

Hillsdale Community Foundation
Regular Board Meeting
July 27, 2020
Zoom conference call

Directors Present: Anne Prescott (chair), Amy Houchen (vice-chair), Dick Hausken (treasurer), Eamon Molloy (secretary), Dave Hawkins, Lara Jones, Robin Jensen

Directors Absent: Spencer French

Directors Emeritii present: Rick Seifert

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Amy to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2020 meeting. Dick seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Dick presented the financials. To date, Hillsdale COVID response raised \$5,931 through the foundation. Adding the foundation's \$2,000 donation, total funds raised are \$7,931. Expenses totaled \$647. Other expenses include the banner permit and the electrical expenses for the Josh Kadish Stage. We will need to pay the landscaping water fee. Do we need landscape insurance? Can we go through SWNI?

Foundation Zoom Account

Anne made a motion to open a Zoom account at \$15 per month. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Solar Update

Anne reported that there is a group working on setting up solar co-ops. She will talk to them next week after the group completes its grant proposal.

Stage Committee

Richard has begun his own stage schedule. Events run Saturday evening and Sundays 12:00-1:30. He is paying approximately \$40/hr and a salary to an event coordinator. Anne suggested we could have a larger fundraising event. Richard cannot sell alcohol per his landlord's request but is allowed to serve alcohol for a fundraiser.

Social Justice Committee

The discussion started with the questions: What do we want to accomplish? How can we reach people? Anne commented that perhaps the committee should be named the Inclusivity Committee.

The existence of racial exclusion clauses was brought up. The clauses exist in many deeds but cannot be enforced. There is a cost to eliminate from a property owner's deed. A legislative fix would be the better way to go.

There was general agreement that there is a wide swath of people in the Hillsdale area that we are not connecting with. How do we reach out? Lara commented that offering scholarships to the Crossfit Studio has been a big help to increase inclusion at her business.

Lara also brought up a speaker to the parents group she is in. Dr. Ell led parents on a discussion of how to be an antiracist. Lara will contact Dr. Ell and ask if she would help the foundation with a similar discussion. We need to work on outreach for such an event. Lara suggested parent groups as a good place to start. There was general agreement that we should start soon. Other possible topics for the committee include food security issues and vandalism.

(Rick left at 8:07 pm)

Anne asked can we create Rise Up Hillsdale Part 2? How can we be effective? What does it look like? No answers but general agreement that this is something to consider.

Amy made a motion to end the meeting. Dave seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:22pm

Next meeting is Monday, August 24, 2020 via Zoom