

Lonesome Pine Youth Service Board Minutes

Date: December 12, 2008
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Lonesome Pine Office on Youth Board Room

Members Present: Virginia Meador, Joyce-Diane McReynolds, Alex Rickman, Stephanie Cassell, Cecilia Robinette, Judy Combs, Tanya Rea McReynolds, Matthew Pennington, Sylvia Redman, Teresa Adkins

Members Absent: Stan Wilson, Lester Bowman, Rachel Bentley, Judy Hatmaker, Robin Robbins, Jonathan Stapleton

Others Present: Paul Kuczko, Glenda Collins, Alicia Armistead, Beth, Lloyd

Proceedings:

1. Call to Order, Public Expression: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Virginia Meador and Glenda Collins opened with prayer.
2. Approval of minutes from October 29, 2008 meeting: The minutes were reviewed by the board members and a motion was made by Judy Combs and a second was made by Cecilia Robinette to approve the October 29th minutes and all members present approved.
3. Check and Deposit Detail, 10/16/08 – 11/30/08: The check and deposit detail was previously mailed and distributed at the meeting for review. All questions about the check listing were answered and discussed. A motion was made by Joyce Diane McReynolds and a second was made by Tanya McReynolds to approve the check and deposit detail and all members present approved.
4. Bills Payable: The bills payable listing was distributed for the board to review and a motion was made by Tanya McReynolds, and a second was made by Sylvia Redman to approve the bills payable, and all members present approved.
5. Wise County Schools History Book: LPOY is working with Garnett Gilliam of the Heritage School Center to put together a book about the old 1 and 2 room schools in Wise County. A questionnaire has been placed on the LPOY website for the public to complete. LPOY will begin working on this book after the PBS documentary soundtrack is completed. Currently Paul and Garnett have information and photographs of 148 of the 153 old 1-2 room schools in Wise County. The local newspapers have been running articles asking the community to submit information about the old schools. Paul will write a VFH grant for around \$7,500 and will ask students from JI Burton High School to help with the layout. Tim Cox will be helping with the book for a cost of around \$4,000. A study was previously completed by a lady from Emory and Henry on the old schools in Southwest Virginia and upon contacting the author of the project, she agreed to allow LPOY to use her study and publish her interviews.
6. Update on PBS – CD on Music of Appalachia Printing Costs, \$50,000: Paul applied for a VFH grant and an ARC Grant for funding for this project. The Wise County Board of Supervisors approved a loan in the amount of \$50,000 for the actual printing of the soundtrack. The documentary release date is April of 2009. Ryko disks will handle the distribution of the soundtracks and the documentary will air 4 times in 2009.
7. Christmas Bonuses: A Christmas Bonus breakdown was distributed for the board to review. Paul noted that Christmas bonuses were nearly half the amount they were in 2007. A motion was

made by Judy Combs, and a second was made by Stephanie Cassell to approve the Christmas Bonuses and all members present agreed.

8. Tobacco Commission Meeting: The Lonesome Pine Office on Youth applied for funding for the Imagination Library in the amount of \$262,000 for all Southwest Virginia Counties but was turned down by the education committee. Our grant proposal was referred to a special committee who will decide if the tobacco commission will fund pre-k programs. This committee will meet January 12th in Richmond at 1:30 pm.
9. Audit FY-09: Alicia took the materials for the FY-08 audit to Larry Sturgill's office. Larry will begin the audit as soon as possible.
10. Dolly Parton Imagination Library Funding: LPOY is going to have to do some major fundraising in order to keep the program going if the tobacco commission turns down the funding. Paul and Glenda will talk to town councils, superintendents, and school systems to try to get monetary donations. A fundraising concert is also a possibility. Wise Kiwanis Club donated \$1,000 and Coeburn Kiwanis Club donated \$1001.00. Staff from MECC raised around \$1,000 and Coeburn Town Council may be able to donate \$500. The Dominion grant in the amount of \$15,000 was submitted.
11. PPS Program: Glenda reported on and distributed information regarding the PPS program. Glenda reported the number of families and children in the program.
12. Strengthening Families Program: Glenda reported on and distributed information regarding the strengthening families program. Two in home classes for this program are near completion per approval of the funding source and court system. 1 family graduated from the Strengthening Families Program.
13. Kids Program: Glenda reported on and distributed information regarding the kids program. The gingerbread Christmas tree which was at Wal-Mart had 190 kids on it, and all the kids have been adopted.
14. Imagination Library: Glenda reported on and distributed information regarding the Imagination Library. Glenda updated the board on the problem with the postal service. Glenda contacted consumer affairs and the representative she talked with is now on vacation through December 31, 2008. The Dollywood Foundation is still trying to come up with a solution to the problem of LPOY not getting the undeliverable books. Glenda also submitted a grant to Dominion Power in the amount of \$15,000 for the Imagination Library Program but it could take up to 6 months before funding is determined.
15. Upcoming Travel: Paul will be going to Richmond to the Tobacco Commission meeting and to the VFH meeting. Paul made the board aware of the cost for these trips. A motion was made by Cecilia Robinette and a second was made by Alex Rickman to approve Paul's travel, and all members present approved.
16. Handouts: Paul distributed and discussed the handouts. Handouts included information about adoption awareness, the Imagination Library Program, reading skills, Wise County Board of Supervisors loan information, new board appointees, and the Midnight Ramblers UK tour.
17. Announcements: Paul announced that he met with Senator Webb and that he may be able to earmark funds to keep the Youthbuild program going.
18. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on January 28th at 4:30 pm at the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth Board Room.
19. Adjournment: A motion was made by Virginia Meador and a second was made by Tanya McReynolds for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm and Christmas Dinner followed at the Fox House.