

Lamoille Family Center Board Meeting  
February 23, 2022  
5-7 PM

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Marilyn May, Board Chair	Sandy Paquette, Treasurer	Brenda Christie, Secretary
Eileen Paus, Cochair	Kerrie Johnson	Pixie Loomis
Reeva Murphy, Consultant	Carol Lang-Godin, ED	

Absent: Adam Lory, Kathleen James

Marilyn called the meeting to order at

1. Announcements:

Since the last meeting Brenda, Marilyn, and Eileen discussed roles. Marilyn made a motion to make Brenda Christie the Interim Vice Chair and Eileen Paus become the Secretary of the Board. Kerrie Johnson seconded the motion. The Board voted to accept the motion to make Brenda Christie, Vice Chair and Eileen Paus, Secretary.

2. Child Care Update - Reeva Murphy, Consultant Representing LFC

- a. Copley is moving forward with the proposal to dedicate a few acres for a childcare center.
- b. Site map to be created.
- c. Reeva is working with Carol to develop a wage scale and to develop a business plan. Program parameters are also being defined so building design meets the program needs/goals.
- d. Senator Leahy's office contacted for federal funds through USDA Rural Development. This Childcare Center (CCC) will be a community CCC, meeting criteria of the funding. Funds for equipment through the USDA Rural Development also available at closer time to opening.
- e. The name of the CCC is in review with Copley Hospital prior to the start of fundraising.
- f. Community children outside those families of the six employers partnered in this project will have designated spaces that provide childcare. Space for children with high needs will also be provided.
- g. Addison County PCC will assist with staff training prior to opening the CCC.
- h. Fundraising tasks will be divided between Copley Hospital and LFC.

3. Meeting Minutes January 26, 2022:

Sandy moved to accept minutes, Brenda seconded the motion. Board voted to accept the meeting minutes of January 26, 2022.

4. Comments or Questions on Reports provided to Board Members (Should I be adding bulleted points from these reports or will the reports be available with the meeting minutes?)
  - a. Executive Director Report
    - Carol will send to Board members the Jargon Busters and outreach packets (once completed) for the Board to review.
    - LFC staffing is complete following recent hires. IT support is still needed; having someone on site for direct assistance.
    - Jeff Hunsberger and youth staff to join the next Board Meeting.
  - b. Development Report; no questions.
5. Possible Youth Board Member - Legal implications- Kerrie Johnson
  - a. There is no prohibition for having a Board Member under 18 years-old. Having a 17 year-old voice on the Board but not participating in voting would be beneficial for the Board without the issues related to voting.
  - b. Carol provided means for potential youth Board Members.
6. Board Development Assignment Discussion, Marilyn:  
<https://boardsource.org/fundamental-topics-of-nonprofit-board-service/board-staff-partnership/>
  - a. Reviewed information on this web site regarding delineation of roles of Board Members, Executive Director, and Staff.
  - b. Reviewed benefits/cost of becoming a member of Board Source. Discussion to continue while the general available resources continue to be utilized.
  - c. Further Board recruitment via Front Porch Forum. Pixie recommends bringing two parents onto the Board.
  - d. Healthy Lamoille Valley program education provided to LFC staff.
  - e. Reviewed opportunities for Board Members to meet Board Members from other PCCs.
7. New Business
  - a. Safe Art is a program (Chester, Vermont) for people that suffered trauma, using art as a tool to recover from trauma. Selina Cote, Co-Director of River Arts, to be contacted by Carol regarding collaboration.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 (5:00-7:00 PM)**