



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
8:00– 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Karri Kerns, Rebecca Noecker, Toni Carter, Jackie Turner, Mary Vanderwert, Heather Kilgore, Alfreda Flowers, Bruce Thao, Christine Smith, Peter Grafstrom

**Not in Attendance:** Heather Kilgore

**Staff Present:** Laurie Davis and Christa Anders (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co- Coordinators)

**Guests Present:** None

**Meeting called to order by McClain at 8:15 am.**

**I. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 8, 2017 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the November update from Advance Consulting and the November finance report. Second. Motion approved.**

**II. Youth Master Plan: Learn, Grow, Thrive Grants**

SPCC would like to do a press release to announce our new grantees and staff requested communications team support from a partner organization. The County communications team will take the lead, working on coordination with the District and the City.

As presented by the fiscal agent last month, there is an additional \$146,169 in LCTS funding in the 2018 budget that the board reserved to be considered for grants in 2018.

**Motion to increase the Community Agency Two Year Grant 2018-19 line item in the 2018 SPCC budget by \$146,169. Second. Motion approved.**

The board heard from the second Anew BAM site visit team about their results and considered the recommendation that a grant be made. They are getting strong support from Propel, and the African American Futures Initiative. The group was left with a positive impression and was supportive of funding.

**Motion to make a grant of \$75,000 to Anew Bam over the two year 2018-19 grant period. Second. Motion approved.**

The Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood submitted a request for urgent funding for the summer program in 2018 and 2019 in the amount of \$150,000. The board discussed the request, and expressed concerns about possible reductions to service hours and changes to run concurrently with the district's summer school.

**Motion to provide a 2018-19 grant to Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood to fill their gap in funding, up to a maximum of \$146,169, pending submission of a budget and rationale for any changes in programming and schedule. Second. Motion approved.**

### **III. SPCC Administration**

The Nominating Committee (McClain and Smith) asked for volunteers/discussion regarding officers for 2018. The two officers who cannot serve another (3<sup>rd</sup>) term are McClain as Chair and Turner as Secretary. The four officers are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Each term is one year, two terms in any officer position max, consecutive.

**Motion to nominate the following slate of officers for 2018: Bruce Thao as Chair, Toni Carter as Vice Chair, Rebecca Noecker as Treasurer, and Mary Vanderwert as Secretary. Nominations accepted. Second. Motion approved.**

Graftstrom and McClain and staff drafted changes to the SPCC bylaws at the request of the board. The changes were reviewed by our Ramsey County Attorney, who saw no problems with the proposal. Discussion of the changes by the board.

**Motion to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws. Motion approved.**

There was discussion about changing the board meeting day to not conflict with Generation Next monthly meeting – could be first or third from 8-10am. Staff will talk to incoming Chair Thao and send a notice to the board. We will have an extended meeting on March 14 from 8-11am.

### **IV. Lighting of the Children's Fire**

Grafstrom lit the Children's Fire with some reflections on his time on the SPCC board. The board expressed their appreciation for his service and wished him all the best in his next endeavors. He expressed thanks for the chance to work with people who really do the work with children and families. He closed with a verse about Jesus' commitment to hearing and caring for children. He also spoke about the fact that Parent Aware and early

learning scholarships started here in Saint Paul, and have become part of state policy and appropriation.

### **V. Sharing & Discussion**

Ramsey county approved their budget yesterday.

Smith talked about Mill City Kids upcoming discussion with Ann Berry, to talk about systems' approach to dealing with children, youth and families.

Noecker expects the City will pass their budget today, including \$20,000 for a MetrixIQ study to take the 3K Blueprint to the next level of detail.

### **Meeting adjourned 10:00.**

Agenda Items for Future Meetings – focus to get through some of these in December!

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA)
- Mayor-Elect Carter introduction
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle) – February 2018
- Interfaith's new evaluation tool – Spring 2018
- Sharing information about funding opportunities with community partners
- Met Council come to talk about transportation

**Next Meeting: January 10, 2018 from 8:00 – 10am at CAP/RW.**