



Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 12:00pm to 1:30
Community Foundation, Larkinville

I. Roll Call: Lynda, Johnnie, Art, Brian, Jay, Erin, Loren; Kristen, Richard, Cara, Adrienne

II. Alliance Organizational Issues

- Approval of Agenda and 7.28.15 board meeting minutes; Lynda moves to approve, Art seconds, none opposed.
- Treasurer's Report (AW)
 - CFGB Match; Apollo Alliance & other pass-through
 - Current balance, just over \$42,000, up about \$13,000 with the funds from the WNY Apollo Alliance; Funds will be segregated in quickbooks, which has been purchased. Payroll has been occurring as needed. Intern Melissa is finished (thanks!); Monica will be finishing up soon. 28,802.12 is our balance without the Apollo Alliance funds. We have about \$16,800 towards our match.
- Membership report (Loren)
 - Forest Lawn, Tobacco-Free Erie-Niagara (both recommended as members). Jay moves, Brian seconds, none opposed. Engagement of memberships continues to be a challenge. Advocacy and Capacity Building groups have both approached the issue. Perhaps an intern could do outreach to the member organizations; the membership group will broker an additional conversation. A questionnaire asking about specific issues of interest, how they hope to participate, etc. would be useful.
- NYC Capacity Building Trip (Cara)
 - Ally and Ryan attended; Cara participated by phone. The meeting with Daniel Katz from Overbrook was decent; their current strategic planning work made the conversation a bit of a challenge; the conversation continues. We've been asked to provide some additional information.
- Congress
 - Committee. Jay and Lynda are involved through the advocacy committee. Derek agreed to be involved as well.
 - Slate. LHS will reach out to Rebekah to see if she will continue to lead nominating. Art and Brian are willing to serve.
 - Speaker – if they aren't coming what is plan b.
- Interns – summer interns are finishing up; if you are interested in having a fall semester intern let Ryan Know
 - WNYEA Administrative Tools update – Monica has sent her final 'manual' to Kristen who will review it and distribute it to the group. Q: Could Monica provide future administrative support? A: She knows the administrative

'processes' and is well versed on them. It is suggested that RAM meets with Monica to explore this possibility. CFGB will be paying for the communication tools through the end of 2015 at which point we'll need to pick up costs. Monica will be making recommendations.

III. Advocacy & Campaigns

- 2015 Planks. The advocacy committee is looking at the process, which may change. If there are any upcoming planks please keep the committee informed
- Fall Quarterly – normally a focus on the planks.
- Outer Harbor. Presumably you saw the recent article in the Buffalo News; The new plan will probably include housing on the NYPA property which we have been against due to its proximity to Times Beach. A pre-emptive statement was discussed. An immediate statement promoting an open process was suggested. Hearing no opposition Lynda and the committee will move forward.
- Proposal for a four-month campaign; rise up for climate justice. How do we communicate with people and build the movement in conjunction with various religious communities and other groups. WNYEA would have responsibility over the next 4 months to ensure that our communities are engaged with this.
 - United Nations Paris Climate Conference; the papal encyclical on climate and his speech to Congress September 24th.
 - A rally is being organized in conjunction with the papal speech; a vigil in conjunction with the Paris conference is being planned. The push is to frame our work in the context of climate justice. The congress and the quarterly could be structured around these issues as well. Q: is there a local win that we can point people towards? What is the ask? What are we mobilizing people to do?
 - Jay agreed to take a leadership role with the congress.
 - Tentatively a quarterly is scheduled for September 17th, a week before the Pope's address, to vet planks and frame the congress as a key mobilization event for Rising up for Climate Justice.

IV. Working Group reports as necessary

- FYI: the Education Committee is planning another place-based education mini-conference for Tuesday November 17th, 4-7 PM.
- Habitat group met at Times Beach on the Marine Sanctuary; NOAA and DEC meetings have occurred, these two groups will get together. It could be on the IJC agenda soon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22

Next Meeting – Tuesday September 22, 12 noon to 1:30 PM