

YOUTH ON THEIR OWN BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 24, 2017 – 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
YOTO Multipurpose Room

Board Members in Attendance: Deb Salaiz, Will Taylor, Sean Denlinger, Tom Hoyt, Jay Peskoe, Elizabeth Nielsen, Mary Stewart, Bill Stoffers, Tony Cazzato, Glynda Underwood, Katina Koller

Board Members Absent: Kris Cohen, Bryan Foulk, Jane Klipp, Mike Hanson, Bob Villamana

Staff Members in Attendance: Nicola Hartmann, Kristyn Conner, Matthew Palmer, Daniela Zasa, Daniel Armenta

Guests in Attendance: Richard Gordon (board prospect)

Call to Order: Tom Hoyt, Board President, called the meeting at order at 5:29 p.m.

Icebreaker: Group

YOTO staff and board members participated in a brief icebreaker activity.

Program - Understanding Youth Homelessness: Daniela Zasa

In the recently administered board survey, directors requested to learn more about YOTO's programs and issues surrounding youth homelessness. Daniela Zasa (Program Manager) kicked off the series by presenting on reasons why YOTO students find themselves homeless. She shared preliminary numbers from the prior school year and highlighted a few student quotes from recent applications. Daniela also introduced "ACE's" (Adverse Childhood Experiences) as a tool which professionals use to measure how traumatic experiences over the long term can negatively impact an individual's ability to cope and function.

Approval of May Board Retreat Minutes: Mary Stewart

Bill Stoffers motioned to accept the minutes from the May 2017 Board Retreat. The motion was seconded by Jay Peskoe. All voted in favor of the motion, with none opposed.

Financial Update and Approval of Financials: Deb Salaiz

The audit is scheduled for October 23rd through November 3rd. A Fraud Risk Assessment Committee has also been formed (per recommendations from the prior year's audit) and will meet for the first time on September 1st. The Finance Committee plans to review the agency's

current investment policy and will be preparing to develop Requests for Proposals for reinvestment of funds.

Will Taylor motioned to accept the July 2017 financials. The motion was seconded by Mary Stewart. All voted in favor of the motion, with none opposed.

Board Resolutions: Tom Hoyt

Reinvestment of Funds

Nicola Hartmann as Authorized Representative for YOTO

Katina Koller motioned to reinvest \$4,017.52 into Youth On Their Own's endowment fund held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. The motion was seconded by Deb Salaiz. All voted in favor of the motion, with none opposed.

Glynda Underwood motioned to approve Nicola Hartmann as an authorized signor and representative on behalf of Youth On Their Own. The motion was seconded by Bill Stoffers. All voted in favor of the motion, with none opposed.

CEO Report and Strategic Plan Update: Nicola Hartmann

YOTO staff are currently determining and setting baselines which will be used to measure ongoing progress per the strategic plan. Katina inquired how the board could best support strategic plan goals, and Nicola responded that the major challenge right now involves useable space and expansion. She requested the ongoing support of the board to help in making informed decisions about better utilization of current space (for example: the Home Store building) and determining whether there is a need to build and expand.

In addition to working towards strategic plan goals, YOTO also officially launched its Continued Success Stipend pilot program for graduates moving into post-secondary education. The pilot has thus far been an eye-opening experience as we learn more about the obstacles that our students face.

Fund Development Committee Report - Kristyn Conner and Mary Stewart

The 2017-2018 fiscal year is off to a strong start with several fundraising campaigns on the horizon: the annual report/appeal, the Fall Wine Tasting fundraiser, the Holiday Appeal, and the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. Fall Wine Tasting invitations will be mailed soon; there is a limited quantity of tickets, so board members are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible via the website. Kristyn also requested that board members leverage their networks and help secure some additional event sponsorships.

Kristyn also invited board members to attend an upcoming third party event benefitting YOTO. The Chris Whitson Memorial Golf Tournament (sponsored by the Men's Active 20-30 Club)

will be held on Saturday, September 16th. Representatives are needed to greet golfers during registration and express thanks during the event.

Old Business

If a board member has not yet set-up an appointment for their annual meeting/review, he or she is encouraged to call/email Tom in order to set up a meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.