

Kids Central Incorporated Board of Directors Meeting May 19, 2009

The Board of Directors of Kids Central Incorporated met May 19, 2009 at Kids Central's Center Building in Esserville. Ed Hutchinson, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Board Members present: George Aichel, Harry Childress, Ed Hutchinson, Fred Luntsford, and Carl Mullins

Staff present: Darrell Edwards, Lisa Barton, Kim Austin, Chris Austin, and Paula Bates

Minutes:

Ed Hutchinson presented the minutes from the last meeting (April 21, 2009) in Sister Bernie Kenny's absence. With no comments or changes, **George Aichel made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting pending a quorum. Carl Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Finance Report

Lisa Barton gave Board members copies of the financial statements (including credit card statements) for April. We are at the end of our fiscal year and she stated that we have spent approximately 87% of our Head Start funds and 80.5% of our Early Head Start funds.

The telephone system next door does not work. Calls cannot be transferred and will not go into the automated switchboard when they come in. We are going to replace the telephone system and replace the floor in the Appalachia Center.

We have met our in-kind requirements for this year.

Carl Mullins stated that we need to spend what money is needed so we do not have to return the money.

Lisa stated that the best rate for CDs seems to be 2.6% for one year.

Harry Childress made a motion to accept the finance report pending a quorum. Carl Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Policy Council Report

A Policy Council Report was not given.

OLD BUSINESS

- Grant Applications. The grant applications were mailed as presented to the Board members. We have received verbal approval of our refunding application.

George Aichel questioned what will happen with the 1.84% stimulus funds. Lisa explained that we would have two options – find the 1.84% in our current budget or take that amount from employee’s pay. Darrell Edwards stated we may be able to roll this amount from an incentive. George stated his concern was he did not want to take away this money from the employees.

- End of Year Blow-out. Darrell stated that everyone had a good time. Carl Mullins stated the Kiwanis fed 860 – 884 approximately people. Everyone had a good time and all the children received a treat bag.

NEW BUSINESS

- One-Time Funds. Darrell was hoping to have some information from the Regional Office regarding the one-time funds but we have not received it as of today. We will be asking for funds to build a new location somewhere near UVA at Wise. Wise County is willing to help with the land. Ten centers would be housed in this building, five (5) Head Start and five (5) Early Head Start.

George Aichel asked for an explanation what will happen to the centers we currently have in operation. Darrell stated that we would close Ramsey, Hawthorne, Pound and Wise. We will ask for expansion of the Early Head start in the future. The building will house a complete kitchen and we will no longer be heat and serve only.

If these funds do not go through, we hope to begin writing grants in two – three years to get the funds.

NEW HIRES/TRANSFERS

- Chris Austin reported that the following people have been hired by Kids Central or transferred to another position:
 - o Carol Huffman Substitute
 - o Christy Barton Classroom Assistant at Esserville
 - o Brianne Clemons Early Head Start Caregiver at Appalachia EHS
 - o Amber Mullins Full Year Substitute
 - o Vickie Stapleton Transferred from Classroom Assistant at Esserville to Assistant/Cook/Housekeeper at Appalachia

George Aichel made a motion to approve the above listed new hires and transfer pending a quorum. Harry Childress seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FOR THE GOOD OF KIDS CENTRAL/COMMENTS

- Expansion of Early Head Start in Lee County. Darrell Edwards stated that we were not going to pursue the expansion funds in our service area because we currently have a Head Start and Early Head Start program and these funds are only good for two years. It would be difficult to expand and after two years, not have the funds to continue services. However, Kim Austin reported that Lee County has recently been in contact with us regarding Kids Central applying for Early Head Start in Lee County. This would consist of two (2) Home Visitors for twenty-four (24) children. Lee County is not interested in starting an Early Head Start program, however, they are supportive of Kids Central serving these children.

- Board Member Resignation. Ed Hutchinson stated that the Board needs to formally accept Nancy Bailey's resignation from the Board. **Ed Hutchinson made a motion to accept Nancy Bailey's resignation from the Board pending a quorum. Harry Childress seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- Board Member Recognition. Ed Hutchinson stated that he would like the Board to recognize Jason French and Donald Baker for their years of service. This will be done at the awards in June. **Carl Mullins made a motion to get plaques for Board recognition pending a quorum. Harry Childress seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kids Central Board of Directors will be June 16, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Mullins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Sister Bernie Kenny
Secretary

Sandra Harvey
Recording Secretary