

F.C.C.C. Board Meeting Minutes October 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Stearns at 7PM. Directors present: Alan Preston, Sandra Harrington, Jon Dyer and Nancy Stearns. Executive Director Paul Berg was present along with guest speaker Mark Thornton, Director of Hillsborough County Park, Recreation and Conservation.

Alan Preston made a motion to accept the proposed agenda, with a second from Sandra Harrington, all voted in favor.

Mark Thornton was introduced and gave an overview of County funding explaining the County continues to fund including all utilities and some custodial at 420k annually. He also stated that the general sense is that financially the Center is going well. Structure allows for autonomy; Center can set its' own prices and contractually is in adherence. There is no reason for the County to step in as it is working. Mark would prefer to work with Board leadership and E.D. to resolve any issues there may be. The Center is experiencing growing pains, which we need to get through but there is excitement and room to grow. Mark speaks with Paul Berg frequently and has met with Nancy Stearns. Center events are marketed on the County website and classes can be marketed via parks programs. He is not sure if the website lists classes; need to check. With his remarks concluded he hopes to return more often in the future.

Financial Report – Alan Preston reported that the Center is about even as of October and the 990 IRS form was submitted by the October 15th deadline. Alan indicated that when funds come in from the County the money market account is replenished. Fiscal year is January to December. Alan will provide a budget schedule to all committees for their initial review

Nancy proposed a Board meeting date from December 21st to the 14th. Board agrees. She also asked that in the future Board members use the Carrollwood Center email account provided for all official Center business.

Nominations for new Board members include Jon Dyer, Evelyn Bless and Kathy Sutton. A motion from Alan Preston and second by Sandra Harrington to appoint Jon Dyer was unanimously approved, likewise Evelyn Bless and Kathy Sutton. Nancy expressed a desire to have a pamphlet laying out Board responsibilities; by-laws' Sunshine rules etc.

Litigation Update – Ken Tinkler indicated there is not update and the Center has not as yet been served.

Executive Director Report – Paul Berg discussed the Masquerade Ball and Village Fest indicated he was looking for volunteers. With Laure Pericot's resignation,

Todd Dunkle will take on for the interim the Marketing Director's responsibilities. The Artistic Director position has been posted and a Fundraising Director as well. Jon Dyer suggests a marketing report tied into the budget and will get with Paul regarding his ideas.

Nancy holds discussion regarding the change to the 4th Tuesday of each month to accommodate two potential Board nominees. Board agrees but will have to check with John, Dawn and Dale.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Sandra and a second by Alan at 8:23 PM.

Submitted by Acting Secretary Jon Dyer