

## **Executive Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:10pm by Rob Perelka.

**Roll Call:** Present

1. Stacy Gielda
2. Gordon LeBlanc, Jr.
3. Rob Perelka
4. Dax Jones
5. Kay LeBlanc
6. Nancy Russo
7. Steve Holden
8. George James
9. Dwayne Somers
10. Ed Sandidge
11. Kathy Molenda (by telephone)
12. Jeff Geller (guest speaker)

### **Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made by George James to waive the reading of the minutes from the November 10 Executive Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dwayne Somers and was passed.

### **Chairman's report:**

Stacy Gielda reported that there has been discussion about how to manage the board. He believes that in building the board we need to approach business owners because they have an understanding of how to run a business and of how to motivate other people. Current board members are being asked to step-up and honor their obligations to the charity.

### **Vice Chairman's report:**

Gordon LeBlanc, Jr. stated that there has been some positive communication with Jarret Sharp, Principal of Children First Academy, and that we hope to move forward with our partnership with the school.

### **President's Report:**

Rob Perelka briefly touched on a four page report that will be sent out to everyone. The report contains an accounting of everything the charity participated in during 2009 as well as an assessment for 2010. Rob requested that a committee be formed to examine the current business plan, by-laws and structure of the board and to develop a five year strategic plan. Gordon LeBlanc, Jr., Kay LeBlanc, Ed Sandidge and Dwayne Somers agreed to sit on this committee.

### **Vice President's Report:**

- Dax Jones reported that the baseball team (EKC Thunder) raised between \$3,000 and \$4,000 last year and that he wants to do more charity work with the boys this year. He hopes to take the team to South Carolina and plans to hold car washes to pay for the trip.
- Dax spoke of the success of the November poker tournament and recommended that we host one small tournament per month and one black-tie event every quarter.
- He would like to hold a baseball camp for inner city youth and plans to enlist the help of other former pro baseball players.
- Dax introduced his guest, Jeff Geller, President of Dream Dealers. Jeff explained how poker tournaments are set up and run legally. All information concerning potential gaming events will be put together for the annual board meeting.

### **Associate Director's Report:**

Dwayne Somers reported that EKC has been invited to participate once again in the equestrian event in Queen Creek.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Rob went over the financial statement.
- He expressed his disappointment that some of the charity's obligations were not met due to the fact that the \$65,000.00 grant from Sam's Club was not received in 2009, as promised. The charity ended the fiscal year with a \$13,000.00 loss.
- The accounting books are balanced and ready to be delivered to the CPA after ratification at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, January, 16.
- Current balances are \$8220.00 in the Bank of America General Account,

\$1,125.00 in the Baseball Restricted Fund Account and \$711.00 in the BNC Platinum Account. Debt was reduced by \$2000.00 to \$114,237.00.

- In addition to the \$65,000.00 grant from Sam's Club, EKC still has approximately \$3,000.00 in pledges and balance due from past events.
- Rob proposed a budget similar to the 2009 fiscal budget that will be presented at the annual board meeting for approval and/or modifications.
- A motion was made by Stacy Gielda to accept the financial report as given, pending future audit. The motion was seconded by Ed Sandidge and was passed.

### **Old Business:**

- Rob reported that a check for \$2,500.00 had been received from Papa John's Pizza and that more information concerning this program will be discussed at the annual board meeting.
- A vote was taken to confirm the nominations of four prospective board members. New board members are: Chris Pearcy, Brian Chambers, Marco Pienknagura and Michael Preble. Stacy Gielda will notify the new board members of their election.
- A motion was made by Stacy Gielda to keep the nominations for board members open. The motion was seconded by Kay LeBlanc and was passed.

### **New Business:**

George James suggested that every executive board member make an effort to nominate at least one person to be on the board by the end of March.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Stacy Gielda to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nancy Russo and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm by Rob Perelka.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay LeBlanc

Secretary

Next meeting: Annual Board Meeting, Saturday, January 16, 2010, 3:00pm at the home of Rob Perelka.