



**Board Meeting  
June 21, 2017**

**Welcome at 6:06pm: David Zaccagnino**

Board members present: Bill Shuman, David Zaccagnino, Jim Froeschle, Karen Harllee, and Lindsay Sauls

By phone- Emma Stringer and Mike Thrasher

Executive Director: Kristen Lessig

Others present in General Session: Kristen Swain (The Sun), John Chappie (Bradenton Beach commissioner), Carol Soustek (Holmes Beach commissioner), Nancy Yetter (Anna Maria commissioner), Bianca Benedi (The Islander), and Robyn Kinkopf

**Executive Session:**

Next Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, is Rex Hagen's celebration. He was a wonderful friend, promoter and asset to everyone and The Center. He will be missed.

Lindsay read minutes from the June 15/16<sup>th</sup> email vote.

David addressed that Sean Flynn had questions on the by-laws. He hopes that he stays on the board.

It was stated that the non-disclosure agreement needs to be signed.

We had several resignations- Ed Chiles, Sam Pakbaz, Frank Agnelli, Patty McBean and Margie Shard.

On Monday of this week, Dave received all passwords from Kristen and went back a year on all credit card charges. We currently have \$525 on debit cards and \$70,000 in the bank. We received \$100,000 from the endowment. \$130,000 is still there and will not be taken.

We need to get through the budget before going through line by line of the bank statement. David and Bill are going through it all.

We will be looking for audit and HR committees out of the board. As well as an expense oversight committee that reviews expenses possible quarterly.

Might try and get someone from the cities to be on the committee. Possibly ask AM, HB and BB to provide an accountant/auditor to be on it.

Need to streamline the review process and give it ironclad accountability. We want someone in the CPA's firm to be a part of the process since Laura hasn't been a part of it the whole year.

Jim put a motion to approach the cities about being on the committee. Bill seconded and 6 were in favor (a quorum).

It was discussed that we need to give Kristen some direction on spending. She was not given any guidelines in the past.

There was a motion to create an HR committee- bring in an outside HR qualified individual. Reach out to MCF to see if they have anyone to put on it. All were in favor- 6/0 (Emma was no longer on the call). It was discussed that the HR committee come up with a position on what we are willing to release.

Have a press release ready to go out to both papers. Dave suggested a Letter to the Editor.

We need to think about a Vice Chair now.

Bonner is looking for a special records request. Do we give it to her? We are getting opinions from several very well respected attorneys. We don't want to look like we are hiding anything, but don't need to give it to her at this point.

### **General Session:**

The minutes from the emergency meeting were not recorded as Lindsay was out of town.

The motion for Patty to be Chairman did not pass.

Nancy Yetter asked about the proposal for Patty to step down for \$10,000 from Micheal Coleman. This was out of our control. Micheal is not on the board and we were unaware of his proposal.

It was stated that things are being leaked from the Board and confidentiality agreements needs to be signed. Staff will be required to sign one as well.

We believe we do not fall under the Sunshine Law, but will be transparent.

Dave stated that he tried to meet with Patty prior to her resignation and she would not meet with him.

Dave addressed the bank and credit card statements. He has looked into all of it and does not see anything that stands out.

- **Committee Reports:**

*Finance-* Jim discussed the financial results of May 2017

See report-

The budget approval is being pushed in to July

*Executive Director's Report-* Kristen-see report

The budget presentation to the community will be July 19<sup>th</sup>.

- **Questions and input from city reps:**

Carol Soustek asked about the Sand dollar program that we were discussing this year. Our reply is that it is no longer in process as the printing cost too much to make it effective. Kirsten is looking at a tier model with island businesses- maybe a round up program.

Carol said people are confused by the way we do reporting.. They want to see reports showing where the money goes and out. They are confused where it goes especially since the mortgage is paid off.

Nancy Yetter said there are rumors that board members resigned for fear from their safety. Yes, some did and some still on the board were scared for theirs as well. Many received threatening calls from an individual in Bradenton.

- **No New Business**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm