

Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Early Learning Partnership
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Julie Case, Stephen Cox, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Tom Faulkenberry, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Suzanne Harnois, David Lisk, Jean Marshall, Susan Martoccia, Julie Neeley, Marc Sosne, Jane Turpin, Jim Vining
Staff: Nina Feemster, Teresa Creech, Donna Wooldridge, Shannon League

Jim Vining introduced Shannon League to the Board. She has taken Karen Hill's position at ELP. Jim presented Board member, Jean Marshall, for her service to the board. She has stepped down from the ELP Board.

Julie Case and Dan Holloway will be leaving the Board. Julie is waiting to step down in May. Nominating committee needs to get together or members need to send in names of any potential new members. Julie requested that current Board members step up and help with the Bowl-A-Thon. We need someone to watch Julie this year and be able to lead ELP next year as host for the annual Bowl-A-Thon.

Community Awareness- Campaign is going well. Next Community Breakfast will be held at the Family Resource Center in Fort Mill on March 20th from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. May 8th is the date for the Clover Community Breakfast, which will be sponsored by Duke Energy. Julie needs a current board member to take over this position when she leaves. Next year there will only be 2 breakfasts. We hope to have one for eastern and one for western York County.

Donna Wooldridge updated the board on her health and thanked everyone for their continued support.

Nina Feemster gave Clover's report. They had 231 visitors in January. They hosted a 6 hour parenting class with York Resource Center. The parents were referred by DSS. It was held on January 25, 26, and 27th. They also helped with several grants. An adult education and parenting grant for \$10,000 was accepted. Daphne Carter has been teaching an Etiquette and Manners class with children. Clover has picked up 3 adults for parenting class from the Adult Education building next door.

Education Report- Sylvia Echols highlighted the serious problem with childhood obesity. Our mission is to have healthy school children. Rock Hill school district has 450 children (8 school buses) who are 95% obese. 41% of students are 85% obese. Head Start also has very high numbers. The nurse Practitioner tries to educate on nutrition and diabetes. Eat Smart/Move More program with the Resource Center is helping. They do a lot of physical activities in this program.

First Steps Report- David Lisk reported that "Count down to Kindergarten," which is held in August, will be held inside this year. They have done a picnic outside in the

past, but will be moving it indoors, due to the heat. The “Count down to Kindergarten” and the First Steps Annual meeting will be combined. There will be entertainment and are hoping to get outside sponsors to help with the costs. They are working with ABC Vouchers and Family Resource Centers to target teenage mothers. Out of 100% available for childcare vouchers, 20% can be served, due to budget reductions. 260 teenage mothers need to stay in school, but are trying to find money to support it. ABC Vouchers are helping with data to get money. It costs \$150,000 to \$200,000 for 15 to 20 mothers per district, just for childcare. They are sending letters to each Superintendent to try and help coordinate schools with the teenage mothers and also try to find large grants.

The Resource Centers, First Steps and ELP, developed a joint request from the Junior Welfare League for childcare vouchers for pregnant teens, educational services for preschool children emphasizing literacy and music and funding for the medical clinic nurse. They have talked with the United Way about a future joint request.

Treasurer Report- Suzanne Harnois went over the report. She mentioned that we were past due for SC Free Clinic Association dues, so she paid last year’s dues, along with this year’s.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$126,432.94
Total YTD Revenue	241,185.15
Total YTD Expenses	274,879.22
Net Income	\$(33,694.07)

Bowl-A-Thon- All Board members got a Bowl-A-Thon packet. They are expected to try and get two sponsors and two silent auction items. Next meeting about the Bowl-A-Thon is February 27th at 12:30, with all of the Parenting Resource Coordinators. ELP received a check from the Clover Rotary for DPIL. This has become an annual event.

Medical Clinics/Resource Centers- Teresa reported numbers for the medical clinics for the month of January.

Medical Clinic Numbers

Clover- 35
Fort Mill- 33
Rock Hill- 57
York- 57

The nurse practitioner is making a large impact. Last year there were 717 visits and this year there has been 1,055 visits. Teresa bought all of the doctors and staff at the medical clinics Valentine’s cards and Periwinkle’s gift cards to show appreciation for their hard work.

Donna went over the Grant and Funding sheet. The York Electric grant is due on March 1st. She suggested that the Board request money from York Electric to put towards DPIL. There was a motion made to do so and it was moved, seconded, and accepted. Fred Faircloth added five more years of a total of \$15,000 towards DPIL. The audit has been done and David will come to the March meeting to discuss details. Donna announced that Lisa Spangler's mother died and a sympathy card was sent to her on behalf of the board. ELP has a big ad in the Parenting magazine this month. She will have copies for the Board members next month. ELP will be moving again. On Wednesday, February 15th, we will be moving to the offices upstairs in the same building.

The next ELP Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at the Fort Mill Resource Center.