

January 10, 2012
Early Learning Partnership
Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Julie Case, Sylvia Echols, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Suzanne Harnois, Susan Lee, David Lisk, Julie Neeley, Susan Martoccia, Jane Turpin, Jim Vining.

Staff/Guests: Donna Wooldridge, Teresa Creech, Penny Sanders, Karen Hill

Jim welcomed everyone and thanked Penny for hosting and providing breakfast. He welcomed Julie Neeley, new board member who is replacing Jean Marshall.

Penny said they went through district accreditation in November. They processed about 200 applications for Toys for Happiness. Today there is a story time and literacy activity. Catawba Care Coalition meets tomorrow. January 19 is Reading Night. January 25th is parenting classes, and they are working with Clover on these.

Sylvia summarized an article included in the board packet that has a speech made by Diane Ravitch, who supported No Child Left Behind during the Bush administration. She has since changed her mind because of the dismal results. She affirms what ELP does, such as the clinics and stressing early childhood education.

David – First Steps. He is working on a joint grant with the four resource centers and ELP to submit to the Junior Welfare League. The components of the request are the teen mother vouchers, medical services, and parenting services.

First Steps is planning a meeting on January 25 with DSS and ABC to coordinate vouchers. He is planning to have a joint event in August, combining Countdown to Kindergarten and the annual meeting.

Suzanne went over the financial reports.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$173,467.26
Total YTD Revenue	213,535.42
Total YTD Expenses	203,245.81
Net Income	\$10,289.61

Julie Case-Fundraising Committee. The Fort Mill Community Breakfast will be in February, and the Clover Breakfast will be in April. The Bowl-A-Thon is May 19.

Teresa Creech-Resource Centers and Medical Clinics. She reported that from August through December 2011, the medical clinics saw 913 children. In the same time period in 2010, they saw 598. Lori, the nurse practitioner, has made a lot of this possible along with the efforts to publicize the clinics. Teresa showed the board free medical supplies that she got from Dr. Oehme. If our clinics can't use them, we share with Good Samaritan Clinic in Chester.

There will be a meeting on January 23 with Julie and the Parenting Coordinators to plan for the Bowl-a-Thon. Four JWL members will be helping as part of their community service requirement.

Medical Clinic Numbers

Fort Mill	25
Clover	40
Rock Hill	50
York	<u>17</u>
Total	132

Donna Wooldridge-Executive Director. Dolly Parton Imagination Library is presently serving 3,360 children.

We have received money from grant request:

Sisters of Mercy	\$62,000
BiLo	2,500
George T. Lewis	25,000
Sweet Repeat	500
Rock Hill Coca Cola	15,000

We also received \$10,000 from the four school districts for Dolly Parton Imagination Library and \$8,000 from First Steps. The King Benjamin Foundation donated \$10,000. The fundraising letter raised about \$11,000.

Donna asked for permission from the Board to apply to Caremark (CVS) for \$5,000. A motion to grant permission was made and seconded, and it was passed.

Donna asked for permission from the Board to pay Jodi Harris \$56,890, which is half of what we owe her for the year. This comes from the Duke Endowment money, which is \$100,000. At this point, we are \$8,000 short to pay the total amount. Jodi has said that if at the end of the year we still do not have the \$8,000, she will waive it. A motion was made to pay the \$56,890, seconded, and passed.

Blue Cross Blue Shield has awarded the South Carolina Free Clinic Association (SCFCA) \$1.75 million. In February, each free clinic will get \$15,000-\$20,000. Other grants will follow for specific needs.

Donna thanked everyone for all the flowers, cards, gift card and thoughts during her recent illness. She announced that Karen Hill will be leaving ELP to work at a full time job. She asked people to tell her if they can think of a person to do the Early Literacy Coordinator job.

The next ELP Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 14 at the Clover Resource Center at 8am.