



Board Meeting Draft Agenda
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 12:00pm to 1:30
Community Foundation, Larkinville

I. Roll Call

- **Tom, Bob, Rebekah, Terry, Jay are unable to make it today.**

II. Alliance Organizational Issues

- **Approval of Agenda and 2/24 board meeting minutes-** motion by Justin and seconded by Lynda.
- **Treasurers Report—budget update (AW)**
 - Opening of Bank Account- First Niagara. Money is transferred over into our account from Environmental Education Institute.
 - Proposed that second signature is required for check over \$1000- moved by Loren seconded by Erin. Auditors be asked to spot check for that. **Affirmative vote- unanimous.**
- **Membership Report (Loren)** motion to admit individual Marian Prezyna for membership. Moved by Ryan to accept and Justin seconded. **Affirmative vote- unanimous.**
- Jay's presentation on membership engagement strategies to be put in agenda for our next meeting.
- **501(c)(3) Transition (RK/RM)** Letter of resignation from Andy Goldstein accepted by Ryan. Board member seat is down to 14. No representation from waste and pollution. New bi-laws state that board seats are not related to the working groups. Do we need representation for waste and pollution?
- Lynda says she is fine being the representation for waste and pollution. Issue that advocacy group has discussed is whether or not the board members should be associated with working groups. Recommended that Rebekah could also be nominated back to the board- **Lynda moved, Ryan seconded and none opposed.** This will be proposed to Rebekah.
- Board seats and Allocation
- Other organizational issues? Does it have an anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy? General liability insurance? Emails to be set up for the board- domains are available- Kristen will give this information to Loren. Branding tactics should also be figured out.

III. In Depth Briefing/Discussion—Issue Specific

- **Community Foundation Operational Request (RM/CM/AS/etc)**
 - Request is at about \$55000.
 - Adrienne- phased approach to grow the organization and create the proposal.
 - **Loren motions to pass the organizational request, Lindsay seconds. Passed unanimously by the board.**
 - Lynda suggests expanding the idea of including nature and not just humans to demonstrate that we care about what we're seeking to protect. "Lorax amendment".
 - Ali- Opportunity for Daniel Katz because he demonstrated interest. Letter of intent focuses on non-WNY funding- helpful for not going after money that's not in competition with any of our groups here. Ali thinks that we should explicitly

state this in the letter. Very transparent about the funds are not going to any of our member organizations- specifically to fund a network.

- Take a close look at the letter of intent so we can start moving this in April. We need any changes or tweaks in the next few weeks.
- Erin-Adding in a regional request for climate justice? What do we mean by mobilizing policymakers?
- Could we add climate justice to 1. or 2.? What could make us look different than other networks? An overarching theme such as climate justice- all of these groups are already working towards this. A direct intention.
- LOI doesn't have to be as detailed- joint meeting with advocacy to flesh this out and develop it further to make sure we're getting it to potential funders.
- Next meeting for this is the 17th.
- **Advocacy & Outer Harbor I (Lynda)**
 - If you're on a working group what are your basic principles that you're working towards? Gaining a better perspective on where we overlap.
 - Collaborative project- are there areas that could bring in two or three different groups? Ex. Outer Harbor
 - Are we being held accountable to our planks? Very different across different groups.
 - Are we being as effective as we can be? Could we combine energies or alternative structures that we could utilize?
 - Staff is a problem- example used is Justin who can focus on his working group every day
 - Ali- good work for strategic planning- need to benchmark
 - Flow and Jim Olsen on the 22nd- The Lake Erie Commons- at the Tiff Nature Preserve
 - Erin- issue raised on 3M partnering and giving money for anything that the Alliance is doing. Major polluter in Tonawanda. Need to discuss this further.
 - Investigative Post is having an event on the 15th on contamination issues at 641 Delaware, 4/30 Whose Outer Harbor? Screening the Reich film, Benefits of Parks and Open Space on 5/6
 - May 30th the Sky Ride at the Outer Harbor- inviting everyone to come and speak about the Outer Harbor to spread awareness. Skyridebuffalo.org
- Earth Day Proposal (Lynda S/RM)
- Quarterly:
 - Growing Group- Derek- meeting in two weeks so we can get an update then.
 - Member Group Engagement with National Funding Proposal

Next Alliance Meetings:

- April 28th (4th Tuesday of every month)