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Board of Directors' Meeting March 21, 2012

Present: Bryn Fisher, Dan Regan, Sandy Paquette, Ronna Ziegel, Bryce Breton, John Duffy, Jeff Hunsberger
Staff: Scott Johnson, Becky Gonyea
Guest: Maegan May (LFC Intern)

1. Approve Minutes

Ronna motioned to approve the minutes from February 22, 2012. Sandy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Edward Jones Account Resolution

Bryce motioned to approve the resolution as read by Scott to update the LFC signatures on the Edward Jones Account. Bryn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. New Home for LFC

a. Harvey and Church Property

There is no update on the church property.

Scott has maintained communication with Ken Harvey regarding purchase of his property on Bridge Street. The option on the property ends on March 31st. Scott will negotiate a purchase price and execute a purchase and sales agreement by the end of the month.

Becky will send the Board the staff feedback document from October 2010 regarding their thoughts on a vision for a new facility - aspects, components, and features to include in a facility design.

b. Approval of Executive Director to execute a Promissory Note

Jeff motioned to give the Executive Director authority to enter into a promissory note for the purpose of accepting loan funds from an "angel" to help support the purchase of the Harvey property. Sandy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Membership and Roles

Prospective board members

Becky contacted Katie Marvin and she will attend the next board meeting.

Dan has approached Emily Neilsen - she is considering membership. If interested, she would meet with a couple of board members and attend a future board meeting.

Becky has approached Sharon Menard and will follow up.

Jeff has approached Bruce Sweeney, retiree.

5. Updates/Reports

a. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be June 27th.

Possible speakers – Governor Shumlin, DCF Commissioner Dave Yacovone, Speaker Shap Smith

The board members will consider ideas for the Supporter of the Year.

b. Schedule Christine Graham

Becky will send Bryn’s notes from the last meeting with Christine.

May 9th

May 30th - Christine

Becky will re-send the articles from Christine prior to the May 30th meeting.

c. Core Capacity Assessment Tool (CCAT)

The CCAT is a 146-question online survey that measures a nonprofit organization’s effectiveness in relation to four core capacities—leadership, adaptability, management, and technical capacities—as well as organizational culture. Benchmarks for a Better Vermont (BBVT) is offering the survey free to 75 non-profits (first come, first served) who participated in the 3/20 BBVT conference and have an annual budget less than \$2.5 million. Participating organizations can have up to seven organizational leaders take the survey. The LFC would like to participate and would like 2 board members take the survey.

Dan noted that the CCAT appears to be a good, multi-dimensional instrument to tap organizational capacity to provide “transformative” outcomes for clients; but that those outcomes for clients, not for the organization, still demand direct attention.

Ronna and Bryce agreed to participate.

6. Adjournment

Ronna motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sandy seconded. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETINGS –

No April Meeting

May 9th

May 30th (Christine Graham)