

Tuesday, May 15, 2012
Early Learning Partnership
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Cheri Barton, Julie Case, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Tom Faulkenberry, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Suzanne Harnois, David Lisk, Susan Martoccia, Julie Neeley, Marc Sosne, Jane Turpin, Jim Vining
Staff: Penny Sanders, Teresa Creech, Shannon League
Guest: Vernon Prosser

Jim welcomed everyone at 8:05 am. He talked about the board retreat and how successful he thought it was. Stephen is going to type up notes from the retreat and send them out. Jim also mentioned that Donna is on paid leave of absence until July 1st.

Penny Sanders- York Resource Center- working on an adult education literacy grant. It's targeting 15 families. They need 5 more families to attend. Next Tuesday is the Resource Center's end of the year party. Dow pre-screening for kindergarten will occur on May 24, 25 and 29.

Sylvia Echols gave the nominating report since John Gettys was absent. Sylvia reported that we will be getting four new board members. Jody Rankin- ESL teacher from Rock Hill, Dr. Epps- Fort Mill School District Superintendent, Jill Burlison-VP at Wells Fargo, and Chelsea Beauchamp- young mother whose family has supported ELP. A motion was approved to nominate these people as new board members. The list of new ELP executive officers include John Gettys- President, Tom Faulkenberry- Vice President, Suzanne Harnois- Treasure, and Sue Gover- Secretary. Motion approved.

First Steps- David Lisk- Still working on scholarships toward students who have had babies that are trying to stay in school. David is trying to get everyone involved.(counselors, nurses, etc) There are 8 teenagers in the program now. First Steps is in the process of securing teachers and are expecting 20 children from each district and Fort Mill adding 22 extra kids. There will be over 100 kids in the county in the summer. August 4th is the Count Down for Kindergarten. It will be held at St. John's UMC, which is \$50 cheaper than Manchester Park, where it was previously.

There is secured office space for Baby Net. Dr. Sosne found space in Bright Beginnings. They are trying to integrate with First Steps' philosophy. They will be out of the office a lot and into each region at the Resource Centers. Baby Net needs to talk with medical clinics about trying to coordinate days. Funding for the 2013 fiscal year is stable. David is now a full time employee with First Steps.

Treasurer Report- Suzanne Harnois went over balance sheet and copy of financials. She said that ELP is running into a situation of running out of money. John Gettys is setting up appointments with future corporate sponsors. Suzanne said that within the current month, only \$125 came in, not including BAT money.

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| Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital | \$ 74,189.76 |
| Total YTD Revenue | 255,497.52 |
| Total YTD Expenses | 345,434.77 |
| Net Income | \$(89,937.25) |

There will be an Executive and Finance Committee meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Community Awareness- Julie Case- She feels like the community breakfasts are successful. Thanks to Mr. Frost for taping the breakfast for us at Clover. She talked about asking corporate sponsors for money. She wants the Board to send suggestions on how to ask corporations for "sit downs."

Bowl-a-thon- We have \$36,000 + as of right now. A fundraising idea for schools is to collect spare change in the school's carpool pick up line. York is in the lead for most money raised, then Clover. Rock Hill is lacking support this year. It may be due to the date of the BAT. Rock Hill schools have then Friday of that weekend off from school. We may need to look into changing the date of the BAT for next year, since May is a busy month for the schools. There is a new bowling alley in Lake Wylie that we may be contacting about helping. Another suggestion was to see about getting middle schools and high schools involved. Next year, we want more celebrity bowlers. We have 66 items for the silent auction and more were turned in today at the meeting. Jim will be going on WHRI to talk about the BAT on the Monday after. A news release will be going out on May 21st. Julie asked the Board for permission to buy a half page ad in The Herald to thank sponsors, instead of mailing out a newsletter. A copy of the ad, with a thank you note, will be mailed to each sponsor. Julie asked Dr. Sosne to make the welcome remarks at the BAT. She also reminded everyone to wear ELP colors.

Medical Clinics and Resource Center's Report- Teresa Creech went over Clinic numbers. The total for this year to date is 1523. There has been great participation from the doctors and each doctor has agreed to come back next year. Family Dental is planning to help ELP, also.

Clover- 17 Fort Mill- 23
York- 23 Rock Hill- 34

Born to Read- Resource Directors are working the summer to cover June. Cindy and Ouida are attending a meeting for the System of Care Planning Grant, which is through Keystone. It is a grant to bring prenatal care into the Resource Centers.

Coordinator's luncheon is on June 5th at the Rock Hill Resource Center. We will be doing a scrapbook for Donna. Teresa asked permission from the Board to use the ELP credit card to pay for lunch.

Shannon League mentioned the DPIL numbers for April- 3,402. She will be getting with Julie Neeley about working on a calendar with grant due dates on it.

Jim talked about ELP offices moving. Sylvia and Martha met about health issues and are trying to find a way for ELP to be an umbrella agency with the Rock Hill district. Stephen and Wes Hayes are speaking at the Director's Forum for Child Development Centers. It is to be held on June 13th at Freedom Temple and will be about child development regulations.

Next meeting will be in Clover on Tuesday, August 14th.

