

RFS Board Minutes 2020

Present via conference call: David, Lisa, Kathleen, Ralph, Daksha, Sheila, Camilla, Gary

Meeting opened @ 3:04pm.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's report received separately.

A new format for the monthly report has been developed by Ralph and appreciation was expressed for the clarity of format and how it categorizes and gives a more complete picture of fiscal events. A discussion followed Ralph's stating his unwillingness to continue as treasurer if he were to be expected to make disbursements from the RFS account without prior board approval of the disbursements. This issue received some degree of clarification with the reminder that RFS sub-groups; Programs, B&G, GW, have been given board approval to spend up to \$300 at any one time without needing board approval for such. The treasurer is alerted to these events via subsequent sales invoices or requests by individuals for reimbursement with attached sales receipt.

In order to clear up deficiencies in our fiscal operation, Ralph, Camilla, Daksha, and someone from Programs will meet to set up clear guidelines for fiscal transactions.

Steeple Grant Update received from Dee Powell via email. David, able to open and review the spreadsheet budget, was concerned about the budget increase he noted and so B&G will meet to review the increase, contact Bob and sort out our questions and concerns with a subsequent report to the board

Programs met prior to this board meeting and so Gary reported in person. Their agenda dealt primarily with the current CRB (community response to bigotry) situation that has landed in our lap after the proposed newspaper ad/pledge was halted by the originators. Since RFS agreed to collect and disburse funds for the cost of the ad, we now have the responsibility to decide on and disburse the collected donations. A rough estimate is that the total is somewhere between four and five thousand and checks still seem to be coming in. So far just 3 donors request a refund. The decision made by Dick and Melody Kane, Rob Shetterly and Programs is to now earmark the funds for community educational efforts. There was also some discussion about how best to communicate to the donors about the change in direction and how their funds will now be used and respond to any future requests for refunds. While Programs proposed to run a small ad in the local paper to explain the change of direction, there was thought among some on the board that a direct contact to all donors might be better. Most donors are on the master RFS email list or on lists kept by Kane-Lewis and Shetterly.

We have not yet decided on recipient groups but in the running are Racial Equity and Justice of Bangor and Kate Mrozicki's Social Justice in Education, a local community school education effort. Kathleen will draft a short note to include with funds being returned. Ralph, Kathleen and Daksha will work to develop a master list of donors.

B&G report sent separately.

David spoke of the unsafe scaffold erected and since speaking about that with Bob was assured that Bob will correct that to proper standards.

GW had no report but Daksha mentioned that there is interest in developing an exhibit at some time in the near future.

Old Business:

The Fiscal Sponsor Agreement has been revised and this version will be presented to Tony for his approval or further edits. Daksha will connect with Tony to finalize this.

Since our June BOD meeting, Martha Jordan has resigned from the board. Her service on and contributions to the Board were appreciated.

While David has expressed a desire to step down from the board, he is willing to continue on a month by month basis. A BIG THANK YOU FOR THIS.

At next month's meeting the board will review a policy to take on one Fiscal Sponsor relationship at any one time, consider our yearly charitable donations for which we are delinquent for 2019, consider future directions for RFS during these timely challenges, and other issues as needed.

Next meeting is 8/3 @ 3pm with Camilla as facilitator and Kathleen as recorder.

Meeting closed about 5:15

Minutes submitted by Daksha Baumann