



Board Meeting Draft Agenda
Tuesday, July 28, 2015 12:00pm to 1:30
Community Foundation, Larkinville

I. Roll Call

Linda, Derek, Art, Justin, Loren, Jay, Johnnie, Lindsay, Kristen, Monica, Ali, Ryan, Erin, and Rick are present.
Cara, Bob, Brian are not present.

II. Alliance Organizational Issues

- **Approval of Agenda and 5.23/6.23 board meeting minutes.** Art motions to approve and Lynda seconds. None opposed.
- **Niagara's Lighthouse Keeper (8/7)** Jay will be attending to represent the Alliance.
- **Treasurers Report—(AW)** Began balance \$30327.55 total. Getting payroll set up. Health care, workers rights, etc. Allen Street has been great to work with. Motion to transfer the Black Rock Riverside Neighborhood Housing services funds to the First Niagara Bank? That money (\$10-14,000) could count towards our matching funds. \$2500 and then \$5000 will be coming in the fall. Request is from the WNY Apollo Alliance. Could be a win-win for the Alliance- similar to the Scajaquada Coalition. Initial fee of five percent- open for review for future situations. **Loren made the motion and Lynda seconds. Motion passes none opposed.**
- **Discussion on this motion-** Ryan- What percentage overhead to we grab? We just need a formalized process for when we do this and when we don't do this. Ryan's motion- 5 percent overhead to be asked for and this is reviewable per situation. Don't subsidize work that's not a key priority for the Alliance. Loren suggests having one account.
- **Announcement-** Erin is leaving Clean Air and Showing Up for Racial Justice will be putting in an application to the WNYEA. Rebecca Newbury will be leading CAC. May consider joining the board.
- **Ryan-** We'd put together a process for nominating folks for environmental champions for change that are doing great work. We want to do something new- more advocacy oriented. Art-three different categories- government, youth, lifetime achievement. **Motion that an individual will receive the lifetime achievement award. None opposed.**
- Membership Report (Loren)
- WNY Peace Center, Niagara Share, League of Women's Voters of Chautauqua County. Motion by Loren to approve all organizations as members, seconded by Erin. **Ali and Ryan abstained from voting. None opposed.**
- Board Seats (RM)
- 501(c)(3) Transition (RM)
 - Insurance Policies Enacted and Implemented: Directors & Officers, Workers Compensation & Disability
 - Payroll & "Employee" System Operational
- **Institutionalizing Communications from GROW (ML/KK)** Monica is creating an administrative manual for the board. Billing address will be changed.
- **NYC Capacity Building Trip (7/29) (AM, CM, RM)** This is the presentation that Melissa Bender has been working on. Cara will provide a background. We could be their first major place based movement that they fund.

- Alliance Strategic Direction—Collaborative Campaign Orientation Model Through the Lens of Climate Change & Equity (AM)
- **Administrative Director/Campaign Coordinator Position (RM)**- what do we need at a staffing level? Biggest impact would be to have someone work on two or three strategic campaigns to bring people together. Support base to the leadership on the board. Will continue to develop and work on this.
- Annual Congress (Managing Director Goldfuss)
- **Motion to endorse a letter of support for the Erie Niagara Marine Sanctuary. Motioned by Ryan and seconded by Lynda. None opposed.**

III. Next Alliance Meetings:

- August 25th
- Fall Quarterly?