

CASA CHILD ADVOCATES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING MARCH 19, 2015

Present: Cathy Douglas, Sabina Rahman-Garcia, Bob Evans, Daniel Vertrees, Jim Funke, Scott Creasman, Steven Earl, Cheryl Sellers, Robyn West, Judy Larson, Pat Cahill Not Present: James Huntsman, Sharon Geib

Others Present: Ann McAlpin, Ryan Bearden (Seefeld Lawson Moeller LLP), and Cliff Hazel

- 1) Opening – 4:30 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Board Minutes for January 15, 2015- passed.
- 3) Executive Directors Report:
  - a. State of technology discussed.
  - b. Events (Gala past and planning for next)
  - c. Joint grant operations (CYO) meaning supporting the grant writing for the joint project with Angel Reach, Montgomery County Youth Services, and the Woodforest Charitable Foundation. This will require a waiver from Texas CASA.
    - i. RESOLVED: CASA will support the grant writing from the CYO upon waiver approval by Texas CASA and so long as the same does not incur legal liability.
- 4) FINANCE COMMITTEE:
  - a. Audit distributed and presented by Ryan Bearden. RESOLVED that the audit was accepted and approved.
  - b. Cliff reported on the success of the crowdsourcing request and covered potential for improving bidding at the next gala.
  - c. Discussed investment of long-term savings of CASA. RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, may move such amounts of money as are needed to preserve FDIC protection on deposits from Post Oak Bank which accrue from the maturity of a CD.
- 5) Best boards summaries from Rice Universities by Cathy Douglas and Jim Funke. One suggestion for us to consider is the possibility of changing board terms to 1 year / 2 years / 3 years.
- 6) Capital Day summary.
- 7) Strategy session: how do we best advance the mission of CASA? Discussed donor “thank you” cards/calls, use of and growth of Advisory Counsel, projects like the CYO project.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.
- 9) Executive session opened. Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.