

February 12, 2013
Early Learning Partnership
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Tom Faulkenberry, Kimberly Faust, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Suzanne Harnois, Heather Honeycutt, David Lisk, Kimberly McIntire, Julie Neeley, Susan Martoccia, Jody Rankin, Jane Turpin, Tracy Vann, Jim Vining
Staff: Ellen Crouch, Teresa Creech, Shannon League
Guest: Justin Karas and Mr. Karas, Justin's father, Peggy Medlin, Ann Bogan

John Gettys called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. He introduced Justin Kara, owner of Newk's Restaurant. Sylvia Echols introduced a new board member, Heather Honeycutt. She works in Fort Mill at the Springs Foundation.

Ellen Crouch gave her report on Fort Mill Resource Center. It has been busy lately, especially with the Clothing Closet. People have been coming in trying to find housing. The Resource Center served 67 children last month. Ann Bogan thanked Peggy Medlin for her years of service. Peggy is retiring.

John went over insurance coverage. Motion was moved and passed to accept the coverage plan. Suzanne Harnois made a motion to officially elect the ELP positions of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer (and change the titles in the By-Laws). Motion was passed.

First Steps Report- David Lisk talked about the Legislature activity. Senator Gregory and Hayes have sponsored First Steps. There were lots of interest and questions about early intervention. The Count Down to Kindergarten is trying to get with Back to School events and make one event in early August. First Steps is preparing to have Board elections in early July. David mentioned if anyone is interested in a Board position to let him. David is trying to meet with each school superintendent and get all of them on board to advance the early intervention.

Treasure Report-Suzanne Harnois went over financial pages and audit page. Last year, ELP increased fundraising effectiveness. Suzanne made a motion to approve tax return. Motion passed and John Gettys signed it.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$ 60,307.14
Total YTD Revenue	162,927.15
Total YTD Expenses	190,952.44
Net Income	\$(28,025.29)

Program Report-

Medical Clinics-Shannon League went over Medical Clinic numbers for January. Shannon and Teresa went to a Free Medical Clinic certification class in Darlington on February 1st. They will be working on the certification this year.

They had a meeting with Amy Bryson, the head of pharmacy at Piedmont Medical Center. The Medical Clinic staff is putting together a drug formulary to give to Amy and she will present that for review. We are hoping to do all of our clinic prescriptions through Piedmont. Shannon and Teresa are hoping to meet with Wayne, head of Labs at Piedmont, about getting the lab work of our patients done through Piedmont, as well.

Born To Read- Shannon brought the new bag, along with the contents, to show the Board.

Reach Out and Read- Teresa and Shannon met with Emily Bartels, the Regional ROAR Coordinator, about the future of our ROAR program. Shannon took Emily to each site and talked with the site coordinators about ELP's goals, certification process and training. Shannon will be attending the annual ROAR Summit in Charlotte on May 17th. Shannon is currently working on the ROAR bi-annual reports that are due on March 1st.

DPIL- Numbers are lower (about 3,200). Received checks for DPIL from Founder's and YC Library. (staff collection)

Executive Director Report- Teresa Creech went over the "card" basket. We will have a basket with different cards (thank you, get well, etc) for Board members to send to people in the community that have supported ELP. Teresa and Julie Neeley have been working on the Wells Fargo ROAR grant. Asking for \$50,000 due 2/28. ELP is asking for an additional grant request to JWL for ROAR. This would be for 2014. Teresa is currently working on the United Way grant for DPIL. ELP is lucky to have the support of the school districts. Teresa is trying to find out how United Way finds measurement data. Teresa met with Scott Huffman, from Winthrop, to add a research base for ELP and ROAR. Tracy Vann reminded the Board that JWL will be having a gala on March 16th. Tickets are \$50.00 and it's black tie optional. ELP will be on the JWL's slide show at the gala. ELP was founded because of the JWL.

Teresa has been working on evaluation reports for the Duke Endowment-Free Medical Clinics. Sylvia, Sue Gover and Teresa met with Carowinds President, Jerry Helms. Carowinds is looking at different ways to help ELP. Teresa mentioned that Jay Moore, who is with the May Day Project in Clover, wants to help ELP. Shannon is getting together a past donors list to do a mailing for "Sylvia's Book Club." March is Literacy Awareness Month and the fundraising letters will go out sometime in March. The final rounds of the Sisters of Mercy grant have been worked on. Lori Mitchell has been working from home, due to surgery. Her salary will be granted by Sisters of Mercy. Teresa is starting to working on the budget. We have been waiting to hear from the Duke Endowment Grant. Teresa is turning in the CMC Grant this week. She thanked Kimberly Faust for her connection with Winthrop to get ELP new computers for the office.

Sylvia Echols announced that there will be a breakfast for "Is It Good for the Children?" on March 21st at 7:30 am at the Cotton Factory. The topic will be on children's mental health. Jim Vining mentioned a video called "The Forgotten SC" and wanted Board members to watch it.

Next meeting- March 12, 2013 at the Rock Hill Resource Center.