



CASA Board Meeting

July 16, 2015

Meeting called to order at 4:05

Voting Members Present:
Cathy Douglas, Sharon Geib,
Dan Vertrees, Jim Funke,
Sabina Rahman-Garcia, Judy
Olson, Scott Creasman
(phone)

Not Present: Robyn West,
Bob Evans, Steven Earl,
James Huntsman

Others Present: Ann
McAlpin, Cliff Hazel, Mandy
Stegint, Donna Pershall, Joni
Barker

- 1) Opening-Jim Funke
 - a. Child Story by Donna Pershall
- 2) Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Approval of Board minutes for March 19, 2015 and May 21, 2015
 - i. Motions made and passed to approve the March minutes.
 - ii. Motion made and passed to approve the May minutes.
 - b. Executive Director's Report
 - i. CASA is now covering 100% of the children in foster care in Montgomery County. Multiple news articles regarding this, and the Judge has stopped court several times to congratulate CASA on this achievement. Much work to be done to continue recruiting Advocates for cases coming in!
 - ii. YTD 40 advocates have been sworn in. We will begin focusing on lowering the caseloads for advocates that carry many cases, and continue to focus on increasing the quality of our advocacy.
 - iii. Event: Real Men of Montgomery County is upcoming and CASA is the beneficiary of the event.
 - iv. The Board Source Conference is going to be held In November 2015 in New Orleans.
 - v. A GALA consultant was hired to review past GALAs. The report should be back within the month.

- c. Committee Reports (Development, Governance, Legislative, Finance)
 - i. Development
 - 1. There is a need to recruit more members for this committee. Judy will remain on this committee, per the By-Laws.
 - 2. Cliff provided handouts
 - a. List of Gala people who have not responded
 - b. List for Board Thank You calls
 - ii. Governance
 - 1. Strategy and Succession plans were discussed
 - 2. Discussed recruiting individuals for the Board
 - 3. A motion was made and passed to invite James Pung to join the Board.
 - 4. A motion was made and passed to change the terms for Board members to an initial one year term, followed by a two year term, and then followed by a year term. Steven is working to change this in the by-laws.
 - iii. Legislative
 - 1. Many bills were passed affecting CASA. A handout with a news article was provided.
 - iv. Finance
 - 1. The investment policy is being reworked to allow for a percent of our funds to be in slightly more high-yielding vehicles.
 - 2. The Budgeting process for the next fiscal year is about to start.
 - 3. The deficit is narrowing.
 - 4. Rent will be prepaid for one year.
- 3) Action and Discussion Items
 - a. Joni Barker-2015 Gala Sponsorships
 - i. Sponsor packets and auction packets have been mailed out. The Kick-Off Party is next Thursday. The Auction Committee is about to blanket The Woodlands. They are looking at different mobile bidding company that would have I-Pads in front of the auction items. They are still looking for a presenting sponsor.
 - b. Development Committee members
 - c. Accept James resignation, vote for new board members—hold until the next meeting
 - d. Accept Succession Plan-this topic was moved to the executive session.
- 4) Strategy Topic: Strategic Plan
 - a. Discussed tactics as well as goals
 - b. Legislative and Board commitment sessions to be reworked
 - c. Move approval to September meeting or the next meeting after September
- 5) How did we advance our mission today?
 - a. Advanced the Strategic Plan
 - b. Added a quality Board member
 - c. A new Development Committee Chair is in place
 - d. Donna's story was moving and high impact for us all
- 6) Executive Session
 - a. The Succession plan was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00