

Youth Development Council of Greene County Board Meeting June 15, 2015

Present:

Staff: Mike Alley. **Board Members:** Bishop Michael Jackson, Ron Morris, Heather Myers, Barbara Nye, Ginny Reese, Carl Schmitt, Pastor Chuck Winner. **Advisory Council:** Pete Costigan, Roy Dye, Charlotte Gilbert, Bert Nye.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 18, 2015 were approved, with change of SFO to SFA.

Treasurer's Report: (Bishop Jackson) Bishop's latest report dated May 15, 2015 showed a check book balance of \$55,621.13. The treasurer's report was approved.

Executive Director's Report: (Mike Alley) Mike reported on the success of the Soap Box Derby program in after-school program. The first summer camp has started, and there are a few new families. A few are new referrals from the schools, and a few are families that weren't interested last summer but due to Mike's efforts in talking to families will participate this summer. The website also helped with these new recruitments. The second camp has twenty committed students at this time. Twenty spots are reserved for the Art Camp in the interim between camps. Mike and Barbara reported on the first day and activities planned for the rest of the week. A donation was made again this year of \$300 in new books, from the Friends of Greene County Library, for campers to use. Each camper will be able to choose and take home a couple books at the end of camp. Mike noted improvements in behavior already compared to last year's camp. Barbara reported on the dramatic increase in interest in reading and ability to maintain concentration while reading, over the beginning of camp last summer. BB&T Bank has offered to sponsor the end of camp picnic, including providing volunteers and food.

Reports from Committees:

Fundraising Committee: (Roy Dye): Roy submitted a written report dated June 15, 2015. Three letters have been sent out this year. The letter to previous high-end donors (\$500+) garnered a total of \$31,350 from 15 donors, including an anonymous \$10,000 donation. The April and June letters to other 2014 donors, and those who did not respond to last year's fundraising letter, has raised \$12,065 from 62 donors. Together with organization's donations and pledges of \$11,500, the total raised is \$55,415. Roy reported on the status of various grant applications. The fall dinner event that had been under discussion has been cancelled at this point due to concerns about competition with other non-profit organizations in Greene. There may be a Spring dinner instead. Ron asked for additional information from the fundraising committee about our donor base. The new APLOS software can be used to assist with donor analysis once the data is put in.

Long-Range Planning: (Ron Morris) A discussion began out of the fundraising discussion of a need for planning related to moving to a four day a week after-school schedule in January. Discussed was how to estimate the costs, which information is especially needed for grants currently being pursued. The costs might not be a simple doubling for a four day after-school program, and may have possible repercussions for space and staffing, which Carl urged that Board members and staff must figure out. Discussion covered options for alternative space outside of the school and future possible

collaboration with the schools if a Twenty-first Century Grant were obtained for an after-school program. An immediate need for action on up front payment to Greene County Transit was identified by Bert Nye. Barbara Nye made a motion that the Board authorize a check to be written to Greene County Transit in the amount of \$500 to cover transit costs for the first summer camp, and to cover part of the second camp if any is left over. This was passed unanimously by the Board.

Reports from Committees Continued:

Finance Committee: (Pete Costigan): Pete presented a copy of the five month (Jan-June) Income Statement from APLOS for FY2015 so far which shows income and spending in the various categories. Pete remarked that it will be useful to calculate spending by program, and costs per individual child. There is a budget module in APLOS which can be procured so that we can track spending against the budget. Pete noted that administrative costs as a fraction of program costs looks very good. Carl recommended that we develop a 2016 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ginny Reese