

Tuesday, October 9, 2012  
Early Learning Partnership  
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Cheri Barton, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Dr. Chuck Epps, Tom Faulkenberry, Dr. Kimberly Faust, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Suzanne Harnois, David Lisk, Kimberly McIntire, Julie Neeley, Susan Martoccia, Jody Rankin, Jane Turpin, Tracy Vann, Jim Vining  
Staff: Teresa Creech, Shannon League, Cindy Hunt

John Gettys called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Sylvia Echols talked about the importance of Pre-K to get kids prepared for Kindergarten.

Cindy Hunt went over Rock Hill Resource numbers. Retraining was recently done with the help of First Steps. Sisters of Mercy okayed the hiring of a new worker for the Resource Center. The Resource Center's had worked on a grant to Keystone (Systems of Care Grant), where all four Resource Centers would be a hub for their resources. The Rock Hill Resource Center will be taking Toys for Happiness application. They recently received some iPads through other sources.

Suzanne Harnois went over the financial statements.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$ 27,364.43
Total YTD Revenue	55,811.60
Total YTD Expenses	116,089.81
Net Income	\$( 60,278.21)

First Steps- David Lisk reported that he had a great meeting with Ft. Mill staff about teenager parent's vouchers, plus parenting classes, etc. First Steps is getting ready for pre-authorization for next year. David is helping with preventions. Electronic testimony is wanted by parents and administrators/educators about the program and what they want done with the First Steps program.

John Gettys talked about the status of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. October book delivery was suspended. ELP has now paid through November. Each Superintendent has agreed to give a month's worth of books (\$7,000) for DPIL.

Teresa Creech- The Benefit Bank is taking applications in Rock Hill, Clover and York. Fort Mill is trying to get trained. They are trying to help get clients in and see if they qualify for Medicaid. If so, they can get them into a medical office that takes Medicaid.

Teresa talked about Sylvia's dinner on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Each member is being asked to buy a nametag that Shannon is ordering, for \$10. Teresa is meeting with the Parenting Coordinators to talk about the Resource Centers and Medical Clinics. Kim McIntire has scheduled a Grapevine Fundraising event for May 8<sup>th</sup>. The DPIL fundraising letter went out to all who receive books.

\$1,700 was spent on expenses to Excalibur. Teresa has been working on several grant applications. George T. Lewis is one. Another is to Piedmont Medical Center, asking for \$20,000 for the Medical Clinics. She is asking Fort Mill Rotary for \$7,000 and The Springs Close Foundation for \$35,000, which we will hear after Thanksgiving. Wells Fargo will be needing a site visit. Teresa has talked to Mr. Crump, with Krispy Kreme, about doing a race with community partners (Winthrop, JWL). Duke Endowment and Sisters of Mercy grants will come up in December. Teresa registered in the Charlotte Observer to be on the annual donation list. Sue Gover mentioned that Jerry Helms (Carowinds) would like to meet with Sylvia for promotional needs. Teresa went over Medical Clinic numbers- Year-to-Date Total-264. Lori will be attending the Annual Medical Conference. Teresa is taking the medical staff out to lunch for birthdays. She reminded the Board that Sylvia's dinner will be the December Board meeting and that we need two additional Board members, one from Clover and one from Fort Mill.

John Gettys reported that he is trying to get sponsors for Sylvia's dinner. He would like to have them set by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tracy Vann reminded the Board about Teresa coming to speak at the next JWL meeting, the Wobble Race and JWL's Chick-fil-A night.

Shannon League talked about ROR. We are waiting for a big shipment from Scholastic to be delivered.

Chuck Epps mentioned a referendum that Fort Mill is having.

Sylvia Echols said that Founder's and United Way are also giving a month's worth of DPIL books.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the York Resource Center.