



COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC.
50TH ANNUAL MEETING – 10/11/2022
Tom Turner Administrative Building

PRESENT:

Darcy Arnold
Mary Turner
Mary West
Carolyn Rettig
David Lane
Mike Schottelkotte
Trevor Harrison

ABSENCES:

Dr. Lou Dwyer

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Pelligra
Kevin Sowder
Aimee Pruitt

GUEST:

Lori Sharp

I. Call to Order:

President Darcy Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

II. Nominating Committee Report:

Carolyn Rettig, Secretary, read the rules for voting and the nominating process. The Nominating Committee recommended the election of two new Board Members, Anne Pratt and Mary Dull. There were no nominations from the floor. Carolyn Rettig motioned for a formal vote, seconded by Mike Schottelkotte. All in favor, motion carried. Darcy announced the resignation of Heather Press as of September 29th, 2022.

Slate of Officers:

Darcy Arnold – President; Mary Turner – 1st Vice President; Mary West – 2nd Vice President; Carolyn Rettig – Secretary; David Lane – Treasurer. Carolyn Rettig motioned to keep this slate of officers, seconded by Mike Schottelkotte. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn put forth by David Lane. The 50th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Pruitt



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2022

Present:

Darcy Arnold
Mary Turner
Mary West
David Lane
Mike Schottelkotte
Trevor Harrison
Mary Dull

Absences:

Anne Pratt
Carolyn Rettig
Dr. Lou Dwyer 6:20 PM

Staff Present:

Jennifer Pelligra
Kevin Sowder
Aimee Pruitt

Guest:

Lori Sharp

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM by President Darcy Arnold.
- II. Absences: See above
- III. Minutes Review.
 - A. Motion made by David Lane to approve the minutes from the 49th Annual Meeting, seconded by Trevor Harrison. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. Motion made by Mary Turner to approve the minutes from the September 2022 meeting, seconded by David Lane. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Public Comment:
 - A. Board Emails: Darcy reminded everyone to check your COI emails.
- V. Executive Director's Report: Jennifer started her report by reading a thank you card from Tom Turner.
 - The last couple of weeks have been pretty hectic with the final push to the 50th Annual Event. The party was great, we had a really good turn out, and it ran smoothly.
 - Kevin and Jennifer are starting to go through the budget revision line by line.
 - Cascade is getting a new roof; we went with metal roofing for greater longevity.
 - A new residential guideline came out with information that should help get us back to normal.
 - Jennifer is on a Mental and Behavioral Committee that is supposed to help us work as a team with other agencies to better help those we serve. They are working to cross train staff to form a better crisis response for individuals with IDD. The Committee is trying to capitalize on relationships in our respective communities to make us more effective.

- We still have quite a few job openings; we seem to be hovering around 15.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance/Audit Committee: Kevin presented what he's been working on with the budget, no monthly finances to present. Darcy had some questions regarding the percentages included in the budget, Kevin explained to her satisfaction.
- B. PR/Fund-Raising Committee: The majority of energy has been spent on the 50th Annual Event, we were able to raise an estimated \$10K. Aimee is working on getting the actual budget to Lori.
- The vehicle sponsorship campaign has been revamped a bit; we took delivery of one new van are still waiting on another. We need to take a couple of logos off the old vans for different reasons.
 - There seems to be a holding pattern on some of the major upcoming grants, they've already been submitted just waiting on approval. We're getting ready to ramp up on end of year giving so we need to concentrate on getting our new marketing stuff from InSync. Jennifer has been in contact with them, and they are currently working on letterhead and business cards. Lori and Jennifer will be meeting next week to go over the marketing campaign stuff.
 - There has been talk about making the big party an annual thing, we need to set a meeting to go over the details.
- C. Program Committee: The Program Committee did not meet this month, just had a brief conversation about where to go moving forward. They've met with all of the Program Directors, so the Committee is probably going to take a break moving through the holidays. Jennifer had some suggestions about other areas of our agency that might be beneficial for the Committee to learn about.
- D. Sustainability Committee: Jennifer received a letter at home from Edward Jones regarding the paperwork Kevin filled out to become an authorized signor on the account. The paperwork was not approved, Jerri did mention there might be a few hoops to jump through so this was not unexpected. We're working on getting the account unlocked so we can bring on the new signors. Jennifer gave the letter to Jerri, and she is looking into it. Jennifer will keep David L. and Trevor H. updated on what Jerri comes back with.
- D. Governance Committee: We might need to readdress the Governance Committee; we need a Policy to address any major changes within the Board and the main officers of the Agency itself. Darcy asked the Board members to think about joining this Committee so we can get started on revamping our bylaws.

VII. Old Business: None.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Announcements:

- Mary Dull told the Board she likes the new roof at Cascade, it's going to be nice.
- Darcy wants the Board to think about people from our community who might be interested in becoming Board members.
- Darcy announced as per our usual there won't be a Board Meeting in December so November will be a busy meeting.

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn put forth by Mike Schottelkotte. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Pruitt