



Board Meeting Draft Agenda
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 11:00am to 12:30pm
Community Foundation, Larkinville

I. Roll Call

- 9 folks present for a quorum- Brian, Lynda, Ryan, Ali, Loren, Cara, Art, Lindsay, Erin

II. Alliance Organizational Issues

- Approval of Agenda and 3/24 board meeting minutes
 - **Motion by Loren to adopt the minutes, seconded by Art. None opposed.**
- Treasurers Report—budget update (AW)
 - Anonymous investment

First Niagara Bank Checking Account	
Beginning Balance deposit from Bob Knoer	\$500.00
Deposit from CFGB Anonymous donor	\$3000.00
Deposit from Bob Knoer for Insurance Premium	\$68.01
Subtotal as of April 28, 2015	\$3,568.01

No update concerning Community Foundation accounts as of April 28, 2015

- Membership Report (Loren)

CCRC- Sail Buffalo

- **For-profit- committee recommends that they become a supporter of the Alliance. Unless they are a nonprofit then they will be full member. Loren motions, Ryan seconds. Non-opposed. Art thinks they may be non-profit can check next meeting.**
- 501(c)(3) Transition (RK/RM)
 - Follow up needs to happen with Mike to finish the transition. Ryan will take the initiative to set up a meeting with him.
 - D&O insurance (Loren)
- Board seats and Allocation
 - Rebekah declined to be a board member again but will consider running again during the next cycle. Bob will ask if anyone wants to replace the seat for chair of the Energy Group. Lynda is also speaking with Waste & Pollution.
 - Open Seat for Waste & Pollution Group
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- Earth Day Public Trust/Commons Event Recap
 - Event went well- good turnout. Partnering with Green Drinks was great. Talked with Higgins on the public trust doctrine for about an hour with Jim and Lynda felt like it was very productive
- Community Foundation Operational Request (RM/CM/AS/etc)
 - \$30000 commitment from Community Foundation and \$20000 will follow once we have matched that commitment
- Alliance Fellow/Staffing (RM, Lynda)
 - Melissa Bender from Columbia University will be interviewed for the position but there needs to be a process in place to look for other candidates. She needs an internship soon and the timing might not work out.

- Need to think about admin and finance side of things as well- climate change piece is important but separate
- Coordination role is important as well- organizational development will be highly emphasized along with climate change work.
- There should be a sub-committee working on this.
- Capacity Building for National Proposal (AM)
 - If anyone has any revisions for the letter of intent they should send them to Ali now. We may want to consider changing the language.
 - Opportunities- WNY Foundation capacity building grant- year term deadline of end of June. They will fund things that most other organizations will not fund. Would not compete with other components of the organizations.
 - Building in communities of color and low income will be important- we need to start having discussions on how we're going to be doing that.
 - Overbrook- Daniel Kats. Good to see how national companies invest in Buffalo
- Membership Engagement Strategies (JB)

III. Advocacy & Outreach

- Voter Registration Event with Alliance 6/30 (EH)
 - Goal is to register 850 people to vote- to be able to take action on any issues that are important to them. Focusing on industrial corridor- through Tonawanda and Riverside. Asking if the board would be interested in sponsoring a day. Not targeting any party. **Erin motions that WNYEA partners with CAC and CPHJ to sponsor voter registration and Lindsay seconds. All in favor.**
- Just Transition Letter Sign on (EH)
 - Huntley Plant just transition letter
 - **Lynda moved to sign on to this letter and Ryan seconded. Non-opposed.**
 - **Motion to include all members and organizations to the grant request. Motion passed.**
- Outer Harbor (Lynda)
 - WNYEA does not agree with the new watered down plan proposed. They were not very happy at the meeting- don't understand our underlying principle. Unwillingness to make a long term commitment.
 - How do we move forward? Potential proposal for the future. Emphasis on the public trust doctrine. More transparency should be required.
- Scajaquada Complete Streets using Alliance as a financial recipient of funds-
 - Local grant opportunities- they would like to utilize the 501c3 status of the WNYEA to receive this money if we agree.
 - Loren is worried about liability- need to have our insurance in order as well.
 - May also want to consider 5% charge. Needs to be transparent that we are acting as a pass through- not competing for other groups for money. Building capacity for other groups to receive money.
 - **Ryan motions the WNYEA to act as a fiscal agent through for the Scajaquada Initiative and the Transportation working group. Loren seconds. Non-opposed, the motion passes.**
 - **Need to figure out our stipulations as an organization for what we need to do in the future for situations like this.**
 - Growing Group Proposal

Motion to adjourn by Ali and seconded by Loren.

 - **E-vote to allocate \$3,500 to compensate interns this summer- 10 board members in favor, the motion passes.**

IV. Next Alliance Meetings:

- May 26th (4th Tuesday of every month)