

Minutes

December 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:33pm.

Participants: Janet Hamer, Kaye Schmitz, Deanna Lewis, Michael Gutter, Bill Mills, George Owen, Fred Bates, Howard Liebman, Felipe Pinzon, Evan Goldman, Sandra Bernard-Bastien, Monique Finlay, Maureen Quinlan, Evan Goldman (Smart Horizons), Richard Schram, Ted Granger, Mike Smith, Kasha Owens, Loretta Willary, Jeff Winkler, Dot Inman Johnson

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Janet Hamer welcomed everyone. She announced the new Board members, (names and organizations) and expressed appreciation to all who were nominated.

Bank- On Meeting- Janet gave an overview of the participants/meeting; it was a very productive meeting. Anyone interested in joining state-wide Bank-On Advisory Committee, please inform Janet to be included.

- II. President's Report

- FPP is now a 501(c) (3) organization, there will be future discussion about the future steps in relation to United Way and its relationship with FPP.
- We have applied for several grants: Michael Gutter from University of FL and FPP have a joint grant for consideration from Jessie Ball duPont, also we applied for a grant from FDDC, we received a grant from Fifth Third Bank and are making certain we can be sustainable as a state-wide organization.
- Kaye thanked all the hosts of the FPP Regional Meetings which concluded in November- Joan Nelson, Heart of FL United Way; Megan Earnhart, United Way of the Big Bend, Tallahassee; Susan Senkarik hosted at Watercolor Inn, Santa Rosa Beach. (Special thanks to Watercolor Inn and St. Joe Corporation sponsored meeting space and snacks at that meeting), Jeff Winkler , United way of NE Fl; Ellen Stoffer, United Way of Tampa Bay; (wonderful, big turnout/his largest turnout) Roger Mercado and Cliff Smith of UW of Lee, Henry and Glades Counties; Kasha Owers of UW of Palm Beach, co-hosted by Daniella Levine of Catalyst Miami and Sandra Bernard-Bastien of CSC of Broward County.
- Kaye introduced the Director of Strategic Initiatives for the FPP- Bill Mills who gave an update for the upcoming conference. 2011 FPP Conference will be held at Don Ceasar Resort. St. Pete Beach from June 1-3. Registration will be \$225 for members registering before April 30 and up to \$325, there will also be one day rates available. The registration site will open by April 1, 2011. The RFP for proposals for workshops is on the website, deadline will be February 1, 2011, selections will be made in March and presentations will be expected in May. Ellen Stoffer of UW of Tampa Bay is working on a special evening of entertainment as the host city.
- Communications- Kaye introduced Penny Zaphel who informed the members of the latest projects, the first FPP newsletter via Constant Contact. Members may submit

topics of interest, suggestions and information for the newsletter by the 20th of each month. FPP now has a Facebook account, members were encouraged to join.

III. Financial Report – Ted

- He expressed congratulations to new Board members and informed all that the year-end financial report will be sent to the Board by December 24.
- The BOD on Oct 24 voted to implement a membership fee of \$100 to organizations per year beginning January 1. Members will receive new benefits such as networking, educational opportunities, advocacy, and a \$50 discount off the conference registration fee. There was a discussion about membership fees and conference discount including concerns about how it affects corporate sponsorship. Ted will research whether FPP membership dues are tax-deductible.

IV. Other Business

- Ted Granger discussed updates - IRS has taken good steps with relation to terms of getting rid of refund anticipation loans. He also spoke of the Volunteer Protection Act – Ted gave an overview of work being done, one page background paper has been done. A decision is to be made regarding whether to ask a house member to file a Bill or doing it as an amendment onto another Bill later on.
- Kasha also shared about a new law effective August 2010 relating to volunteers required to have Level II screening, this would cost \$10K more to their VITA program.
- Ted Granger informed members that he is working with DCF to fix numerous problems in the Bill, he requested that members send written position/analysis/recommendation for legislative change to him via email - tgranger@uwof.org

V. Smart Horizons Online Career Program- this webinar was presented by Dr. Howard Liebman.

VI. Adjournment

- Kaye thanked everyone. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.