

Kids Central Incorporated Board of Directors Meeting February 15, 2011

The Board of Directors of Kids Central Incorporated met February 15, 2011 at Kids Central's Administration Office. Teresa Adkins, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Board Members present: Shirley Rogers, Sister Bernie Kenny, Ronald Kendrick, and Teresa Adkins

Staff present: Darrell Edwards, Lisa Barton, Lindsey Sturgill, Terry Gentry, and Sandra Harvey

Others present: Policy Council Members Dee Strouth and Melinda Huffman

Minutes:

In the absence of the Secretary, Teresa Adkins presented the minutes from the January 2010 meeting. With no comments or corrections, **Sister Bernie Kenny made a motion to approve the minutes. Shirley Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Finance Report

Lisa Barton gave Board members copies of the financial statements ending January 31st. She reported that we are eight (8) months into our fiscal year and have spent 56% of our Head Start and Early Head Start funds, and 40% of our ARRA funds. ARRA funds are from October through September. Our insurance has been paid and we have a SUTA payment due in April. We still have not received any response from the Regional Office concerning the loan request to purchase buses.

OLD BUSINESS

- Refunding Application. Lisa Barton explained that we will be replacing 40 Head Start slots for 32 Early Head Start slots. We will accomplish this by closing the Nora and St. Paul centers. The expenses will be approximately the same; however, we will have a net loss of five (5) positions. We will offer to move these employees into other currently available positions.

Darrell explained to Board member Ronald Kendrick, who is from Dickenson County, that we have had major discussions concerning these centers. Services will still be provided to children in these areas. We will transport children to another center or children may enter our one of our homebase programs. Everything was discussed in detail during our Budget Workshop.

The Board of Directors must approve the refunding application before it can be submitted to the Regional Office. **Shirley Rogers made a motion to approve and submit the refunding application as presented to the Regional Office. Sister Bernie Kenny seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Enrollment. A copy of the enrollment and attendance report was given to members present. Currently, we are fully enrolled. Our attendance in January was 75.26%, which we think is very good given the bad weather we had. We have to report to the Regional Office anytime our

attendance drops below 80%, and we will list the weather as the factor, but we think our attendance was very good for January.

- Family Involvement Update. Lindsey Sturgill, Family Involvement Specialist, reported that Kasey's Academy took a recent trip to the Kiln Tyme Pottery Studio. Attendance and participation was great. So far only one Family Day has been missed this month. Lindsey is currently working on details for the year-end blast.
- Virginia State Head Start Conference. The Virginia State Head Start Conference will be held in Abingdon at the Virginia Higher Education Center (located on the campus of Virginia Highlands Community College) on April 5 – 7. This is the first time the Conference has been held in this Region. Southwest Virginia Head Start Association will be the host for the Conference. Kids Central is a member of the host team. The Director of The Office of Head Start, Yvette Sanchez Fuentes, will be in attendance, as will our Program Specialist, Elizabeth Singley. Darrell stated that he will be talking to them regarding some questions and issues Kids Central has while at the conference.

Our Family Involvement staff will be giving a presentation during the conference, as will Kim Austin, Assistant Director, and our Board President, Teresa Adkins. We will be very active in this conference as co-host with the other nine (9) Southwest Region Head Start Association members.

The conference can only handle 500 people and Darrell believes it will sell out on the first Day. Our Board and Policy Council are invited to attend. Darrell gave members a copy of the draft schedule. He will make the final available when completed.

FOR THE GOOD OF KIDS CENTRAL/COMMENTS

Shirley Rogers commented that Kids Central is doing a fantastic job. Sister Bernie Kenny stated that the enthusiasm of family involvement is great. Lindsey Sturgill invited Sister Bernie to visit during Family Days.

Teresa Adkins thanked everyone for coming and wanted to express that with all the talks concerning federal spending cuts, especially in social programs, everyone should think about expressing their concerns to their State Senators.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kids Central Board of Directors will be held on March 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kids Central Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, **Sister Bernie Kenny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ronald Kendrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

William Sturgill
Secretary

Sandra Harvey
Recording Secretary