council Meeting or Great Day next April. Matthews recommended that we maintain our relationship with Harrison County, Mississippi. Lee suggested keeping our work focused on poverty and moving away from the emphasis on Katrina recovery work in Biloxi. Similar thoughts were expressed regarding our Long Island and Staten Island service trip. Matthews reminded the board that there are funds that still need to be used specifically for Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. International students at Geneseo do seem to be more interested in service in the downstate region of New York. Ellison recommended applying the social justice theme to the Long Island trips. The board members expressed interest in continuing the strategic planning discussion this summer. Once a meeting time is determined, all board members will be invited to an informal planning meeting in June.

Donohue moved and Macko seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Macko and Matthews

Schedule of Board Meetings & Events for 2015-2016:

Tuesday, September 8
Tuesday, October 27
Tuesday, November 17 (If Needed)
Tuesday, January 26
Tuesday, March 8

Monday, April 25 Annual Meeting & Thank You Dinner
Gumbo to Go on Thursday, November 12 & Thursday, April 7
2016 Volunteer & Service Awards Dinner: Tuesday, March 29 at Big Tree Inn