

Reversing Falls Sanctuary Board of Directors Minutes of February 8, 2021 Meeting

In Attendance: Gary Vencill, Daksha Baumann, Kathleen Caldwell, Lisa Mazzarelli, Camilla Cochrane, Sheila Moir

Meeting was facilitated by Daksha Baumann. Notes taken by Kathleen Caldwell.

Opening: At Daksha's invitation, we each shared something in the past month that gave us joy or hope.

Agenda review – accepted as drafted

Approval of last meeting minutes – approved

Treasurer's report – deferred until next month's meeting because Ralph was ill and unable to attend today's meeting. Kathleen commented that we have been receiving some income via PayPal – both in response to Daksha's Zoom offerings and to the annual appeal letter.

Program Team report – written report was submitted by Gary:

Program Team met Tue. Jan 12.

Planned program content, sequence and responsibilities for MLK program with Reggie Harris and Rob Shetterly. Hannah Cyrus to host. [This program took place on 1/17/21.]

Discussed Winter/Spring series on grief. Will complete planning at next meeting Tue. Feb. 9.

Discussed White Supremacy & Trauma group led by Connie Jenkins.

Noted that the Board has approved a revised mission statement which has been posted on the RFS website.

Tony Ferrara updated us on CAN activities, including videos in the Tent greenhouse, the website, and the availability of the climate crisis greeting cards of the DIS HS students.

B&G report:

No current building projects are going on. Before the building opens up for use, the propane tank needs to be hooked up.

BUMC is reviewing building valuation in order to update insurance replacement valuation. RFS is valued at \$513,645. Premium will increase after 8/1/21. Valuation seems high. Gary will follow up and will communicate with Ralph and BUMC financial secretary on updated status. [Note: Bec Poole has informed us that this valuation was in error. BUMC will decide what level of insurance to purchase in light of increased valuation.]

Gallery Within: no report

Old business:

2021 Appeal was mailed out 2/3/21.

MCF grant proposal is in process with a number of people reviewing the application. Grant will be submitted by February 15. Grant would be for one year, beginning June 1, 2021. Daksha suggests purchase of DSL service in order to support the virtual programming activities envisioned by the grant. **ACTION TAKEN:** Board approved purchasing DSL service from Consolidated Communications at estimated rate of \$50/month. Daksha will follow up with Consolidated.

RFS Board vision: duties of board members vs team members, how to find younger members both for teams and board, fundraising, do we know where we are headed over the next five years? After some discussion, Board decided on first step of convening a virtual meeting in the spring, inviting greater community to participate and voice their visions for future RFS structure and programming.

New business: None

Next meeting – via Zoom: March 15 at 4 p.m. Kathleen will facilitate; Lisa will record minutes.