

**Livingston CARES Board Meeting
September 1, 2016**

Approved Minutes

Matthews called the board meeting to order at 4:30pm. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Campbell, Donohue, Fabiny, Hebel, Kallio, Kennison, Lee, Lehman, Matthews, Morales, Natoli, Paratore, Rogalsky

Absent: Bailey, Bolesky, Ellison, Gaylord, Harvey, Kenney, Sauter

Others Present: Billy Blasland, Jessie Gyr, Dan DeZarn, Bob Nilsson

Approval of the Minutes: Lee moved and Kennison seconded a motion to approve the April 25th Board and Corporate Meeting minutes. Approved and carried without dissent.

Officer Reports: President: Matthews reported that the board met over the summer and decided to continue trips to Biloxi for 2017 despite HB 1523 and Governor Cuomo's travel ban to Mississippi. However, HB 1523 was declared unconstitutional. The Mississippi Attorney General decided not to appeal the unconstitutional ruling so it is Matthews' belief that the bill is no longer applicable.

Hebel and Matthews developed a GOLD workshop that will be required for week-long trip participants to cover the purpose of service trips and relevant social justice issues.

Matthews and Gaylord attended a Livingston County Department Heads Meeting that Livingston CARES was invited to by Donohue. As a result of that meeting, Ian Coyle will be a driver for the January Biloxi trip.

Officer Reports: Secretary: Hebel updated the Livingston CARES website which went live yesterday. Hebel has also updated brochures and fliers for Livingston CARES. Lee mentioned that some of the information is outdated as it was copied from the old, outdated website. Hebel asked that board members report any changes, errors, or suggestions to her.

Officer Reports: Finance: None

Update on Home Away from Home Respite Center: Jessie Gyr reported that the Respite Center pilot program ran last spring from February to April and went well so they are looking to expand and will start the program again on October 4th. Gyr uses students to fill volunteer and intern positions and has 29 applications so far. Currently, there are 4 clients for the program that runs Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Interfaith Center. Matthews added that Livingston CARES had previously approved a holding account that will remain to hold the suggested fees that are collected from clients. The Interfaith Center will charge \$200 a semester for the use of facilities which will be covered by client donations. Gyr submitted and received a grant that includes a

stipend for a graduate student or intern. AmeriCorps funding ends in July 2017 so this will help continue the program and will be processed through Livingston CARES.

Discussion on Insurance Coverage: Matthews stated that Livingston CARES pays \$26 per person for insurance on week-long trips. The organization has never had a claim but trip costs continue to raise so we want to evaluate if we should continue to provide insurance. Lehman added that a vast majority of what is covered by insurance is not relevant for our students. Matthews will consult with an attorney and make a decision.

Action Items

Resolution on Fund for Pasta Dinners (Kennison): Kennison reported that there is a particular pasta sauce that comes from a small town in Italy that was recently almost destroyed last week in the earthquake. Kennison traveled through Italy with CAS and now CAS would like to have a spaghetti lunch on the quad to raise funds for hurricane victims. Kennison requests a collection and dispersal account

For last 30 years, have been a lot of pasta dinners for a lot of causes. A particular pasta sauce comes from a small town in Italy that was almost completely destroyed last week in the earthquake. Kennison traveled with CAS Through Italy to bring more Italian cooking and teaching. CAS wants to, a week from tomorrow, do a meal for lunch on the quad to raise money on the quad for hurricane victims. Request a collection and dispersal account for the money. Lee moved and Kallio seconded motion to approve. Approved and carried without dissent.

Resolution on Sustainability Trip to PA (DeZarn): Dan DeZarn and Bob Nilsson are founders of Frack Free Genesee and requested a holding account and assistance planning a service trip to Ditmick, PA to provide relief to the one man in the area who refused assistance so he could continue to speak out against fracking. They hope for Livingston CARES to be a partner for a fall break trip for service as well as photography, art, and filmmaking. The fall break date was picked by Frack Free Genesee who would be sending a large group of volunteers.

The board questioned whether supporting this trip would not be seen as taking a stance on a policy which is not allowed by the college. We would have to be careful how we share the message and recruit. The board was unsure there was a need for Livingston CARES to be involved as there are other means of producing a similar result without the board stepping on the line of any policies or appearing to show a political stance. Donohue moved and Lehman seconded a motion to authorize the President to consult with the Controller of the College and Dan DeZarn on the feasibility of establishing a holding account of funds for this Ditmick, PA trip. Approved and carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Drafted by Samantha Hebel, Secretary

Save these dates

Thursday, November 17: Board Meeting at 4:30pm, MacVittie Union

Thursday, January 27: Board Meeting 4:30pm, MacVittie Union

Thursday, March 02: Board Meeting at 4:30pm, MacVittie Union

Tuesday, March 21: Volunteer and Service Awards Dinner at 6:00pm, Big Tree Inn

Thursday, April 6: Gumbo to Go, 9am-7pm, Central Presbyterian Church

Monday, April 10: Annual Corporation Meeting, 4pm-5pm, Interfaith Center

Monday, April 10: Thank You Dinner, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Interfaith Center

Committee Assignments: Compliance (Ellison, Lehman, Kennison, Morales, Rogalsky); Finance & Audit (Gaylord, Hebel, Lehman, Matthews); Scholarship & Grants (Hebel, Matthews); Nominations (Bailey, Harvey, Kenney, Natoli); Strategic Planning (Bolesky, Campbell, Donohue, Hebel, Kallio, Lee, Matthews, Sauter); Gumbo (Donohue, Fabiny, Sauter); Annual Dinner (Hebel, Paratore); Marketing (Hebel, Blasland, O'Brien); Alumni Relations (Lee, Matthews); Disaster Funds Committee: TBA