

Community Development Society, 1 p.m., February 15, 2012

Present: Brent Hales, Abbie Gaffey, Sharon Gulick, Lori Landry, Bo Beaulieu, Steve Jeanetta

Minutes: Bo Beaulieu moved, Steve Jeanetta seconded. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Steve reviewed budget allocations. Membership jumped at the end of December by 70 members. End of the year up to 222 members. Renewals so far are at 245 members. Amend the budget for 2012 to add \$2,500 for website development (see notes of November board meeting). Beau - The hard copy mailing and the distribution of the list plus personal phone calls were more effective than the electronic notification. Question from Sharon regarding where we put Boise conference sponsorships. Line 134 on the cash flow projection shows the Ford Foundation and National Coop Association. Line also includes three special issues of the Journal.

2012 Conference Update: Sharon projecting attendance of 150 people. 143 abstracts received following extension of the deadline. Reviewers are now reviewing. We can not accommodate 143 presentations. Seven tracks recommended but Board had decided to do five tracks but even with seven tracks will be able to do 80-88 sessions only. Many requests for 90 minute workshops. Two \$5,000 sponsorships plus \$1,500 from the Community Development Endowment. PNC Bank talking about a \$10,000 sponsorship. Two grants being submitted for mobile learning workshops. Children's Hospital in Cincinnati also possible level of sponsorship. Only request for a Preconference workshop is from funded work from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Ford Foundation. Charging registration fee for the preconference. \$75 registration fee. 75 people invitation only. Six or 8 slots for CDS Board members. \$5,525 with a 60/40 - 60 to CDS and 40 to Community Change group. Community Change can pay for everything from their grant except the bartender at the Saturday night event. Will deduct that from their 40 and then bill them for the remainder. CDS should walk away with \$3400 off of this preconference session. Aspen Institute. Evaluation of change. Brent - maybe we could consider moving a couple of the workshops to the pre-conference, particularly if there are revenue generating possibilities for them. Bo- could limit time of the workshops to an hour instead of 90 minutes to fit more in. Brent - what percentage of the abstracts are international? Sharon- haven't counted but it looks like quite a few. Brent - how many of those are looking for travel scholarships? Sharon-I'd say most of them. Brent - realistic on the actual abstracts and their ability to travel.

2013 Conference - Bo reporting. Lori says the contract with the Francis Marion has been signed. Bo will send an update to the board and has started work on the 2014 conference. Two of their 3 board Deborah Tootle, Michael Wilcox and the president-elect of NACDEP will be appointed to a joint committee to bring the NACDEP and the CDS conference together. Their biggest issue is like with Rural Sociology about doing

a joint meeting without co-mingling money of membership fees. Still receptive. Other biggest challenge is 2013 is a Galaxy in the fall. If 2014 gets problematic, we could shoot for 2015 and not compete with Galaxy. Bo joint membership for \$200 in both. It's on their agenda for next month. Brent – reception of joint membership? Bo- Michael Wilcox finds that very intriguing and attractive and hopefully will permeate the rest of the board, but don't know for sure.

Membership Renewals – Lori Landry. Sent membership reports that includes January and February. Adding tabs for the months.

Committee Follow-Up – Brent – we need to follow-up that our committees are functioning and there are opportunities for people to serve. Sharon – what happened? Brent – signed up at the conference for the committee and then never heard. Brent – that's where the breakdown is happening. Asking for recommendations. Moving forward we need to have a better protocol for member involvement. Sharon – it might vary from committee to committee. Brent – we have great policy but not practice of getting folks involved as soon as they sign up at the conference. Should we move the committee sign-up on Day 1 and have a final roundtable of committees on Day 2? Sharon – We get the sign-up sheet out and then we get new board members getting a list of names and maybe not being sure what the first step is. Timing of when the committee chair gets that list? Sharon-I don't know that we've put time in for committee meetings. Day 2 morning breakfast – can dedicate that to committee meetings at round tables. Brent – On Monday at the Plenary – have the committee heads stand up and do a 30 second overview of the committee to get folks involved. Sharon- We can give them a minute because there is time between breakfast and the keynote speaker. Dave Lamie, the new VPO, could then follow-up with them.

Elections – Brent – we have a full slate of candidates. Eight people have submitted to run on the board. Really qualified candidates. Having Dave Lamie be VPO after serving on the board twice before will assist Sharon and Bo in setting up the Society. Three slots open with eight candidates. Steve – new members don't have the visibility of old members on a contested ballot. How do we get them in front of them and show their contributions? Possible to keep people involved by appointing them co-chairs of committees? Brent – lets encourage folks to get involved and stay involved even if they don't get elected to the board.

Other Items?

Adjourn: 2:23 p.m.