

SONOMA VALLEY FUND
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
February 19, 2015
360 Second Street, Sonoma, CA 95476

Present: Joshua Rymer, Kimberly Blattner, Barbara Hughes, Katherine Fulton, Peg Van Camp, Dennis Collins

Joshua Rymer called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was approved.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of December 11, 2014 were approved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: The Committee reviewed all Financial Statements. Rymer reported that there had been 100% response from the Board to the 2014 annual giving appeal. The ending balance for the 2014 Operating Fund was \$45,574.51. Hughes announced that an effort will be made during the year to conflate some of the smaller funds to reduce the total number for simplification.

COMMITTEE PLANS: Community Outreach – Blattner reported on the calendar of events for the coming year, noting that there will be an effort to pull the professional advisors together at least once during the year. She noted that there might be a role for the Fund to take the lead in providing some programming for non-profit boards on good governance practices.

Board Governance – Van Camp previewed the goals and activities for the coming year, including the development of an improved process for bringing new people onto the Board. There was agreement that this year's orientation for new board members was done very well.

Community Conversations – Rymer and Fulton reviewed plans for a series of community conversations with David Bolling to be held during the year to discuss issues and opportunities facing Sonoma Valley, with a focus on ways through understanding and action community challenges can be addressed. The first of these conversations will likely take place in April.

Development – Fulton raised the hope that we might learn from other community foundations located in communities with large numbers of vacation homes and part-time residents on how best to engage part-time residents in their philanthropic work. It was suggested that we might convene such a group in Sonoma Valley to get their advice.

MARCH BOARD MEETING: Rymer reviewed the agenda for the March 12 Board Meeting. There will be a report on the Orientation of new board members. Each Committee will put forward its plans for the year. The value and approach to effective story telling will be presented as an effective way for board members to be able to communicate the essence of the Sonoma Valley Fund to the broader community. Senior staff from the Community Foundation, Sonoma County will also present an overview of the Foundation's planned programs and activities for the year.

The next meeting will take place on April 9, 2015.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM