

ALLEN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2018

Members Present: Mr. Stolly, Ms. Fox, Ms. Provaznik, Ms. Wall, and Mr. Long.

Not Present: Mr. Reiff, Dr. Hughes.

Mr. Stolly called the Board meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes of the January 16, 2018 board meeting were approved.

AGENCY BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee –

Ms. Sidener stated our expenses appear higher in January due to the courthouse closing early in December, therefore there are additional expenses paid in January, that would normally be paid in December.

RESOLUTION 0218-01: Ratifies the payment of bills for the month of January 2018.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve, Ms. Wall seconded Motion carried, resolution adopted.

Community Engagement Committee- did not meet.

Donated Funds Committee: - did not meet.

Nominating Committee: did not meet.

Personnel Committee – did not meet.

Program Services Committee – This committee did not meet, although there was a brief discussion to start Orientation for new board members.

By-Laws & Policy Committee – did not meet.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS REPORT

Currently there are:

- 61 Children in custody
 - 38 children in agency foster homes in Allen County
 - 23 children in homes outside Allen County, 8 of which are in residential/group homes settings.

Foster Recruitment:

- Foster Parent meet and Greet scheduled for March 8, 2018.
- Asking foster parents to be part of news articles, testimonials and interviews, providing an overview of being a foster parent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Scanland stated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shawnee Township presented at previous board meetings, was discussed in length at January's board meeting. The subject matter of the MOU was in regards to the Children's Home burial plots, and the request for Shawnee township to utilize these burial plots. The board discussed using the burial plots for all indigent children of Allen County only, and the MOU has been re-written to reflect this. Mr. Stolly asked if we can possible look at putting a bench, or some type of memorial in the area.

MEDIA REPORT

Mr. Sowinski provided each board member with the current advertising items that has been purchased for Foster Care and Adoption recruitment:

- Hot and Cold packs
- Crayons
- Glass Cleaning clothes
- Fist Aide kits
- Sidewalk Chalk (not provided)

Mr. Sowinski stated the new radio contracts allows the agency to be interviewed monthly, at no extra cost. Supervisor Brad Rabley has already recorded an "Ask the Expert" interview. The agency ran a Facebook competition for Valentine's day, where the public were asked to submit pictures that showed an adult and child making a heart with their hands, the two winners received a gift card, which was donated by Good Food restaurants. Ms. Wall asked if the agency could record some testimonials that can be show at the April Child Abuse Prevention kids breakfast in April. Ms. Provaznik stated she likes seeing all the educational items that have been posted on the agency Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 0218-02: Memorandum of Understanding with Shawnee Township – Cemetery Plots.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve, Ms. Fox seconded Motion carried, resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

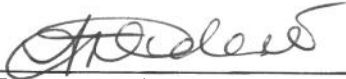
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fox made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Wall seconded.

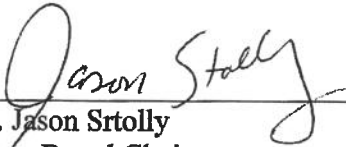
Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Fox made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Wall seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne K. Sidener
Administrative Coordinator



Mr. Jason Srtolly
Vice - Board Chair



Cynthia M. Scanland, MSSA
Executive Director