

GHI BOARD of DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2008
6:30-8:30

In attendance: Vi Beaudreau, Donna Cathey, Hope Emery, Kate Emery, Kim Hoare, Steve Silk, Brenda Steigman.

Absent - Wick Griswold, Jennifer Jacobson, Janet Kniffin

Business (Kate)

- Minutes from November's meeting were approved.
- Action Plan 2008 –Approved with discussions on how to achieve some of the results.
- Budget – 2008 Draft – This was reviewed, but a formal approval must wait until our new Financial person is on board and up to speed.

Fundraising (Brenda)

- Fundraising Plan – The attached plan was approved
- Donor Development Plan – Was completed by each in attendance and we'll get donor development plans from absent board members as well to begin developing plans and start the process in March.

- **Garden Party (Janet)** – Janet will be talking to Donna about helping out with this event. One of the first decisions which needs to be made is whether to have the event in June or August.

- **CareCircle Celebration Planning –**
 - The Care Circle Celebration Volunteer Kickoff Meeting will be held on February 26th from 8:00 – 9:30 at the State Capital.
 - Invitations will be sent out in January to all those involved in last year's event who may be interested in helping.
 - Compassionate Community Leadership Nominations – Several nominations were suggested and will be passed along to the committee for consideration.
 - ☑ Paul Newman - Kate
 - ☑ Scott Haney – (Perhaps an MC?) - Kim
 - ☑ Mike Miatty – CPEP – Donna
 - ☑ Jeff Canada – Harlem Children's Own – Donna
 - ☑ Demetrios Giannaros – Hope
 - ☑ Denis Marrow – Appropriations Committee – Donna
 - ☑ Susan Vieciwitzc - - Donna
 - ☑ Al Tursey – Co anchor – Vi
 - ☑ Gloria McCaddem – Foodshare - Kim
 - ☑ Wally Lamb – Donna
 - ☑ Gary Stringer – On my Own – Donna
 - ☑ Clare Smith – ATA - Hope

Program Update

- Care Circles – (Brenda) – Our goal now is to find people who are already leading care circles, and to have them see the value of being on CareCircle.net.

- It was suggested that we get a facebook page to help steer people to carecircle.net
- We need more input on how to get the viral effect going for cc.net, and we'll focus on this in March.
- We will be meeting directly with students at University of Hartford, and Wesleyan to target those who are doing things already.
- Computer Contributions - (Brenda) – We've wrapped up our pilot program with Travelers and are planning for the next round.
- Stakeholder Business – (Kate) –
 - Kate did a presentation at the University of Hartford which went well. Demetrios would like to suggest the topic to other professors and a speakers venue as well. We're looking at various other options for doing presentations as well.
 - We're looking at getting help from Yale or UConn law students to help us with the development of the Trust concept.

Next Meeting – The next meeting date is set to 3/11/08, and we'll spend a portion of the time on brainstorming how to get the viral buzz working for us with cc.net.

There being no more business to attend to the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by: Kate Emery
Board Approved 3/11/08