

Sonoma Valley Fund
CFSC
Minutes of Board Meeting:
November 13, 2014
Board Room Sonoma Valley Unified School District
17850 Railroad Avenue Sonoma, CA

Present: Kimberly Blattner, Suzanne Brangham, Dennis Collins, Richard Dale, Barbara Hughes, Bill Lynch, Penney Magrane, Joshua Rymer, Scott Smith

Absent: Mandy Bolling (ex), Barbara Young (ex)

Community Foundation Staff: Beth Brown, Miguel Ruelas

Advisors and Guests: Oscar Chavez, Peg Van Camp , Art Grandy, Ted Eliot, Martha Rosenblatt, Dick Drew, Whitney Evans, Katherine Fulton, John Storey

Joshua Rymer called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

General Business

A quorum was present.

Agenda Review

The agenda was approved.

Minutes

The minutes of the Board Meeting of September 11, 2014 were approved (M/S/C, Dale, Blattner).

Review Financial Reports

Barbara Hughes reviewed SVF financial reports and fund balances as of October 31, 2014, noting that SVF remains under budget for both revenues and expenses year to date. Joshua Rymer reminded board members to consider year-end gifts to Sonoma Valley Fund.

Holiday Party

Joshua reviewed plans for the 2014 SVF Holiday Party, to be held on December 14 at the home of Scott Smith and Marcello DeFreitas. Board members are asked to bring a dish to share and to let Penney know what you plan to bring. New board member Phil Woodward is graciously providing the wines.

2015 Nominations and Governance

Joshua Rymer presented the SVF slate of new board members, effective January 1, 2015. Slate was approved (M/S/C, Brangham, Smith).

Joshua presented the members of the SVF Grants Committee, to convene January 2015. Committee members will serve a 3-year term. Members are Bolling, Eliot, Iturri, Young, Hughes. The committee was endorsed by the board and will be presented to the Community Foundation board for approval (M/S/C, Derwingson, Dale).

The election of SVF 2015 Officers was postponed to the January, 2015 meeting.

All advisors were reelected (M/S/C, Smith, Magrane).

Richard Dale was elected to a second 1-year term as a director (M/S/C, Brangham, Pistole).

Joshua discussed board roles, responsibilities and expectations, emphasizing the need for increased participation in officer and committee work as well as financial contribution. He appealed to the board to consider ways in which they can more fully participate in the work of SVF. As SVF grows and gains increased visibility in the community, board members have an opportunity to do more to assure its success and sustainability.

Grow Philanthropy

Valerie Pistole presented information on various types of trusts, benefits of each and how they are used to support philanthropy. Discussion followed on living and testamentary trusts as well as the revocable or irrevocable nature of trusts.

Community Investment

Rymer advised the board that the Community Foundation board has approved a grant from the Todd fund in the amount of \$100,000 for the Sonoma Valley Community Health Center. The grant will be used to support the mental health program at the center. The SVF board endorsed the grant (M/S/C, Brangham, Pistole).

State of Leadership in the Latino Community

Rymer introduced Oscar Chavez, Assistant Director of Human Services for the County of Sonoma and a board member of the Community Foundation. Chavez discussed Latino leadership in the county, efforts to promote and develop new leaders and opportunities and practices to increase participation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on January 8, 2015.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM