

Minutes
People Helping People
April 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 pm, April 24, 2017, in the Stetson Boardroom. In attendance were Kate Pearce, President, KC Ma, Treasurer, Kimberly Reiter, Vice-President and Secretary, Jane Bradford, Debbi Dinkins, Lori Snook, Mitzi Dykes and Nancy Barber.

The Minutes for 2016 were reviewed and approved. The funding for 2016 was reviewed. Only one grant proposal was considered and funded in the last year: Arc of Volusia. All activity can be found in the Activity Report for 2016-17. The printed outreach material used in 2016 was also reviewed. There was discussion about the near absence of funding requests. In the fall Pearce will meet with Savannah-Jane Griffin, Director of Community Engagement and Inclusive Excellence, to explore untapped funding possibilities. On a positive note, Ma commented that groups are no longer making repeat requests, a practice the organization tries to limit.

Ma noted that the PHP accounts were in excellent shape. As of Mid-March assets stood at \$390,516, with a 20.97% increase over the business year and a monetary increase of \$67,706. These are the charity's highest assets historically. Because there is a sizeable amount of investment in bonds, Ma does not see the assets as susceptible to volatile markets. Moreover, with an average of \$500 a month coming in from payroll deductions and the random check every few months from other members, the charity's assets continue to grow. He recommends a \$15,000 funding cap for the 2017/8 year. Five new members have subscribed since the last report. There was concern from one member that Payroll might not actually understand how to add deductions for PHP, and Ma promised to look into that.

The floor was opened to discussion about promoting the charity to groups in need.

1. Snook has made overtures to Community Engagement that may produce names.
2. Reiter brought in a suggestion from Eric Kurlander that a student engaged in community outreach be brought onto the board, to help identify smaller groups in the community in need of help. The suggestion was amended to inviting a student liaison from Bonner. Reiter will contact Greg Sapp and initiate the process.
3. Ma reported that Wells Fargo's own internal charitable group has made overtures to donate \$1000 to PHP for our activities. After a discussion of the work done by Hatters Helping Hatters (HHH) to provide immediate food assistance to students, a worthy program that does not fit the mission of PHP, it was suggested that perhaps the Wells Fargo group could be directed to that charity.
4. Dinkins will look into whether HHH might need equipment funds, which could fall into our mission.
5. There was also a suggestion to contact Interfaith Kitchen, through the First Methodist Church. Bradford will make the contact.
6. Pearce asked the Board to continue to explore avenues to finding groups in need.

The current officership will continue into the 2016/17 year. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly Reiter, Secretary