



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Chairman Tony Kirkland called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 10:14am in the Indiana Government Center South Conference Room 130.

Roll Call

Kenneth Allen (KAFFE Inc.), Dr. Tony Bennett (IDOE Superintendent), Mark Everson (IDOA Commissioner), Tony Kirkland (ICRC), Virgil Madden (proxy for Lt. Gov.), Robert Marshall (100 Black Men), Elijah Neal, Adrienne Shields (DFR), Rev. Joe Smith (member-at-large), Lynn Smith (proxy for Div. of Mental Health), Dr. Vernon Smith (rep), Greg Taylor (sen.), Wayne Wellington (IPS)

Staff – James Garrett Jr., Malika Mays

Guest – Shatana Nixon w/ FSSA/DFR, Caz Day w/ NOAH, Andrea Vermeulen w/ FSSA Grants Office, Walter Moore Jr., Ben Smith, & David Whitfield from Ft. Wayne

Prayer

Dr. Vernon G. Smith

Adoption of Minutes

Chairman Kirkland made a motion to accept the December 16, 2009 minutes; Mr. Allen second; minutes approved unanimously

Financial Report

Shatana Nixon briefly went over the budget report. Currently \$83,084.65 is our operations account (1000) balance, and \$28,173.77 is our donations account (6000) balance.

From previous discussions in regards to our donations account receiving interest, Ms. Nixon informed members that \$90,000 has been placed into an account for investment. At the end of three months, the account will be re-evaluated on how much to invest back, including interest. This will occur quarterly.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Garrett briefly went over his report. He provided members with a copy for their review. He provided members with an update on reverting funds back to the state at the end of the fiscal year; he informed members about the partnership we will be having at the Cancer Awareness Health Fair on May 15th. For this year's State conference, Mr. Garrett proposed a theme of "Black Men: Preparing to Succeed". Members briefly discussed this matter; due to the interest of time, Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the proposed theme; motion properly second and passed. Mr. Garrett will continue on with the planning process.

Dr. Smith inquired about the Deputy Director's position being filled. He is adamant that the position not be terminated as we have fought long and hard to get it. Senator Taylor says the position should be filled if it was placed in the budget. Members briefly discussed this matter and the hiring freeze that the State is currently having. Mr. Garrett will find out if the PCN number is still active and provide members with an update on this.

Old Business

AAMNC Contract Preparation, Virgil Madden

Mr. Madden is moving forward on this and hopes to have something more to share with members at the next board meeting.

Commission Retreat Planning Update, Virgil Madden

Mr. Madden reminds members that IUPUI has graciously offered to facilitate our board retreat. They have come up with a format to assist us on how we would like to move forward, and address some of the issues brought fourth. We will be holding the retreat on IUPUI's campus, from 8:00am – 12:00noon, followed by lunch. Their available dates are Friday, March 19, 2010 or Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Members briefly discussed this and the majority vote for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 is the best day for members. Mr. Madden will send out further details when available.

New Business

Election of Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman

Adrienne Shields made a motion to have the commission maintain the current Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Everson second; Dr. Smith does not agree with this; a roll call vote was taken; the motion failed seven to six.

Mr. Garrett opened the floor for the Chairman nominations; Kenneth Allen nominated Rep. Vernon Smith; Virgil Madden nominated Robert Marshall and Elijah Neal; Dr. Smith withdrew his name in support for Robert Marshall. Tony Kirkland moved that the nominations be closed, Mr. Wellington second. A ballot vote was taken; Robert Marshall won ten to three.

Mr. Garrett then opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations; Dr. Smith nominated Kenneth Allen; Mark Everson nominated Elijah Neal; Dr. Smith made a motion to close the nominating floor; Senator Taylor second; A ballot vote was taken; Kenneth Allen won seven to six.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:21am