

GGRA Board Meeting
4/18/2019 - 11:30AM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Attendance: Sen. Unterman, Anita, Rachel, Brendan, Lee, Karen, Taylor, Candace
2. OPENING PRAYER
3. OLD BUSINESS
4. TREASURER'S REPORT (UPDATE ON BANK SWITCH)
 - Checks are here, Taylor working on getting report. Have enough in the account to cover Chick-Fil-A order in May
5. DISCUSSION OF SPEAKERS FOR MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS
 - Speakers will be:
May - John Shinholser
June - Obria & Good Landing Recovery
6. DISCUSSION AND FORMATION OF CORE GGRA COMMITTEES
Proposed committees (needs vision statement, outcome, goals for each):
Identification & Communication
Transportation
Accommodation
Affiliation
Education / Vocation (Job Opportunity Training)
Healthcare (Physical and Mental)
Advocacy

Lee advised that the core needs identified by DCS were Housing, Jobs, Transportation, and Education

Ad-hoc committees:
Data analytics
Conference Setup (nametags, event setup)
Conference Fundraising
7. FINALIZING BY-LAWS (MARKED UP COPIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED)
 - By-Laws were finalized with input from all in attendance and approved by the Officers
Yea - 4 Nay - 0

8. FINALIZING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND SELECTING IMPACTED CITIZEN

- A vote was conducted by the Officers to add Lorenzo Lewis to the Advisory Board to fill the seat of an Impacted Citizen. **Yea - 4 Nay - 0**

9. PRESENTATION OF GGC PROPOSAL TO HOST 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- The proposal received from Georgia Gwinnett College was presented by Brendan Spaar. Karen and Lee Robbins spoke highly of the college's history of hosting the 2017 conference. A vote was taken to accept the proposal and officially declare GGC as the venue for our 2019 conference. **Yea - 4 Nay - 0**

- Additional Feedback included the need for a positive theme for the conference.
- We need to raise funds quickly and should approach businesses to be Corporate Sponsors
- Table setup should not be segmented. People should be interspaced with impacted citizens sitting alongside dignitaries and business leaders so that a dialog can be had.

10. ANY ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion was had about the need to properly vet members and sponsors to ensure that they align with our mission and vision.
- Brendan Spaar will communicate with Gov. Kemp's office to formally invite him to our Fall Conference. A date for the conference will be selected once the Governor's availability is determined.
- Discussion was had about the Fall Conference around bringing infrastructure
- Fall Conference:
 - The idea of "Beyond Second Chances: Better Chances" was suggested as the theme.
 - Bringing infrastructure together, general public awareness
 - We need to define our target audience
 - Speaker ideas were discussed around the topics of Mental Health / Substance Abuse
 - Some topics that Gov. Kemp may be interested in are Rehabilitation of former gang members and human trafficking victims.
- We need official GGRA letterhead / stationary

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