

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 15, 2024

In attendance for the meeting were Melisa Jahner-Chairperson, Frank DeCarlo, Dylan Tedders, William Wallace, Wendy Coker, Heather Hancock and Pat McCoy and Toni Wiersma-Executive Director.

Absent: Bob McPartlan

Audience: Bernard Marker, Carol Marker, Robina Marker, Melinda Wherrell, Caleb Cornett, Faith Alexander, Evan McClanahan, Emmett Sumner, Michael Sumner, Lily Bishop, Lexi Bishop, Christine Bishop, Clint Thompson, Rebekah Thompson, Kason Lemmevan, Brian Trimble, Jasmine Lattimore, Megan Williamson, Brady Williamson, Heather Siler-Dobbs, and Leah Suarez

Meeting called to order by chairman Melisa Jahner at 5:07 PM

- a) Additions or corrections to the agenda
- There were no corrections or additions to the agenda

Frank DeCarlo made the motion to accept the agenda as written. Wendy Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2) Approval of Minutes:

- a) Meeting – June 20, 2024. Dylan Tedders made a motion to approve the minutes. William Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3) Approval of Financial Statements:

- a) Financial Statement– October – June 2024
- i) Toni Wiersma presented the financial statement:

(1) INCOME

- **Total Income - \$1,233,766.20**

(2) COST OF GOODS SOLD

- Human Service Expenditures - \$20,335.00

(3) GROSS PROFIT - \$1,213,431.20

(4) EXPENSES

- Administration - \$72,876.96
- Program Services – Agencies – RFP - \$368,580.75
- Scholarships - \$45,000.00
- Summer Projects - \$176,486.52
- Special Projects - \$344,413.68
- **TOTAL EXPENSES - \$1,007,357.91**

(5) NET INCOME - \$206,073.29

(6) CURRENT ASSETS

- SouthState Checking Account 4993- \$0.00
- SouthState Checking Account 0677 - \$2,842,817.47
- CD -\$417,564.44
- Refundable Agency Grants - -\$(140.00)

(7) TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS - \$1,878,249.52

(8) FIXED ASSETS

- Equipment - \$1,926.00
- Accumulated depreciation - -\$(1,177.63)
- TOTAL FIXED ASSETS - \$748.37

(9) TOTAL ASSETS - \$1,878,997.89

(10) LIABILITIES

- Total Current Liabilities - \$2,997.00
- Total Equity - \$1,876,000.89

(11) TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - \$1,878,997.89

Toni Wiersma also presented the Management Report for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and the Profit and Loss statement for the period October 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Mrs. Wiersma pointed out to the Board the categories listed on the Profit and Loss Statement.

- b) Toni Wiersma also presented the actual budget vs. the amount spent in each category. Our income is above the budgeted amount for the year. Toni Wiersma discussed the Budget vs Actual expenditures. She discussed projected expenses for the remainder of the year and noted that with the projections that expenses will exceed the income for the year. Fund balance funds will be used. Toni Wiersma also reviewed the projected budget for the 24 -25 fiscal year and reminded the Board of the first public hearing on September 5, 2024. William Wallace made a motion to approve the Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Wendy Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4) Introduction of Lake Okeechobee Elite Athletes

- a) Pulled from the agenda, the organization had a scheduling conflict and would like to appear at the next Board meeting on September 5th.

5) Special Projects Requests

- a) **FCA – Football feeding program before games \$5,460.00.** Caleb Cornett appeared before the Board to request funds to feed the JV and Varsity football players before each game. There will be a total of 13 games during the months of August and September. All the money goes directly to the athletes. Heather Hancock made a motion to grant \$5,460.00 for the program. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **FFA Alumni – Team to National FFA convention.** Megan Williamson, Clint Thompson and several FFA members appeared before the Board and requested funds to attend the National FFA convention. Last year Okeechobee sent 6 students to the National Convention, this year a total of 16 students will be attending. The OHS Ag Mechanics team placed first in the State FFA competition and earned an opportunity to compete at the National level. Five students will be competing at the National Agriscience Fair competition and the State winning Vegetable team will be attending the National

conference. Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the request of \$21,600.00 for the students to attend the National FFA conference. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- c) **Special Olympics – Attend State Competition - \$5,000.** Robina Marker and Bernard Marker appeared before the Board to request funds to attend the State Special Olympics competition. One athlete will be competing. The Board stated that funds could only go to students and not adults. Pat McCoy made a motion to fund \$1250.00 for the student competing in the competition. Wendy Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- d) **Prosper Noggin - \$10,200.00 Melinda** Wherrell appeared before the Board to request additional funds to cover salaries of employees until scholarship funds become available in late September. Mrs. Wherrell stated that thirty students had enrolled full time, and an additional twenty students have enrolled part time. She stated that she appreciated the amount that the Children’s Service Council had given her to help with the startup expenses. The student teacher ratio is 1:6. Frank DeCarlo made a motion to approve the \$10,200.00. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6) Logo Presentation

- a) Toni Wiersma had invited Melinda Wherrell to review the logos that the students had created. Her suggestion was to create a brand that could be easily recognized in the community and gave us some samples. Heather Hancock stated that she would really like students to help create the logo. Melinda Wherrell stated that she would be willing to create a document to help the students create another logo. Toni Wiersma will work with Carey Pung, Digital Design teacher, on creating a different logo. The Board thanked Melinda Wherrell for her time and expertise.

(7) Update on Summer Programs

- a) Mrs. Wiersma gave a PowerPoint presentation on some of the Summer Programs and the activities that the children were enjoying this summer.

8) Open Discussion

- a) Leah Suarez appeared before the Board to thank them for their support of the Summer Camp program. They served 669 students. Dylan Tedders thanked Our Village for their support of providing clothing for all teachers, paraprofessionals and staff. Many teachers and staff took the opportunity to get clothing for the beginning of the school year.
- b) Toni Wiersma reminded the Board of the upcoming Millage and Budget hearings:
 - a. First Hearing Date – Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 5:01 PM in room 101 in the School Board Building. This will also be the regular meeting date.
 - b. Final Public Hearing Date – Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:01 PM in room 302 in the School Board Building.

13)Next meeting date – September 5, 2024

Motion made by Bill Wallace and seconded by Frank DeCarlo to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Wiersma

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Executive Director