

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 10, 2010 Meeting**

**PRESENT:** Barry Swafford, April Haggard, Patty Henley, Doug Woods, Wayne Kline, Julie Rice, Betty McBroom, Anthony Anderton, David Vogel, Bob O'Dare, Bob Rittenhouse

**ABSENT:** Gary McCormick, Dan Brewer, Karin Robertson, Steve Farmer, Teresa Gregory

1. CALL TO ORDER: **7:08P**
2. SILENT INVOCATION
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: from March 2010 Moved, Second and **Approved**
4. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dana Hughes—Presented on behalf of TCDHH as its representative. Regarding the \$170,000 part of KCD's budget and KCD calling a meeting/workshop with the membership and the Tennessee Hillbilly Deaf (THD) picnic where VRS was discussed and said that the Executive Director refused an interpreter for a deaf-blind individual. He is investigating as TCDHH's representative. Barry will ask Bob to talk more about that during his report.

Susan Whittaker-- addressed the board regarding Lifelinks (what is the money going towards) and spoke to Anthony about the THD holding money and not announcing where it is going or what it is for. Also discussed competition with KCD services. Another person wants to bring KCD down. One person is mad. Inappropriate behavior.

Anthony explained in response: THD is a business/organization that is private.

Lillian Wynn—Asked a question of the board. Someone asked for a craft room. The building director and others were going back and forth. Who has authority to schedule rooms? Executive Director and the Building Committee may have disagreed. In that event, the board would make the decision. David Booker addressed the issue. He stated that Ms. Wynn did not bring to his attention.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barry Swafford
  - A. Harold Hayes' passing addressed by President Swafford
  - B. Facebook—a big problem. Several weeks ago KCD vs. VCI was placed on Facebook. Executive Director admonished to be careful as well as all Directors, to be careful of what they place on Facebook. Be professional in your conduct. KCD

is under the “group” page. Whatever was on it, be careful. Bob is the administrator and two other KCD staff is administrators also. Discussion regarding Tim Burchett in the primary and whether KCD supports any political candidate. KCD is a not-for-profit and will not support any political candidate. Any KCD media or public will not have support for any political candidate.

C. Lillian Wynn—social club. Betty J. Battle’s Craft Room. Pres. Swafford asked why do you need to change rooms? The room is full and there is no room for more craft materials. Neil Battle has more at home and wants to donate so they asked to move to a bigger room. Ms. Wynn asked Bob, but Bob asked her to consult the building Chair, David Booker. David Booker stated he was not aware of the desire to move to a different room. Is aware of a request to put a hole in the children’s room. If the room is full of supplies. Decision: A meeting will be re-scheduled with the building committee chair, David Booker and Executive Director, Bob Rittenhouse. Barry Swafford will participate. An agreement will attempt to be reached and if so, it will be placed in writing. If no agreement can be reached, the matter will be brought before the board at the next meeting.

D. KCDVRS services discussed. Barry spoke of KCDVRS to be discussed after other important issues and reports have been tendered

#### 6. TREASURER’S REPORT: Doug Woods

Doug Woods discussed CD’s and various financial institutions’ percent of interest rate on CD’s. Home Federal gives the highest rate. Doug feels Home Federal. The issue of the rise and fall of the UBS account was discussed. Concerns over decline in the market and stock market attachment to the funds were discussed. The issue arose as to whether the funds invested through UBS should be withdrawn and invested in alternative investments, NOT tied to the stock market. Katherine Bishop and Patsy Smith account originally at \$89,000 and now are at \$59,000 over a 2-3 year period.

#### 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Bob Rittenhouse

TSD teachers are smiling, they are on summer break!

Bob addressed public comments:

- A. The final authority on the use of the building lies with the Executive Director. David has provided a closet for craft/Senior citizen materials, and then they use a room. But this room is filled up too. Bob will work with the parties.
- B. Regarding Dana’s complaint against Bob: The Budget presented to VR. If approved, KCD is responsible for meeting the obligations in the budget. No where is there responsibility for KCD to provide interpreters for KCD meetings. The instance at issue was a deaf-blind person requesting an SSP and interpreter. The deaf-blind person can use the KCD voucher for the SSP. Interpreters

available at the meeting. This person declined to use her voucher. Dana not authorized to conduct an “investigation”.

- C. Budget update through May 31, 2010. Approximately \$13,000 deficit but will be wiped out this next month. Balance fluctuates because grant checks. This year is slower for KCD because KCD lost the Roane State contract to VCI. This decreased KCD’s profit.
- D. Vouchers are good for 15 months or through March of the following year. Julie Rice remembered previous board action, thinking vouchers should be good for only a short time (3 months) after the end of the year. Bob says there is no policy on SSP or vouchers on the deaf-blind.
- E. See paper report from Executive Directors report to the board—attached.
- F. State centers: see handout attached. According to the State of Tennessee, KCD is a model because of 1. level of service objective 2. active deaf community

Questions for Bob:

THD and KCD relationship: THD has never given KCD funds but plan to this year. Their services as volunteers are more important to KCD than money, according to Bob. THD brings the deaf community to KCD workshops. THD did give money in 2009 to the deaf-blind program.

## **BREAK**

The KCDVRS project: Barry summarized the history of the project over the past 6 months. Members agreed unanimously to support initiative. Revenue declining, competition. Bob explains: gives overview of LifeLinks potential and opportunity for KCD to add onto revenue generating service with high tech. May 8 meeting, Terry and Bob report unanimous approval in support of partnership with LifeLinks. Discussion: A lengthy discussion on how to, legal, accounting, and other issues brought up by the Board. Steve Farmer’s concerns. Doug Woods motions that KCD sign a contract for one year to develop a partnership with LifeLinks. Julie Rice seconds. Discussion, Call for the vote, Passes unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fund Raising- Bob O’Dare seeking to get Jim Cogdill to sponsor the golf tournament.

Building- Team effort to help paint, build and rebuild picnic area in back outside Roof extension, 24’ out from building, all windows will be covered up, two old

A/C units need replacement (above Terry's office), concrete work (Bob recommends UBS \$25,000 loan at 4%?) Ants in kitchen, David Booker will investigate

Motion by Wayne- Provide authority to Doug Woods, Barry Swafford and Bob Rittenhouse to secure financing for replacement of 2 A/C units, pour concrete on the North side of building to establish foundation for Amphitheater. PASSES

Motion by David Vogel to ask bylaws committee to explore procedures to utilize proxies at board meeting for voting purposes (not to create quorum) PASSES

June 18 Dr. Z will present. 5-7 pm food, 7-9 pm presentation  
Move to adjourn, second, passed.

Next meeting, September 16, 2010

Wayne Kline  
Secretary