

Minutes
FSPC Annual Meeting
5/31/2014 10:00

Present – In person Marshall Knudson (Director Region 3), Judy Broward (Member) Phone Call in – Directors Marlene Jehs (5), Betsey Westuba (6), Rene Favreau (9), Rene Barrette (10), Rita Tybov for Diana Flores (11) Phone in – Members – Lisa Zeller Vice Chair, Steve Roggenbaum, Doris Carroll

Libby Donaghue (7) emailed her vote for Directors and Officers

Vacant Regions – 2 Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla and Washington, 4 Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau & St Johns, 13 Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion & Sumter, 15 Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee & St Lucie
We have a quorum

Missing Directors – Raela Villanueva (1), Vicki Snyder Clark (8), Lisa Grubbs (12), Kirk Fasshauer 14

Meeting brought to order by Marlene Jehs

- New Board Members election

Region 4 – Lisa Zeller

Region 5 – Betsey Westuba (replaces Marlene Jehs who has resigned)

Region 13 – Judy Broward

Region 15 – Doris Carrol

Doris Carrol made motion to accept new director slate, Marshall Knudson seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. Rene Barrett seconded motion.

- Officer election

Chair Betsey Westuba

Vice Chair - Lisa Zeller

Vice Chair - Judy Broward

Treasure - Rene' Favreau

Secretary - Laura Meyer

Judy Broward made motion to approve officer slate, Unanimous vote to approve.
Rene Barrett seconded motion

Betsey Westuba took over the meeting from this point

- Treasurer Report (reimbursement request)

Rene Favreau submitted Treasurer report by email 5/31/2014 at 8:30am. There is \$5,329.08 in cash with a reserve for Region 8 of \$696.08 leaving \$4,662.97 available for general use.

Marlene Jehs submitted a request for reimbursement of expenses for the Day at the Capital for \$1,131.72. This was made up of printing and office supplies of \$165.38, table rental of \$378.04, rental car \$263.07, hotel \$70.77, gas \$123.57, meals \$96.29. There was discussion about this as there has not been travel reimbursements in the past. Marlene made this trip under the assumption that she would be reimbursed. There were very few attendees at the DAC and she felt compelled to be there. Section 6 of the bylaws state “The board of directors have authority to provide for expense reimbursement of the directors, as directors and as officer.” Judy made motion to reimburse Marlene \$1,131.72 . Unanimous vote

Discussion to change the bylaws to require preauthorization for any expenditure greater than \$50. There was a lot of discussion about planning and setting a budget for events like Day at the Capital. There was also discussion of having a form to complete and a manual. Doris offered to send us the manual that her organization uses. She said this is required in case we ever got federal funds. The Final language was as follows:

The board of directors have authority to provide for expense reimbursement of the directors, as directors and as officer. Prior written approval is required for any expenditure over \$50 per event. Prior written approval required for any travel expense.” Unanimous vote

- Website resources (211, NAMI)

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The FSPC website maintained by Terry Smith is a great resource. Betsey suggested that all directors review their region on the website to make that numbers and links are still accurate. Further, to add local resources like 211 or other crisis centers if not listed on the site. Betsey will collect this information and then send to Terry to update the site.

- Region

We need to try to have active directors in each region. If a director wants to resign, he or she should try to find a replacement. There was discussion about putting in bylaws, but decided to only recommend this.

- Regional committees

It is hard for people to travel to FSFC meetings. Regional meetings would be helpful to build relationships and recruit new members.

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Steve talked about FSFC must show a reason to join. What is the benefit. Things like newsletters, making ourselves visible at events. providing resources would help attract people. Other suggestions were having a training event at DAC, support group leadership training, having a voice with research developers. Steve and Rita volunteered to share resources to have a list of suggestions. Doris suggested attendance at FADA/Committee on Mental Health conference August 6 – 8 in Orlando.

- Mid year meeting

People thought this was a good idea. Suggestion on trying to offer training at an existing meeting to bring more people

- Day at the Capital

Judy has reserved March 19 for DAC. Council meeting will be March 18 as well as Evening of Remembrance put on by Big Bend Hospice. We need to start thinking about speaker that would attract people to the press conference.

- New Business

No new business. Meeting adjourned

Minutes taken by Judy Broward.

Submitted 5/31/2014