



Board Meeting Draft Agenda
Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 12:00pm to 1:30
Community Foundation, Larkinsville

I. Roll Call

II. Alliance Organizational Issues

- Approval of Agenda and board meeting minutes
- Treasurers Report—(Art)
 - Currently have \$27756.98 for WNYEA
- Membership Report (Loren)
- Board Resignation & Replacement
- Board Elections & Nominations Process
 - Rebecca Newbury voted onto the board to replace Erin Heaney.
- Overbrook Proposal (Ali) proposal was submitted.
- Administrative Director/Campaign Coordinator Position (Ryan)
 - Motion- move forward with a hiring process for a coordination staffer- at least a month-to-month transaction depending on finances. Ryan motions and Ali seconds. Motion passed. None opposed. Need someone with experience. Will hopefully push this forward by next week. Potentially thinking about the contractor working on the Climate Change Justice campaign.
 - Would be ideal to have a full time position. What are their actual tasks? Administrative (GROW and communications piece), Climate Justice campaign, and bringing in resources.
- Annual Congress (Jay, Ryan, Others)
 - Potential panel to have a discussion on policy, action, etc. A great opportunity to have a forum in the WNY community.
 - The potential coordinator can work on the sponsorship aspect of the Climate Change Congress

III. Advocacy & Campaigns

- 2016 Advocacy Planks and Process (Lynda)
 - No major problems with any of the planks- we will vote on them at the October board meeting. Rise up for Climate Justice and the Neighborhood Corner Stores initiative.
- The Run Up to Paris—Climate Justice Campaign (Lynda/Others)
 - Intention of educating the people of WNY on how critical the Climate Justice campaign is. Asking people to sign the climate justice pledge. Motion by Ryan- to have the WNYEA sign the Climate Justice Pledge. Seconded by Lindsay. Carries no discussion.
 - Focus the effort on WNY groups. Ex: Engaging the Sustainable Business Roundtable
 - How can we strategically affect and create change? Create media coverage through the event. Collection of inspirational stories and features of people who are stepping up and doing something. We have the mechanism to utilize GROW to gather speed on this. How do we further this noise that we make in the rally that's not just gone the next day? What are individuals, businesses, and Alliance

members doing in WNY to impact climate change? Cara- need to get more environmental organizations to sign onto the Climate Justice pledge. Currently there are more labor organizations than environmental organizations. Exposure to national ideas along with local ideas and things that organizations are already doing.

- Outer Harbor Update (Lynda/Jay) won the battle but not the war. Will have to continue to be active on it. Tactic of delay has worked thus far.
- As of 1:05pm we no longer have a quorum so now we are just discussing.
- Scajaquada Complete Streets Coalition (Justin)

IV. Specific Briefs If Needed From Working Groups

- Parks & Recreation
- Pollution and Hazardous Waste
- Habitat
- Transportation
- Energy and Climate
- Environmental Justice
- Growing
- Urban Regeneration

V. Next Alliance Meetings:

- October 27th
- November Congress