



Ministries Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2021; 4 – 6pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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In Attendance: Beth Bird; Anita S. Duckor; Kay Egan, CSJ; Suzanne Herder, CSJ; Alyssa Howells; Stacy Jacobson; Mary Lydon; Maya Missaghi; Brian Mullen; Roger Norris; Colleen O’Malley, CSJ; Mark Richards; Gabrielle Rohde; Ralph Scorpio; Kristine (Kris) Smyth; Bridget Sperl; Jill Underdahl, CSJ; Jean Wincek, CSJ.

The Ministries Foundation Board of Directors meeting convened Thursday, February 18 via Zoom. Chair Bridget called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Prayer: led by Kris Smyth.

Welcome

- Bridget welcomed Mark Richards to the Board and said how everyone is looking forward to meeting him in person. Mark said he was excited to start his work with the Board and has a long family connection to the Sisters.
- Minutes: Bridget asked if there any corrections to the minutes from February 18, 2020. Hearing no corrections, Stacy Jacobson made a motion to approve the minutes with Gabrielle Rohde seconding her motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved.
- Board Goals Update: Bridget said that the Board continues to make great progress in completing its goals for this year. Six people have brought forward names for new members and 66% have donated/raised money so far. She encouraged everyone to focus more on finding new donors and making more connections.

Executive Director’s Report

From his report, Ralph Scorpio highlighted the work of Bold Moves (BM) 2030 and that tomorrow the research will be presented to the Sisters’ cabinet. There were no questions.

Committee Actions

- Governance Committee
 - Vice Chair Update: Since there were no volunteers to fill in as Vice Chair, the committee decided to move forward without a vice chair for now. Will start to search again in July.
 - Election of Board Candidates: Anita Duckor brought forward a motion for approval of three new Board candidates and Colleen O’Malley, CSJ, seconded her motion. All were approved and Maria Bonnie, Steve Kenney, and Monica Cruz Zorilla are officially approved to serve on the Ministries Foundation Board of Directors.

Province Report

- Project Home: Suzanne Herder, CSJ, updated that the lease with Interfaith Action and Project Home is being finalized. They are waiting on Ramsey County to approve the permit and once that happens hopefully families can move in starting in April or the end of March. There will be opportunities for people to donate things, etc., and she will keep us updated about what is needed. There are many groups and people interested in donating things to help the families moving in, and Jean Wincek reminded everyone that we shouldn't add any work for ourselves since this isn't technically a CSJ ministry; we should contact Interfaith Action and work with their marketing people. There has been a lot of good press for Interfaith Action and the Sisters. About 80 people will move in and all broken/unusable furniture is being moved out.
- M Health Fairview/St. Joseph's Hospital: The Sisters have been invited to join a task force to help decide the direction of the "health and wellness hub" that is being developed at the St. Joseph's Hospital campus. The task force includes Sisters, doctors, community leaders, etc. So far M Health Fairview isn't 100% about how things will be developed but they want to have St. Mary's Health Clinics (SMHC) involved. Since SMHC isn't federally funded there are still a lot of things to figure out, but it would be a great opportunity for the clinics. The task force has talked about changing some of the space into childcare, job readiness, quiet spaces, etc. There were no other questions.

Bridget added that the Board will need to pay attention to any updates with M Health Fairview because we will have to decide what sort of fundraising we will need to do, the role we want to play, and what the Board could fund and provide. She encouraged people to visit the St. Joe's site to get a better idea of what need the community has for the space. Suzanne said that there is a lot going on with the project right now, but there is also a lot of hope and ideas. Ralph added that it is an exciting project that could fit in with BM 2030. Bridget requested that any sort of public knowledge is posted to the portal about the project and asked that the Board be told any updates.

- Bold Moves 2030
 - Update and timelines: Bridget, Ralph, and Suzanne meet weekly with Fox Advancement to get updates about BM 2030. The qualitative and quantitative data has been collected and it is being compiled into a presentation for the Sisters' Cabinet. There will be two meetings tomorrow to introduce the work, present the data, and talk to the Sisters for the first time. Ralph added that the timeline for the project has expanded and changed because originally the process did not include time for the Sisters to evaluate the data and give a thoughtful recommendation. The timeline will be about three more months with the option to expand it if necessary. Ralph asked for patience with the timeline, so the work is done well and thorough. Jean asked about the overlap with the St. Joe's planning. Ralph answered that M Health Fairview's plan is to have a design by the end of the Spring and the BM 2030 goal is to have a vision about what the future could be by the Spring. He thinks there is the great possibility for the timelines to run parallel and meet eventually. Anita asked if BM 2030 was considering the possibility of new ministries and Suzanne assured her that it will be part of the discussion. Bridget stressed that the Province Leadership Team will make the final decision about BM 2030 and it is the responsibility of this Board to support that decision.

- Sister Cabinet: Sisters in previous leadership roles have been invited to be on the committee to consider the research from BM 2030.
- St. Joe's + Bold Moves 2030: Lots of good opportunity for collaboration. Has the chance to expand our ministries and spread the word of the CSJs in the wider community and neighborhood.

2021 Carondelet Gala Working Session

Stacy gave a quick summary of the Carondelet Gala and how since 2019 it supports all the ministries, not just SMHC (like it did pre-2019). In 2019 it was hosted at the Minneapolis Hilton and about 550 people attended. Last year it was only a silent auction and fund-the-need, but this year the Steering Committee is planning a virtual program and event complete with premier auction items, Jearlyn Steele as the host and entertainment, and it will all be pre-recorded. She talked about the Gala committee chairs (sponsorship, auction, marketing) and the different people on the Steering Committee. The event will premiere on Friday, May 7 and the program will be about 30-40 minutes with a professional videographer. To encourage attendance the Ministries Foundation (MF) is launching a "Carondelet Champions" campaign asking attendees to invite friends, family, and generally spread the word about the Gala. Even if we plan a great event and the program is flawless, it is no good without people to watch it and contribute. The Steering Committee is actively working on the program to make it as good as possible. Mary Lydon asked about any media or videos that can be distributed to spread the word and the MF is compiling marketing materials currently and will make sure the Board has access. Bridget asked if attendees must buy tickets and Ralph said that there is no price to participate, only registration is required. Stacy said that for the next twenty minutes the Board will be split up into breakout rooms to discuss ways to increase attendance and to make the event even better. She also encouraged everyone to donate items or gift cards to the silent auction.

- Feedback from breakout groups: Stacy will reach out to a person from each group to get their feedback.

Announcements and Recognition

- Thank yous: Bridget thanked everyone on the Board for their participation in the Gala and the MF staff for working to plan the event.
- The next Board Education Event will be on Thursday, March 18, 8:30 – 9:30am; "Ministries Foundation Budget and Finances."

Meeting Recap and Review

- Action Items
- Other

Executive Session: started at 5:54pm.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alyssa Howells, CSJ Ministries Foundation