



Minutes of: APN Board Meeting

Date: December 9, 2015

Attendees: Sheldon, Sara, Brandon, Serena, Buffy, Arnold, Darius (by phone), Clara, Joyce

Issue	Discussion	Decision	Responsible Party
Minutes	No Discussion	Passed	N/A
Highlights Report and Media Round-up	Highlights Report was distributed. The plan is to use the report as a fundraising and publicity document. We will send the report to donors with a thank you letter. We will plan to create a report every year around Thanksgiving time. Recent press hits reviewed.	N/A	N/A
Minimum Wage Statement	<p>Discussed need for phase-in, and for protections for vulnerable workers who could be impacted by lay-offs.</p> <p>Noted that the state preempts what municipalities do on the minimum wage issue.</p>	<p>Minimum wage statement will not be voted on at today's meeting. It will be edited to include a statement on the necessity of protections for African-American and Latino workers. New draft to be circulated prior to next Board meeting.</p>	Clara, Serena and Brandon

	<p>NJ has a tipped worker minimum wage bill but doesn't look like it's moving.</p> <p>The statement puts us in line with a national movement.</p>		
Development Plan	<p>Hand-out reviewed.</p> <p>Discussed potential bowling event.</p>		Buffy and Serena to follow up on bowling event.
Budget Amendments	<p>Serena is trying to secure more funding so staff can go FT.</p> <p>Fringe is low which may be a red-flag for funders.</p> <p>For health insurance, Serena researched options and found it would be best to provide payment in lieu to help employees purchase on the exchange - target range discussed.</p> <p>Other proposed changes to the budget included increases to the the marketing and printing budget to account for the report releases, and also increases to Meetings budget for food for related events.</p>	<p>Items are contingent on securing new funding.</p> <p>Amendments can be added to the budget and voted on in January.</p>	Serena to draft amendments for January Board meeting

Video project	APN has received a revised quote from a potential partner that is very motivated to work on the project. APN could seek 10k grant to fund the project.	APN will look for funding to accept proposal, and work with vendor to identify leads.	Serena to inform vendor of APN's decision and to ask about funding possibilities. Serena and Buffy to follow up on funding suggestions.
Policies and Procedures	Tabled	Tabled	Tabled
Strategic Plan Review	Will review at next meeting. It was suggested that Serena send specific questions to the Board to guide the discussion on the strategic plan.	To be discussed at next Board meeting.	Serena to send specific questions to Board prior to next meeting to guide discussion about Strategic Plan.
Review Advocacy Priorities	Reviewed hand-out of over-all priorities. Serena discussed APN's efforts on S2951. Serena will share the letter as her written testimony and share list of signatories. Once we have all the signatories we will send to leadership. The primary objection is that the scope is too broad.	Will continue discussion about S2951.	
Legislative Tracking	Tabled	Tabled	Tabled

<p>Poverty Summit</p>	<p>Speakers: Reviewed list of potential keynote speakers.</p> <p>Conference Theme: Racial and Economic Justice, and solutions. Moving conversation forward to discuss solutions.</p> <p>Date: Last week in October is the only week where there is nothing else occurring. The target date for the Summit is October 28, 2016.</p> <p>Location: Program and Summit committee will do outreach to other options for location particularly to colleges.</p>	<p>Speakers: Board should send Buffy list of possible keynote speakers. Each Board member can vote for their top 3 choices at the next Board meeting.</p>	<p>Speaker follow-ups: Board members and Buffy</p>
<p>APN General Meeting</p>	<p>January 27, 2016, 10-12 PM, Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Ewing located at 2220 Pennington Road. Topic will be a strategy session.</p>	<p>Board approved topic for next General Meeting</p>	
<p>Next Board Meeting</p>	<p>January 13, 2016 from 1-3 pm. Location: TBA</p>	<p>Determine location</p>	<p>Buffy to finalize location</p>