

BoT Meeting
March 21, 2018

Present: Charity Mc Master, Mark Smith, Patti Baldus, Jane Horton, Valerie Engeltjes, Tom Edwards

Absent: Margaret Willey, Kent Dobson

Next Scheduled meeting: **April 18, 2018**

The Board welcomed two new members, Valerie, Engeltjes and Tom Edwards. We're excited to add them to our numbers.

Chair's Comments (Charity):

Since the March meeting is the first for the new board, elections needed to be held, committee chairs established, and assessment of old projects that might need new members. Because this board has fewer members than past years, we each will need to take on a task. Charity is looking forward to working together during this exciting time.

Elections: Charity McMaster, Chair, (no Vice Chair), Mark Smith, Treasurer, Margaret Willey, Recording Secretary, Patti Baldus, chair of CLC; Valerie Engeltjes, chair of Outreach.

Leader's Report

Kent was in CA, so no report was available.

Finance: (Mark)

Mark reported that we have addition monthly expenses of \$7700; this was anticipated, with the decision to hire a full-time leader. Also, because we want to be prepared for growth, we have hired Carley and Mary for the Children's Care. Sometimes, when the report makes it look like we are down, it's a matter of timing. For example, we usually have lower income during this time of year, but there is always a bump in income towards the end of the year. There was a bit of discussion regarding fundraisers that will be organized through the year.

As for the status of Independent Contractors: contracts/job descriptions are being signed and filed; the Finance Committee approved and increase in pay for Chase and Steve.

Community Life Committee: (Patti)

Membership: Kathy and Dick reported that they are planning to follow up on the membership cards with emails, and to hold two or three Membership events through the year, possibly in Feb, June, and Oct. The June and Oct events would not include a celebration, as the Feb. meeting is an annual event.

The Newcomer's Table is now located where the musician's merch used to be, and this change of location is turning out to be ideal for having people stop. The traffic has increased a lot since the move. Who knew?

Sunday Gathering: Leslie reports that the team is working well; mentioned appreciation for David's work in securing some more "big name" speakers. They will meet at noon on Sundays that Kent is speaking, to accommodate his travel. Dick brought up the FB live broadcast, saying that the glass doors behind the speakers is very distracting to viewers. He volunteered to provide some draperies to hang over them before the Gathering. He received support from the CLC to go ahead with this idea.

Compassionate Care and Concern: Ellie was absent, so didn't bring any news of the community needs. She will update when she returns.

Charter for Compassion: Week 3 @C3: Collected items were delivered to the McLaughlin Grows Urban farm in Muskegon, a project of the Community EnCompass initiative. They were most gratefully received, and an invitation was extended to ANYONE who would like to visit and get a tour of the farm. There is a new greenhouse that volunteers put together, then built table for, for growing seedlings to be planted. On the farm. They will be organizing a CSA to help distribute their fresh produce to the neighborhood, and they will have a booth at the Muskegon Farmer's Market.

Week 3 for April:

The Boys/Girls Club of the Lakeshore

Week 3 for May:

May baskets for the Center for Women in Transition.

Education : No report; Wayne was absent. Although he's off the BoT, he is still interested in remaining involved in the Education Committee

Communication: Chrys mentioned that Wild Apricot was planning to raise prices. Discussion followed about C3's use of WA, noting that it is capable of handling SO MUCH more than what we're now using it for. Questions came up: Is the operation of a data system for C3 the responsibility of the CLC? Who makes decisions about this? Do we have anyone in the community with interest or expertise in this, and who would then be responsible for implementation?

New Business: Question about recipients of Week 3 donations: do they have to be an official 501C3? We have learned of some individual people who could use donations to help cancer patients and honor military service people.

Outreach Committee: (Jane)

The big thing happening is the next Highway cleanup on April 14.

There is a push for volunteers to be part of the Earth Day Lakeshore booth and March.

Mary will also be ordering more t-shirts, as well.

Visioning Team: (Charity)

This group has morphed from the Leader Selection Committee, with emphasis on looking towards the future of C3. Emphasis is on Membership, and a new focus on Marketing. They're working on arranging "Pop up" C3, in GR. Discussion followed about the overlap between this and the Outreach Group.

Discussion of the need for more volunteers. The idea came up of having a "Volunteer Fair" to encourage people to get involved with anything they might be interested in. We'd like to encourage more people to become BoT members, as well.

New Business:

Safety document: Margaret began it, Andy and Kathy were the last team; Tom Edwards has agreed to review the documents and try to edit them to be workable for C3.

Review of Kent's Position: (Charity)

Updated new BoT members on Kent's job description, first goals and focuses, time off, other parameters. Members should review this info for a 6 month review of the position and conversation with Kent at the next board meeting. Focus on a 5 year picture...