

NH FAPA Meeting 7/10/18

Attendance: Deb Bradley, Larry Pilla, JD, Jen Lamontagne, Bobbie Gaudette, Denise Christiansen, Stephanie Sullivan

6:20pm call to order

June meeting minutes accepted

Financial Report – Bobbie gave report discussed need to disperse more funds. Explained grant program to Jen and discussed balances left for Mattress Firm, Scholarship for the Arts, Network for Good and Archibald Foundation.

Committee Reports –

Nominating – should be year round looking for members that will strengthen our base and bring talents/skills to improve and enhance our membership.

NH FAPA conference – Larry discussed the conference which is based on Advocating for children in care and care givers. The topics involve advocating within the system (DCYF), court system, politically, education. Discussion involved adding other topics such as medical, judicial, bringing in CASA etc. The thought was that people would not stay engaged if the topic was not germane to their current case or needs. These will be a panel discussion as well.

Event Proposal –

Harbor Mortgage is working on a bowling night to be held October 27<sup>th</sup> at Lakeside Lanes from 12:30-2:30. There was discussion of cost from \$5.00-\$8.00 bowlers/vs non bowlers, food and shoe rental to be included. Stephanie and I will meet with her to discuss this in further detail.

**Harbor One will be added to website as partner as well.**

Cowabunga – cancelled no go too expensive **Denise will look into Nuttin but a Good Time for possible event.**

Motorcycle ride/picnic – tabled for now not enough time to do this right at this point and question regarding Flat Rock Bridge.

CLIF Grant – we have been awarded this grant for a story reading and book give away. We are targeting the north county for this and Jen will work with the local library (librarian just become a foster parent) and Bobbie to get this event planned! GREAT WORK BOBBIE ON GETTING THIS GRANT. It was voted on that we will use up to \$2500.00 to support this event from Archibald Foundation funds. All in favor

**A portion of Archibald Foundation will be used to support this event.**

Swap event – savers sent a total of \$543.46 less that UHaul cost of \$141.01 net proceed \$402.45

This event was held with the intent of any funds going to NH FAPA as a donation. After the event a request was received to target these funds to the Flat Rock Bridge camping event. This is referred to as steering and is not allowed. In the future should someone hold an event and notify the recipient PRIOR

to the event that they wish to earmark these funds for a cause (ie: winter coat, back packs etc) a line item can be used to direct this donation. However, even in that instance the donor cannot target a specific vendor, date, etc. This is much like Mattress Firm that allows us to use funds for clothes, normalcy activities. They can say what the funds should be used for but not the vendor we choose to purchase from.

The net deposit of \$402.45 was placed in general funds donations.

Flat Rock Bridge Event –

A request was received to use the \$5K Archibald Foundation money to support this event. Unfortunately, we cannot do this. First the even was never brought to the board prior to planning to discuss location, cost, etc. We are a NH based non-profit and feel that locations in NH should have been looked at first. There was no formal proposal made to the board prior to commitment of this event. A vote was taken and the request to support this event was declined by all members in attendance.

Other Topics –

Stephanie asked Jen to take over the NH FAPA Closet & NH FAPA page from Keri and again we thank her for her time on the board.

Meeting ended – 8:45pm