



Children's Trust Fund
Protecting Michigan's Children

Board of Directors Virtual Meeting

August 20, 2020

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Tammy Bernier, Rabbi Amy Bigman, Willie Dubas (phone), Stan Hannah, Bill Hardiman (phone), Kelle Jo Ilitch, Amy Tattrie Loepp, Sgt. Martin Miller, Jill Simms, David Zyble

Members Not Present: Lauren Rakolta, Alisande Shrewsbury, Orlando Todd, Kathleen Trott

Guest Speakers: N/A

Public: N/A

Staff Present: Suzanne Greenberg, Heidi Coggins, Alan Stokes, Anne Stokes, Emily Schuster-Wachsberger

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Amy Tattrie Loepp

- a. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Amy Tattrie Loepp, at 1:33 p.m.
- b. The purpose of this meeting is two-fold.
 - i. The 2021 Direct Services (DS) grant proposals are to be reviewed and approved.
 - ii. Provide updates about the upcoming Pam Posthumus Signature Auction event.

2. Direct Services Grants: Heidi Coggins

- a. An overview of the DS application process was presented.
 - i. A total of 26 applications were submitted.
 - ii. Grant applications were reviewed by teams representing a diverse group of individuals (racial, geographic, professional, etc.).
 - iii. Scoring was based upon a number of criteria which included child abuse and neglect statistics, geography, grant programming clarity and others.
 - iv. Out of the review process 9 applications were recommended.
 - v. These grants present geographic and ethnic diversity along with urban, suburban and rural regions of MI.
 - vi. All 9 proposals are those that meet the criteria for secondary prevention programming and all are evidence-based.
 - vii. Once a vote is taken by the board to approve, the next steps include sending a letter to the applicants informing them whether their application has been awarded or not.
 - viii. A grantee orientation and ongoing technical assistance will be provided to the awardees.
- b. Suzanne praised and thanked Heidi for her hard work and efforts in making this year's DS application process a success.
- c. **A motion was made by Rabbi Amy Bigman and seconded by Bill Hardiman to approve the 9 recommended applications. The motion was approved.**

3. Auction Updates: Amy Tattrie Loepp and Suzanne Greenberg

- a. CTF has met its pre-event fundraising goal, having raised \$331,500 thus far. Although, not a record yet, we are getting close to approaching the record of net cash of \$343,000, which was set in 2011. We would like to surpass the previous record, if possible.
- b. Amy and Suzanne thanked the board for their monetary and item contributions to the auction.
- c. It was noted that sports events, trips and other similar people-interactive auction items have been popular items in past auctions. However, this year, due to the pandemic, we are also looking at expanding the search for “out of the box” options. One example given was an office redecoration. Another was having a new deck built. Please contact Suzanne with any creative ideas you may have.

4. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Jill Simms and seconded by Kelle Illitch with the motion being passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.