

Lonesome Pine Youth Service Board Minutes

Date: August 26, 2009
Time: 4:30 pm
Place: Lonesome Pine Office on Youth Board Room

Members Present: Virginia Meador, Stan Wilson, Channing West, Alex Rickman, Cecilia Robinette, Lester Bowman, Stephanie Cassell, Candace Short, Jonathan Stapleton, Matthew Pennington, Judy Combs, Teresa Adkins

Members Absent: Judy Hatmaker, Joyce Diane McReynolds, Robin Robinson, Blake Robinson

Others Present: Paul Kuczko, Glenda Collins, Alicia Armistead

Proceedings:

1. Call to Order, Public Expression: The meeting was called to order at 4:35 by Virginia Meador and Glenda Collins opened with prayer. Welcomes and introductions were made to new board member, Candace Short.
2. Approval of minutes from June 24, 2008 meeting: The minutes were reviewed by the board members and a motion was made by Judy Combs and a second was made by Alex Rickman to approve the June 2009 minutes and all members present approved.
3. Check and Deposit Detail, 6/16/09 – 8/15/09: 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 Stephanie Cassell and a second was made by Lester Bowman to approve the check and deposit detail and all members present approved. The board questioned travel that was not pre-approved for Paul to the Wine Festival. Paul explained that he was sick and unable to attend the June Board meeting and failed to get pre-approval. Paul also explained that the office has committed to sell CD's at the Wine Festival and that was the reason he attended the festival on behalf of LPOY. Paul also reported to the board that he would check on bundled phone and internet services through the fiber optics that should be available at some point in the near future.
4. Bills Payable: The bills payable listing was distributed for the board to review. A motion was made by Cecilia Robinette, and a second was made by Lester Bowman to approve the bills payable, and all members present approved.
5. PBS CD update: Sales are starting to pick up and Ryko disk has now began sending monthly checks for sales of the documentary. There is a delay through Ryko in receiving checks, so the check we received was for April 2009 sales. PBS stations are beginning to order CD's as well as a part of fundraising as they re-broadcast the documentary. We are looking at using a library list so that we can email libraries and see if they are interested in purchasing the PBS CD to have in their library.
6. ARC Update: The ARC Grant was approved for the amount \$65,300. LPOY is waiting on the contract to arrive in the mail and funds to be deposited.
7. Draft Budget Review: The draft budget was distributed to the board members and was briefly reviewed. The board members were asked to take the draft budget home for review with more discussion and approval at the September board meeting after news is received on pending grant applications by LPOY.

8. Tobacco Grant – Lonesome Records: A tobacco grant was submitted for Lonesome Records on August 24th. If funded, the grant would provide funding for a music camp and apprenticeship program.
9. 90th Annual Tri-State Singing Convention: The 90th Annual Tri-State Singing Convention will be held on June 13, 2010. The committee is trying to get more people involved for the 90th convention. Paul announced that there will be a meeting of the Tri-State Singing Convention at the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth on October 20th at 6:00 pm.
10. Mountain Stage Concert: Larry Gross is in charge of a NPR program that airs over 500 radio stations and he is interested in possibly booking the Music of Coal band to open up for Kathy Mattea at a concert in Huntington WV on October 18th. Paul will update the board on the progress of this idea at the next board meeting.
11. NEA Grant with MECC Music School: The grant was submitted in collaboration with Mountain Empire Community College Mountain Music School, as well as Virginia Highlands Community College. If approved, the grant will begin July 1, 2010 – the grant amount was approximately \$138,000.
12. Victory Boys Home: Regional CSA meetings have been held in attempts to reopen Victory Boy's Home. Once opened, the Home would house boys 12 and up and provide assessments within 30 days. The home has been vandalized, but will be repaired. The CSA task force hopes to see this home reopened by January 2010.
13. Slemp Foundation – Imagination Library: The Slemp Foundation granted \$15,000 to the Imagination Library Program.
14. Tobacco Grant – Imagination Library: A tobacco Grant for the Imagination Library was submitted on August 24th. This grant will be for Lee, Wise, Norton, and Dickenson in the amount of \$75,000 and would in addition to providing funds for book mailing, provide funds to hire a part time fundraising coordinator for the program.
15. Mentoring Foster Youth Grant: The grant was submitted. This grant, if funded, would provide mentoring services to youth in foster care. This grant would span three years and we should hear if we have been funded by September 2009.
16. Wal-Mart Good Works Grant: Wal-Mart granted the Imagination Library program \$1,000.
17. PPS Program: Glenda Collins reported on and distributed information regarding the PPS program. Glenda reported the number of families and children in the program. The yard sale for Back to School Supplies was a success and to date around 300 children have been given free school supplies.
18. Strengthening Families Program: Glenda Collins reported on and distributed information regarding the strengthening families program. LPOY submitted a grant renewal in the amount of \$32,000, the grant renewal was funded.
19. Kids Program: Glenda Collins reported on and distributed information regarding the kids program.
20. Imagination Library: Glenda is waiting on a response from Wise County Schools about funding for the program, and Wise County School's has agreed to allow employees to make payroll deductions as donations to the program. It is also a possibility that Title 1 money may be available for the program. Glenda submitted the Speedway Grant for \$15,000. The program has been temporarily suspended in hopes of raising enough money to keep the program going.
21. Upcoming Travel: Paul requested permission to possibly attend a NEA program in Washington DC on October 9-11, 2009. Paul will need mileage only for this trip. A motion was made by Alex Rickman and a second was made by Stephanie Cassell to approve this trip and all members present approved.

22. Handouts: Handouts were distributed. Handouts included information about Lonesome Pine Office on Youth programs and local interest.
23. Announcements: The Papa Joe Smiddy Festival will be held September 6th at Natural Tunnell. LPOY will be reapplying for a VFH grant to fund the Old School Book Project in October. Tickets are available for purchase for the Gap Partnership Dance to be held August 29th. Senator Webb's staff may be using the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth as a meeting place on September 3, 2009.
24. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on September 30th at 4:30 pm at the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth Board Room.
25. Adjournment: A motion was made by Judy Combs and a second was made by Channing West for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Armistead