

**Family and Children's Trust Committee, Minutes of Meeting  
March 7, 2016**

**Members Present:** Joe De Luca, Karin Kauzer, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Gene Price, Marianne Gagen, Ruth Fernandez, Julia Miner, Carol Carillo. Lisa Johnson arrived at 10:00. Deborah McGrath arrived at 10:35.

**Members Absent:** Olga Jones

**Staff Present:** Elaine Burres and Juliana Granzotta

**Guest:** Mary Flott and Nora Foster, prospective members, attended.

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:41.

**Acceptance of minutes of February 1, 2016** Gene moved, and Ruth seconded the acceptance of the minutes. It passed unanimously. Yea: Joe De Luca, Karin Kauzer, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Gene Price, Marianne Gagen, Ruth Fernandez, Julia Miner. Nay:0; Absent: Jones, Johnson, McGrath

**Membership Update and Recruitment**

Joe introduced Nora Foster who has expressed interest in the Committee. We introduced ourselves. Joe suggested that Nora be in an at large position. Gene moved and Lisa seconded that we recommend to the BOS that she be appointed to the FACT Committee. It passed unanimously: YEA Joe De Luca, Karin Kauzer, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Gene Price, Marianne Gagen, Ruth Fernandez, Julia Miner. Lisa Johnson. NAY: 0; ABSENT: Olga Jones, Deborah McGrath.

**Site Visit Reports:**

**CARE Parent Network**

Carol reported on this agency that fills a great need serving special needs children and their families. CARE does case management, support services and help parents navigate the school system. Carol, Olga and Julia met with the director, staff and parents who receive the services. There were no issues with spending the money. Julia, Olga and Carol were very impressed with their presentation. Alicia asked if there was any data documenting abuse of special needs children. There is national data but nothing local. Karin asked if they provide help to families deal with an abusive child. Other than referral to a mentor, there is very little help. Their biggest challenge is getting the word out that they exist and are available to help special needs children and their families. Karin moved to continue funding. Julia seconded. It passed unanimously. YEA: Joe De Luca, Karin Kauzer, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Gene Price, Marianne Gagen, Ruth Fernandez, Julia Miner, Lisa Johnson. NAY: 0; ABSENT: Olga Jones, Deborah McGrath.

**Contra Costa Interfaith Housing**

Ruth reported that she, Gene, and Olga met the CCIH staff at the Gardens in Concord. CCIH is planning to build in East County and they have finished the community center at the Gardens in Concord. Their clients are adults who have mental health and/or addiction issues and who have children. They engage people by having "cafes", a vehicle for conversation and input. Gene was impressed by their facilities.

They have a challenge with funding from foundations that are not ranking them as a higher priority. They have 20 children under the age of 5. Ruth moved to continue the funding. Julia seconded it. It passed unanimously. YEA Joe De Luca, Karin Kauzer, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Gene Price, Marianne Gagen, Ruth Fernandez, Julia Miner, Lisa Johnson. NAY: 0; ABSENT: Olga Jones, Deborah McGrath

### **Contra Costa Child Care Council**

Ruth and Lisa met with their quality control director. There is a large unmet need for subsidized childcare in CCC. They use their money wisely. Most families stay with the program until their children age out. Our money for childcare runs out this year.

### **Donation Acknowledgment Letter and Donor Database Update**

The letter has been printed and merged (thank you, Lisa) and the data has been inputted. Joe and Ruth will sign the letters. Carol will supply a volunteer to stuff the envelopes. Juliana will run the letters through the bulk mail meter. In this fiscal year, we have received ~\$60,000 in donations. We hope to get more in April. Several members asked that we get a monthly update on our income.

### **Triennial Review for Advisory Boards and Committees**

Joe and Ruth recommended that we spend time to dig deeply into this review. We need to increase our visibility with the community. We need to get the handbook for the advisory committees online and to review our bylaws. In addition, this committee no longer has paid staff that we need. At the next meeting, we will devote 30-40 minutes to this review.

### **FACT calendar review**

The purpose of this calendar is to enable us to plan agenda items for learning about the issues that affect the children in the county.

### **Discussion/Announcement/Public Comment**

Ruth reminded us of 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children's Issues Forum, Saturday March 12. She will send out a flyer via email.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:15.