



Minute
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 11 February 2014
Place: Felege Hiywot Center
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Dinner: 5:30PM

A = absent, P = present

P	Aster Bekele	A	Gene Ford	P	Mary Studley
A	Chris Rothenberger	P	Lauren Nowlin	P	Nicole Oglesby
P	Darye Henry	A	Lynn Wiegand	P	Angela Hays

Important Dates:

- April 5th – Garden party.
- April 6th – FHC day at the Pacers
- Feb 28 end of In-school program
- March start of after school at IPS 69 and Brookside Park

Guests: Angela Hays – New Board member, Olli Ward-guest Reborn Code, Yodit Kibron-FHC Youth program coordinator

1. Welcome and approval of last meeting minute
 - Darye started the meeting with prayer
 - Minute from January meeting approved
2. Vote on our new board member Angela Hays
 - Darye introduced Angela Hays to the board
 - Aster passed around the questions Angela filled out describing her gifts and skills she brings to FHC.
 - The board members asked questions and voted Angela to be our new board member.
3. Garden party 2014 –
 - Speaker – Darye and Nicole will be checking into potential guest speakers.
 - Ticket/table sale – Aster is trying to set up meeting with Community Hospital to get the detail of their sponsorship
 - Aster spoke of the need for each board member to be advocate and raise fund continuously no matter how small. Brain storming ideas by members:
 - We need to raise 1200 a year for running FHC, but it would be nice to raise 2 or 3 years of 1200 to have a “cushion”
 - Maybe put small fundraising boxes around businesses in the neighborhood to collect money.
 - There is a need of doing a monthly fundraising event “Ethiopian dinner at FHC” to bring in a flowing fundraising income. Maybe add soul food to attract more people. Dinner or late lunch, when the sun is still out. Have an add in the Indianapolis Star

- (food section) to get the word out. In the future, have an add about the Farm Stand in the summer. Homework for next meeting: brainstorm more fundraising ideas
- Darye brought the idea of bringing other neighborhood (ie. Spade park) and work with them, bring them on the board, and know what experiences they went through and for us to learn from. Spade park hosts a fall festival so we can partner up with them and let people know about the Martindale community. Know schedules or events of the surrounding communities to get involved in. Working with business in that area.
 - Olli suggests to stick with authenticity. So for the small fundraising events, stick with tea & coffee. Something portable. The big fundraising events, lets go all out.
 - Aster brought the idea she received from the community youth which is to attract the immediate community residents to consider adding soul food.
 - We have to plan ahead to do fundraising or be involved events in the city. For the first 6 years we jumped in when there was an event which is not sustainable. Planning ahead is a must.
 - History of Garden party
 - The start of Garden party a couple of years was great, we passed our goal but every year since then, it hasn't been declining.
 - Format of Garden Party:
 - Intro/welcome
 - Food/coffee
 - Silent auction
 - Guest Speaker
 - Awards for FHC kids
 - A good idea is to have the Garden Party be about what Aster learned from the Boston Food Project and the process of merging ideas.
 - Boston food project fundraising events is youth telling their story.
4. Pacers ticket sale
- Aster should contact with the Pacers and see if they can mention all the sponsors during halftime. Aster is going to check for that.
 - Darye will modify the flyer to add the link and resend it to everyone.
5. Need to come up with names for type of awards to give from FHC
- a. Let's Name the Awards differently, have the kids make the names for the awards.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 pm

Next Meeting: Tue March 11th 5:30 dinner, Meeting starts 6:00PM