



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 14, 2007, 5:00 pm

Location: American Legion, Kent, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Clem Benton Karin Schuyleman Betty Nomura	Kim Bennett Kerry Annette Wade DeDe White Don Lincoln	Kristin Gauthier Margie Staulcup
Fiduciary	C.C. Scott		

Board members excused: Cathy Williams Vyrn Muir

Guests present: Lela Brugger, DCFS, Potential Member
Lora Dear, Valley Cities Counseling & Consultation, New Member
Meghan Schuyleman, 9 months, Future Member

Staff members present: Dianne Heide Denese Bohanna

Call to order – Chair Clem Benton called the meeting to order at 5:00

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Agenda – Approved as written.

From the Heart Speech – Clem Benton

Clem visited a meeting of the Greater Pierce Community Network Board and came away with some new ideas. He suggested that being part of the SKCCN Board should be more fun and perhaps the Board members should get to know one another better. One idea for bringing the Board closer was to begin each meeting with a “From the Heart” speech. This would be a five minute opportunity for a Board member to tell the group about something they felt passion about – it could be personal or related to the SKCCN efforts or just something that was in the newspaper and struck a cord. The Board discussed the idea and felt that the speeches could help them build more energy and lighten up a little. They also felt that this opportunity could offer some fun conversations and get the meetings started on a positive note.

It was decided that all Board and staff members names would be put in a bowl and each month a name would be drawn for the next months speaker. Kerry drew the first name and Denese will make the “From the Heart” speech in April.

Approval of February 14 Minutes

Motion 1 Betty moved to approve the February 14 minutes as written. Second by Don. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee

According to the Bylaws, nominations for 2007-08 officers must be announced at the May Board meeting for elections in June. Clem asked for volunteers to work on a Nominating Committee. Dianne informed the group that this is the one time they will not have staff support to do the work BUT she is available to answer questions about process. The normal routine is to contact each Board member and ask if they are interested – Board members are also encouraged to contact the Committee if they are interested. Once a list of interested folks is created it can be sent to the Board. Don Lincoln, Kristin Gauthier and Clem Benton volunteered to work on the committee.

Legislative Update

Betty provided a written report to the Board asking them to each contact their representatives to inform leaders of their personal interests and concerns. She suggested that this is a great time to let them know about the work of the SKCCN as well and reminding them to make sure we are included in the budget at the \$7.24 million level as in the Governor's budget. Each representative will receive a packet of materials from the SKCCN by March 15th that will include an accomplishments sheet and a letter from the Chair. Board members were asked to mention the packet in their message and ask their representatives to take the time to review the materials. Betty also provided the Board with copies of the "They Represent You" booklets from the League of Women Voters so everyone would have the correct contact information. A list of which South King County legislators are on what committees will be emailed out by Denese – those committees deemed of most important are bolder and larger.

Community Recognition Award

A memo from staff suggested the creation of a community award for work that helps build community response to children exposed or provides a direct service the helps children exposed to domestic violence or improves the system the supports families or . . . The Executive Committee has already approved one award for Brian Wilson, Chief of Police in Federal Way, and that award will be presented during the Federal Way Call to Action Forum on March 31. If this effort is going to continue the Board needs to discuss criteria, timing, nominations etc. Clem asked for volunteers to work on a committee: Betty, Kristin, Clem, Don, Kerry, Dianne and Denese were appointed. A connection to the Walk-A-Thon was suggested – possibly giving the award out at the event.

Safety and Accountability Training Lottery

All Board members were asked to let staff know if they are interested in attending the week long training in St. Paul. The intent was to put all interested names in a bowl and draw just one. Since only Betty Nomura volunteered, no hat was used and Betty Nomura will be going.

Walk-A-Thon Support

The Walk-A-Thon (WAT) Team asked the SKCCN Board to make an official determination of support levels for the 2007 event. In 2006 the SKCCN Board provided front money up to the amount in the SKCCNA bank account and staff time to support the event. The Team requested the same support as in 2006.

Kerry explained that the group is now working on the plan which will be detailed enough to support this effort for several years. A local marketing and PR expert has agreed to work with the group which should reduce the number of staff hours required plus help to build more participation and raise community awareness. Permits are already in place with the City of Tukwila and Starfire. Kerry will be making presentations to all South King County city councils as part of an effort to get more participation from DVTF's.

Since the WAT already has \$1200 in profit money in the bank the Board discussed limiting the amount of front money offered for 2007. The Board felt that the WAT Team needed to build its own resources. Kerry informed the Board that they were already working on sponsorships and felt this time there would be more income. Dianne reported that much of the work done in 2006 would not need to be recreated so her hours would automatically be reduced in 2007.

Motion 2 Kerry moved to approve a loan of up to \$3000 in front money for the 2007 Steppin' Out to Stop Domestic Violence Walk-A-Thon from the SKCCN Association account. Second by Margie. The motion passed.

Planning for 2007-09

The planned event with Dr. Anda around Adverse Childhood Experiences has been set for April 21. This date was originally planned for the Board retreat. Staff suggested the date change to the Executive Committee. It seemed a more logical order of events for the Board attend the training which will be followed by a dialogue with community partners. After learning from Dr. Anda, and discussing options with the community, the Board would be better able to discuss options and make decisions at a May retreat. Everyone agreed that this would be a better solution.

The Board was asked to choose between May 12 (day before Mother's Day) or May 19 for a full day retreat. After some discussion it was decided to hold the retreat on May 19. Dianne will work on details and get back to the Board with time and location ASAP.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 7:00

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date