



## FLORIDA PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP

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### Minutes

October 4, 2010

**The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm.**

**Participants:** Janet Hamer, Kaye Schmitz, Sandra Bernard-Bastien, Monique Finlay, Ted, Valarie, Dana, Alan, Michael R, George Owen, Maureen Quinlan, Brittany Richards, Daniella, Anika and Sue-Ella.

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Janet Hamer welcomed everyone. The matters on the agenda were addressed briefly by Kaye Schmitz.
- II. Executive Director's Report
  - Meetings attended by Executive Director
    - Washington D.C. –National Community Tax Coalition and CFED Assets Learning Conference. Janet Hamer and Michael Roush also attended.
    - Capital Hill visits with high-level aides and discussed matters such as increasing the amount of funding for IRS Vita Grants, making some ARRA Tax Cuts permanent, savings programs (IDA and Aspire programs). She was able to invite several legislators to FPP regional meetings.
    - Visit at Department of Treasury, Michael Barr's office. Had a meeting with staff and as a result Matt Pippin will be attending a Bank-On FL Advisory Committee meeting in Jacksonville, FL.
    - Meeting with IRS SPEC Department with high ranking IRS members. The subject of the meeting was making Schedule C Tax Form a part of the VITA site sanctioned forms.
  - CFSI Grant- Kaye and a team are currently working on the CFSI Grant (Janet and Kaye attended bidder's meeting in Washington). The group included (among others) Loretta Wilary, Daytona Beach Community College, who wrote a letter of support template, Dr. Michael Gutter of the University of Florida, and Bill Mills of the FPP, who has done great research with statistics to include in the grant.
  - FPP Regional Meetings
    - Meetings have been scheduled, starting with the first meeting in Orlando on October 25 and ending with the final meeting at United Way of Palm Beach County on November 18. The meetings will have smaller FPP updates and presentations from organizations and initiatives in the region. Kaye encouraged everyone to attend their regional meetings and thanked all for their support.

### III. Budget 2010-2011 – Ted

- Review of projected income thru 12-31-2010. – Income available \$232,000, total of balance brought forward \$68,900 and estimated income of \$164,000.
- Ted discussed expense increases, such as the administrative costs for Web hosting. Another increase was the addition of two new positions, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Coordinator for Special Projects.
- Kaye explained that Pat from Bank of America is retiring and has offered to do train-the-trainer in exchange for travel expenses (estimated \$10,000). It was suggested that we take an inventory to find out how many persons are qualified to conduct train the trainer sessions; this would provide a listing of available instructors. Kaye will work on compiling trainer list.
- Motion to accept was done by roll call vote of the Board, all agreed.

### IV. Update of by-laws – George

- 1) Background: Executive Committee wanted to add more specific details, articles into sections and to ensure that the FPP Board was a hands-on working Board engaged in all aspects of FPP. George discussed major changes
  - Reduction in the number of Board meetings that members need to attend
  - Addition of Mandatory attendance
  - Addition of Board of Governors- advisory body that will assist in funding and providing more expertise, legal support.
  - Establishment of Standing Development committee to raise funding, assist with Grants
  - Expansion of Executive Committee, which will also act as the Financial Committee
  - Provision to charge dues of \$100 effective Jan. 2011
  - Definition of voting member
  - Change of title of staff person from Executive Director to President/CEO
  - Provision of individual memberships, person will have to pay fee and therefore will receive quarterly conference call access and discount for conference. Individuals who do not wish to pay will be considered “friends” of FPP.

- 2) There was a discussion about changes to the amendments

- (i) Correct numbering on page 5
- (ii) Article 9 – Nondiscrimination Clause- should include sexual orientation information

A motion to accept the by-laws (with two amendments discussed) was moved by Sandra Bernard-Bastien and seconded by Valerie Hendriex. A roll call vote was taken with unanimous agreement.

### V. Other Business

## **Grants**

There was a discussion about applying for grants and how it affects various entities that are a part of FPP.

## **Elections**

- Kaye shared that the Nominating committee decided to ask the current Board members to continue to serve another term unless they would rather serve in a different capacity e.g. Board of Governors. The committee also wanted to solicit suggestions of persons who would make good candidates.
- The current Board would select the list of 25 candidates to be sent to the entire membership and a vote would be taken in the final membership call on December 13. New members would take office at January meeting.
- Deadline for submitting names for the Board of Governors is Oct. 29. The Board will vote on November 8.
- The Board will contact current members to inquire if they are willing to serve again. George will work with Sandra, Susan, Daniella and Janet to make calls.

## **Shriver Center**

Michael offered to facilitate a meeting with Dave of the Shriver Center in Chicago; they have received funding for a resource website for all statewide coalitions. Michael will coordinate a meeting, this would help promote FPP and make them aware of our organization.

## **VI. Adjournment**

- Kaye thanked everyone. Janet commended everyone for their dedication and involvement for the past two and a half years and encouraged everyone to continue to serve on the Board. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.

## **VII. Next Meeting**

- The date of the next Conference Call is Monday, December 13.