



BOARD MEETING

In conjunction with the Governor's Housing Conference

October 8, 2015
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CT
Music City Center
201 5th Avenue South, Nashville, TN

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Carla Jarrell
Don Harris
Ed Ellis
Eric Haralson
John Callow
John Roberts
Kathy Cowan
Kay Bowers
Ken Thorne
Lorrie Shearon
Maria Catron
Regina Harvey
Sharon Bosworth
Steve Baldwin

Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc.
USDA Rural Development
Housing and Urban Development
FAHE
City of Murfreesboro Community Development Dept.
Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Memphis Branch
New Level CDC
Northwest TN Development District
THDA
Kingsport Housing & Redevelopment Authority
Dominion Financial Corp.
Affordable Housing Resources
City of Johnson City

Welcome and Introductions:

Eric Haralson opened the meeting with brief introductions made by those present.

Minutes from February Board meeting were reviewed. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Kay presented the Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved as written.

Regional Council Leaders' Reports:

Sharon Bosworth, chair for the Middle Tennessee Regional Council, reported that Jan Hale of BanCorp South Mortgage will be the new leader for this regional group. With Angela Belcher as Vice Chair and Colleen Dudley as Secretary.

Rozann Downing of Community Action Network was voted in as West Regional Council Chair with John Baker as Vice Chair and Kathy Cowan as Secretary.

Maria Catron, chair for the East Regional Council, was voted to remain chair another year.

Eric introduced Shelia Crowley, President and CEO of National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Eric reported on the TEMA Housing Response Team. TEMA initiated a joint meeting with Ed Ellis of HUD, the Coalition leaders including the Regional Chairs to determine the first responders in event of a catastrophic emergency, whether it is local, regional or statewide.

Operating Committee Reports:

Don Harris, Chair of the Education Committee, shared that the HCET, Housing Counselors and Educators of Tennessee is close to being a solely supported organization.

Eric shared on behalf of the Membership and Nominating Committees the new board members are; Anne Cooper from ARCH, Brian Harris from Martin Housing Authority, Eddie Latimer from the Affordable Housing Authority, Jan Hale and Ruth Phillips both from BanCorp South Mortgage, Retta Gardner from Guaranty Trust, Rozann Downing from Community Action Network, Sernorma Mitchell from HUD and Sharon Edwards. All were elected by affirmation.

Steve Baldwin, Chair of the Legislative Committee, shared that he will be stepping down due to his retirement in January. Steve assured us that he will not leave this position until he finds a replacement.

Regina Harvey, Chair of the Communications and PR Committee, shared that Coalition members will be receiving an email which contains a three question survey. She will then share the results of that survey and an update of the website at the next meeting.

Carla Jarrell, Chair of the Funders Partnership Committee, reported that due to the decision made at the Board Retreat in June that the original purpose of this committee is now obsolete. It would be of better use to have the Partnership Committee, for all organizations of the Coalition to be represented and a place for them to share opportunities as needed.

Kay Bowers, Chair of the Finance Committee, said that she had nothing else to add to her report.

Eric shared that the Board Retreat in June was to explore the evolution of the Coalition. The mission statement is still vital and current. The Coalition is evolving and therefore needed some new direction. Every organization has stages of growth. He sees the Coalition as being between a beginning stage of structure and more formalizing structure and organizational growth. Goals established at the June Retreat were:

- 1) Provide compelling communication and expert education at events on line and in print
- 2) Be the “go to” expert resource
- 3) Be an engaged and educated membership that speaks with a powerful voice.

With no other matters of business, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

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