DRC Board Meeting Summary

5/18/22

Board Members Present: Mickey, Kevin, Mary Sue, Alicia, Julie, Waeni, Matt, Curt, after agenda item # 3 – newest board member Eloise Watts joined

Board Members Absent: John, Deborah, Bob

Staff Present: Jody

Convened at 5:30

1. Convene: Mickey – Mickey previewed that proposed new youth board member action would occur. If approved, Eloise Watts would join us and we would each introduce ourselves, so no further convening topic.
2. Consent agenda: Julie moves, Kevin seconded

Consent agenda included: May agenda, April minutes, April financial dashboard, Community Engagement Update, Board Development Committee Report, & Finance Committee Report.

Motion approved unanimously.

1. New youth board member: Eloise Watts

Waeni introduced the board development committee’s recommendation that Eloise Watts be approved to serve as the new youth board member. Alicia moved to approve Eloise as a new board member, Kevin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

1. Reconvene & Introductions

Eloise joined the ZOOM meeting. She introduced herself and each board member introduced themselves, identifying their length of time on board and the sector they come from.

1. Executive Director’s Report

Jody referred board members to the written report in the portal, reminded folks to review in advance of the meeting. She then highlighted the following topics:

All agreed the open house was successful, many were able to “connect the dots” by seeing the office space and meeting staff.

The ERP (Eviction Resolution Program) continues to take a lot of focus. Case numbers are still climbing. 250 resolutions reached.

Pacific Mountain workforce development new funding supports Elizabeth Drake’s position.

Chad announced end of year departure, opportunity to plan and reorganize approach to ERP work.

Justice Stephens sent nice note about the work of DRC, specifically referenced Mickey’s role. Jody observed this illustrates that the work of board members matter.

1. Quarterly Ops & Strategic Plan (SP) Dashboard

Jody highlighted report from first quarter of operating under new strategic plan. Discussion and questions followed. Mickey lauded Jody’s success at responding creatively and positively to recent staff departures. Julie and Waeni clarified metrics on SP report.

Jody also highlighted her engagement with the Chehalis Tribe, as she works to expand the circle of tribes that support the DRC mission.

1. Board development updates – Curt

Curt & Waeni represented the committee by providing an update. They referred board members to the 5/6/22 committee report in the portal and then highlighted a few areas of focus: including efforts to recruit BIPOC board members, a member from Mason county, a member from business community. Discussion re specific prospective board member who is an active mediator but resides in Pierce County but has expressed interest in possibly serving. Discussion also regarding the size of the board: should we grow to our 15 membership max? No board member objected to the committee further exploring individual candidates’ possible interest in serving and making recommendations to board.

Curt announced the volunteer picnic would likely be on August 17. Hold the date.

1. Community Engagement – Julie

Julie referred members to the written update. Some board members shared specific conversations and connections made at the open house. See report on ways to follow-up after the open house with your connections.

1. Draft meeting plan – Mickey

Mickey shared a draft of a meeting schedule that, if approved, would be implemented later in the Summer. The plan would identify in person meetings that would run for two hours with time to socialize/share food/beverages, and other all-remote meetings, scheduled to last for one hour. Mickey plans to connect with committee chairs to get their input on timing, frequency, and type (remote/in person) for committee meetings. The meeting plan proposal will be officially considered at the June board meeting.

1. Closing – Mickey

In recognition of several members having other commitments and needing to depart early, the board adjourned at 6:47 pm.