

Livingston CARES, Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2011

Approved Minutes

The Board of Directors met at the MacVittie College Union Board Room on September 21, 2011. The following board members were present: Tom Matthews, Kay Fly, Jerry Alonzo, Phil Natoli, Matt Andrews, Matthew Bower, Elizabeth Johnson, Karen Bailey, Lisa Burns, Ken Kallio, Dave Parfitt and Wes Kennison.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes from the 7/27/11 Board meeting were reviewed. Burns moved and Alonzo seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Matthews reported that the March trip fares were higher than anticipated and solicited input on how to proceed. Flying to and from Pensacola seemed to be the most reasonable alternative. Bailey asked about using a bus and Matthews responded that two years ago the bus was over \$16,000. Matthews also expressed concern with liability for a bus trip on the road for four days. Camp SUMA will permit the volunteers to stay over Saturday night if needed because the flight from Pensacola is an early flight. Board members Kallio, Natoli and Alonzo expressed concern that drivers would be getting up very early to drive two hours to Pensacola. Natoli suggested that a motel in Pensacola for one night might be a good alternative.

Financial Report: The Board reviewed the Livingston CARES Financial Summary Report for the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2011. The fund shows a balance of \$13,445.43 in uncommitted funds. Matthews reported that the Gumbo to go dinner is scheduled on Thursday, November 3rd and should produce \$1500-\$2500.

Projects: Matthews reported that donations are still coming in for the **El Sauce** project. Kennison indicated that there are two El Sauce projects, an Economic Development Project and a school project. Matthews said that we have only received one check for \$75.00 for the **Flood Relief Fund** but monies are still coming in for the **Ghana Project**. He also indicated that we have \$298 in the **Tornado Relief Fund**. The contributions for the **Japan Relief Fund** need to be forwarded to Japan. We should take that action at our next meeting.

Discussion: Matthews said that the Student Association has approved \$2100 for financial assistance to students on the 2012 work trips. Board members made several suggestions on how to resolve the increased cost of the March trip and how much CARES should subsidize the trip. After much debate, Alonzo moved and Natoli seconded a motion to cap the increase at \$60 (with \$585.00 as the maximum charge per person) for the March trip.

Flood Appeal: Matthews stated that one trip to the Owego/Binghamton areas has already occurred and students are eager to plan additional day trips to help with flood relief. Matthews suggested that we need to proceed cautiously because we have limited human and financial resources to organize and fund flood relief trips. Board members expressed interest in helping wherever possible since the disaster area is very close to home. Matthews and Fly will assist groups who want to volunteer for flood relief work. Alonzo moved and Bailey seconded a motion to establish a flood relief account. The motion passed. Alonzo suggested that we should consider training students as work supervisors for future work sites.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Draft minutes submitted by Kay Fly, secretary.

Next Meeting November 16, 2011 from 3:30pm-4:30p in the MacVittie Union Boardroom 351 on the third floor