

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 13th, 2017

6:30-8:30 WSCO Office 209 Page St W

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Public Comments
2. Consent Agenda
3. Sharing Activities
4. Updates from ED
5. 2017 Budget line-item vote: Professional Development
6. Recent work on Immigration Issues
7. Takeaways from Board Retreat
8. March Committee

Meeting Minutes:

- Call to order 6:30 by Krysten
- Consent Agenda
 - Note AR is low because we need to put in for reimbursement from the City
 - Krysten motions to pass, Angela seconds
 - Unanimous approval
- Updates from ED
 - Take Action Annual Meeting Sat 18th at Wellstone Center -- request to have WSCO lead march
 - Important for WSCO to be present to elevate local neighborhood issues (immigration, community policing, water issues, economic power, etc.)
 - March will be at 12:30pm, rally point right outside Wellstone
 - We can use West Side Strong Signs to march
 - MPR is doing a conversation around the Human Potential for March 28th -- we have 5 tickets left
 - Cycles for Change - bike-a-thon coming up, 8 mi and 20 mi on June 10th 9:00am-1:00pm -- also open for WSCO to do fundraising
 - WSCO would need to get the word out, get a team together, if WSCO joins on, all of the donations that WSCO brings in would go to WSCO (small \$10 registration fee)
 - Don't have to bike, can help at the park and be a part of the event there
 - C4C is committed to being a safe space for all
 - Will have marshals to keep folks safe
- 2017 Budget Line Item Vote for Professional Development

- Proposal to use \$4000 from City of St. Paul Community Innovation Fund
- Request that staff would share back to the Board after training
- Motion to approve by Angela, Derek seconds
- Unanimously approved
- Recent work on immigrant issues
 - Put out a statement on immigrant issues
 - Closed WSCO in support of day without an immigrant
 - Worked with local businesses to organize a discussion around immigration issues -- we have two immigration attorneys and a few other people coming.
 - Bringing this issue to the board to vote for support for these activities
 - Angela moved, Derek seconded
 - Unanimously approved
- Take aways from retreat
 - More about organizing than direct service -- focus on organizing to enable more direct service
 - Better, clearer view of the big picture
 - We need to think about where we are at as an organization - still emerging and building infrastructure, working further on the base so that we can continue to become more strategic
 - Bringing people to events, be an ambassador
 - Very beneficial to do the action plan
 - Good to be at a board meeting now -- everything makes more sense
 - What more should we do in future retreats and workshops
 - Time to drill down on the larger issues we're facing -- as a board, how do we work with each committee on some of the biggest issues
 - Strategy on fundraising -- how to create an "earned revenue" of unrestricted dollars to enhance the work we do -- What are other District Councils doing to earn revenue?
 - Teaching organizing
- Meeting Close 8:00pm

Attendees:

- Nick Johnson
- Alicia Lucio
- Chue Chang
- Louis Garcia
- Monica Bryand
- Krysten Ryba-Tures
- Derek Johnson
- Kerry Matthews
- Joanna Lowry
- Angela Marlow
- Monica Bravo

- Bahieh Hartshorn