

## **SS Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011, noon-2:00pm, Spring Lake Hampton Inn**

**Voting SS Board members present:** J.Rose, S.Singletary, F.Stump, M.Sutton, C.Sumlin-Cross, J.Wilson, H.Huberth, D.Branson (total 8, quorum is 8).

**Others present:** M.McLaurin, D.Heins, J.Parsons.

**Voting SS Board members missing:** J.Hough, T.Thompson, P.Coughlin, R.Ogden, M.Locklear, J.Matheny, A.Tavakoli.

James Rose called the meeting to order at 12: 05pm.

Each board member gave a brief update from their community, business, or organization.

**James Rose gave the Chair's Report.**

**A motion to approve the minutes from the 3/8/11 meeting was made by Harold Huberth, seconded by James Wilson, and approved unanimously.**

James Rose announced the resignation of Harold Haywood from the SS Board. Harold was employed by the City of Laurinburg, and accepted a position in Chapel Hill. Parsons noted that SS was starting to engage well on the solid waste, recycling and energy conservation issues in Laurinburg city government thanks in large part to Harold's efforts.

**Jon Parsons gave the Treasurer's Report for Ray Ogden.** He presented the April 2011 financial report. He noted that after several months of delaying payroll for 1-2 SS staff members, at the end of April we are now current on payroll and have a positive checkbook balance. Parsons continues to look for additional sources of revenue, as well as expense reductions. But the actions taken over the last 4 months have stabilized our financial position. Parsons expects to make additional staff adjustments and other expense reductions over the next several months to continue to build reserves.

**A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Frank Stump, seconded by Steven Singletary, and approved unanimously.**

### **Board Committee Reports**

See attachment to Board package for details on each report.

**James Rose gave the Executive Committee Report.**

James Wilson expressed interest in serving as the SS Board's Vice Chair. We are also seeking a Treasurer. Parsons and Rose will work to recruit for that vacancy.

**Jon Parsons gave the Nominations Committee Report.**

Parsons noted that this committee needed a chairman. Four of six existing Board members eligible to serve another 2 year term agreed to renew (Tavakoli, Huberth, Sutton, Thompson). Two did not (Stump and Ogden). Rose acknowledged the service of Stump and Ogden and thanked them on behalf of the entire organization. Four new nominations were reviewed: Melvin Lewis, Luci Fernandez, Jerry Dietzen, Barbara Bennett.

**A motion to approve the slate of nominations was made by James Wilson, seconded by Maureen Sutton, and approved unanimously.**

Parsons also reviewed a list of additional candidates (and their qualifications) who were still considering their nominations.

**A motion to approve these additional nominations, if the candidates agreed to stand for nomination, was made by James Wilson, seconded by Frank Stump, and approved unanimously.**

### **Harry Huberth gave the Events Committee Report.**

This report reviewed the 4/14 Secret Supper fundraiser, the 5/7 Moore County Urban Farm Day, and preparations for the 5/12 fundraising party and the 5/14 Cumberland County Urban Farm Day.

### **James Wilson gave the Fundraising Committee Report.**

This report included a review of membership, business and corporate giving, and special event income. Wilson noted that he would prefer to step down as the Chair of this Committee in 2011-12 and offered to serve the Board as the Vice Chair. Wilson also reviewed his "SS elevator speech" and agreed to give it at the 5/12 Fundraising Party prior to introducing Parsons to make a formal "ask."

### **Steven Singletary gave the Program Committee Report.**

There was no committee activity to report, but Steven Singletary has volunteered to one day a week in the SS office beginning May 16 and our first project will be to evaluate and make an application for a Golden LEAF grant project. .

### **Jon Parsons gave the PR & Outreach Committee Report.**

Parsons noted that this committee needed a chair.

### **SS Staff Report**

Jon Parsons gave the SS Staff Report. See attachment for details. The report included updates on:

- Green Growth Program – GG Toolbox grant project ends in August, SS has reapplied for funding to extend the work.
- Green Business Program – steady progress, but limited by staff capacity here. Hope to place another SEIP intern in SS office to support/expand this program.
- Air Quality Program – Harry Huberth recommends we evaluate this program's viability.
- Solid Waste Reduction/Recycling – Parsons comment that new board member may be able to help with generating revenue here.
- SEIP – review each intern host organization status, and THREE NEW OPENINGS!
- Kenan Fellows Program – a Master Teacher from Fort Bragg Schools will be hosted by SS for a summer externship in June/July to develop inquiry-based curriculum for middle schools.
- SS Green Schools program – update on CCS decision to support one full-time position at SS!
- Other Projects – BRACRTF study, Sustainable Communities Foundation, Southport Farmers Market Project
- Update on events successes since last Board meeting on March 8.

### **New Business**

Harry Huberth suggested we alter the SS Bylaws to re-define a Board meeting quorum as the number of voting members who actually are present. **Parsons agreed to review the Bylaws and draft an amendment for consideration by the Board in time for our next meeting.**

Harry Huberth asked the Board to consider a different time than noon for our regular board meetings. His comment was that by having the meeting in the middle of the day, it makes it very difficult for him to have a productive business day. He would prefer a late afternoon meeting time. **Parsons agreed to poll the SS Board to determine if there was a preferred meeting time other than noon.**

*2011-12 Board meeting dates: 7/12/11, 9/6/11, 11/8/11, 1/10/12, 3/13/12, 5/8/12*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.