

April 20, 2016
The Early Learning Partnership of York County
Fort Mill LEAP

Members present: Sherri Ciurlik, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Ellen Green, David Lisk, Kimberly McIntire, Karen Otteni, Elizabeth Owen, Jody Rankin, Chip Smith, Jim Vining, Jane Culp, Teresa Creech and Shannon League

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Financial Report-

Total YTD Revenue	\$ 118,893.22
Total YTD Expenses	\$ 126,415.72
Net Income	\$ (7,522.50)

First Steps Report- David Lisk

1. Nurse Family Partnership
 - a. Interviewing Nurses and Supervisors now. Looking to have them hired in the coming weeks.
 - b. Training will be done as soon as feasible and then the formation of the Community Advisory Board.
 - c. Reconnecting with community partners to establish the referral network will begin with the hiring of the Nurse Supervisor.
2. Early Childhood Conference
 - a. Kimberly P. Johnson was our Keynote Speaker this year at our Conference on March 19.
 - b. We had approximately 165 attendees to the conference this year.
 - c. Survey results are very positive regarding the Conference as a whole as well as the presenters.
 - d. We'll begin planning our 2017 Conference in the coming months.
3. Countdown to Kindergarten
 - a. Making preparations for CTK this summer with all four School Districts.
 - b. We plan to serve approximately 150 children and their families this summer.
 - c. We plan to co-host the CTK Celebration in downtown Rock Hill on Thursday August 4, 2017, a dinner for our families from 4-5 and then a County wide Celebration from 5-7 for all rising Kindergarten children.

Parenting Partnerships Report- Jane Culp

The LEAP Family Education Program has had a busy Spring Semester. In addition to our **home visits**, we have had nine **Parent-Child Activities groups** including the following themes: January- Pajama Party, February- Dinosaurs, and March - Froggy Friends. Each of the nine sessions had an average of 20 children who along with their parents participated in music, literacy, art, math, and motor activities.

In February LEAP sponsored 4 **Parent Discussion Groups**, two at Riverview Elementary and two at Fort Mill Elementary. The topic was "Ways to show your child love". We explored ways to invest in your child without spending much money. Each session was followed by a Valentines celebration with the 4K students. Over 100 parents and grandparents participated in the discussion groups.

We graduated our first class of parents in the **Parenting Partners course**. This course included parents with students at Riverview Elementary. We used the *Practical Tools for Positive Parenting* curriculum and met monthly during this school year. The parents from this group will lead their own parent groups through the same course in the fall.

The LEAP program organized and helped conduct the **4 year old screening** for the Fort Mill School District on April 14 and 15. 114 children attended the event and were screened in motor, concepts, and language development. Hearing and speech was also evaluated. The Lions Club provided a vision screening for each

child. Every parent participated in a conference with a certified early childhood teacher to review results of the screening. The parents were also given suggestions for activities to do with their child and a book to keep.

Executive Director's Report- Teresa Creech

- Budget Work for 2016-17: Review at April meeting, vote on Final Budget at May meeting.

Good Stuff That's Happening at ELP:

- Little Free Library #3 by the Rock Hill Rotary – will be placed at the Museum of York County at their Earth Day celebration, April 30th.
- Little Free Library #4 by the Rock Hill Rotary – will be placed at the Kenneth Monroe AME Transformation Center on Saluda Street-RH. Date: TBD
- Met with the Community reps from Carolinas Healthcare System to build support for ROAR.
- Met with Jay Reagan, South State Bank.
- First Presbyterian and St. John's United Methodist women are cutting fleece blankets with our donated fleece from Springs Creative. Several individual students are also assisting. All should be available by August.
- New Board Members for August: Carol Lovelace – York, Alice Williams Davis – Rock Hill, Laura Mahoney – Winthrop University.
- Current Board Members: who would like to serve on Exec? Secretary and Vice-President positions.

Grants/Evaluations:

- Springs Close Foundation grant submitted for ROAR. Site visit was on March 24th. Decision to be made early May. \$24,000
- JWL grant submitted for ROAR. Notification in May. \$4,400
- United Way grant submitted for ROAR.. Site visit was on March 23rd. Finance meeting on April 13th. Notification in May. \$25,000
- Compiling a list of Grant opportunities and timeframes for throughout the year. If you see any opportunities, please contact Teresa.

KKRace-Run4Reading:

- Final proceeds from the Race: \$19,774.74
- March 4th, 2017 is the date for the KKRace-Run 4 Reading! The contract has been signed with the Race Company. The City of RH has been notified.
- Shutterfly has agreed to provide posters again next year. Need to work on any changes or new design.

Items to Discuss and Get on Calendar:

- Strategic Planning-Committees: 1-Programming Assessment, 2-Public Relations, 3-Partnerships, 4-Fundraising, 5-Organizational Efficiencies
- 1-Programming Assessment: what's working, should we delete or add? Funding?
- 2-Public Relations: Met with a creative design group from Columbia, Big Eyed Bird, to discuss a new website, branding, logo, etc. Social Media –Marketing , new website, logo work, branding, storytelling, etc.
- 3-Partnerships: New ideas- ROAR in the ED, add ROAR Pediatric sites, laundromats, barbers, police departments, Palmetto Pregnancy etc. Rename DPIL? Opinions? Books in the NICU(Wee Read at PMC) - Kara Tipp at Piedmont
- 4-Fundraising: KK Race, March 4th, 2017
- 5-Organizational Efficiencies: HR Policies-Salary Study/Job Descriptions/Performance Reviews (6 months)-Work done by Exec Committee.
- Board Member Orientation Packet: list requirements for member signature, review with everyone every August
- Endowment set up – FFTC? \$10,000 requirement.
- Make an In-Kind list of donations for 990 work.
- Bloomerang donor software system
- DPIL-BOS(Book Ordering System)

Teresa and Shannon stepped out of the room so Board could discuss salary changes.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 18 at 8:30 am- ParentSmart Rock Hill Resource Center