

**Jackson County CASA
Board Meeting – Noon
August 26, 2011**

In attendance: Andrea Allison-Putnam, Dave Barr, Tony Brown, Diane Browning, Don DeCelles, Lisa Kalell, Jason Lee, Katie Lee, Paul MacCready, Vaveca Moss, Naimish Patel, Dan Powers, Kimberlee Ried, Collin Thomas, and John Yorke

Staff: Martha Gershun

Guest: Kamron Miller

I. Call to Order: 12:03 p.m. by DeCelles. Collin Thomas was asked to introduce herself; CPA with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Brown motioned to approve the July minutes, Patel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Executive Director update: Gershun stated that the finances continued to improve with several months of cash available. We are awaiting word on amount with regards to the Gould Foundation and we will be negotiating on the VOCA grant for 2012. Gershun and Yorke are forecasting a 60K surplus by the end of the calendar year. The board suggested putting part of the surplus towards the board reserve fund and also establish an account for household maintenance and repairs. The July Hamburger Mary event went well with \$1100 raised. Carnival is on track for meeting the sponsorship goal. Volunteers are needed for the 9/17 Carnival event as well as additional silent auction items.

Capital Campaign: Gershun explained (attachment A) the capital campaign status update on finances. We need to raise 37K for the Maybee Challenge grant by July 1, 2012. We are awaiting word on a possible gift from the Courtney S. Turner trust, managed by Bank of America. There is also an ask out to the Kirk Family Foundation (Phil Kirk). A meeting/conversation with the landlord regarding price negotiation has occurred. At this time CASA is offering \$310,000.00 for the house. Powers presented the detail regarding the mortgage amortization (attachment B) courtesy of GrantThornton. United Missouri Bank will be offering CASA a loan with 5.5% interest on the mortgage. The goal is to have it paid off in 18months, or less. DeCelles motioned to purchase the house for \$310,000.00; with a loan of up to \$160,000.00 from UMB; the collateral is the house itself. Powers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff: No changes, however Gershun noted that front office help would be appreciated. We accepted 24 kids in July and 24 in August, we anticipate a need for more volunteers by January.

III. Marketing: the committee is focusing all efforts on Carnival. VML has returned to work with CASA on the web site details. Michelle Morse on staff will be their primary contact.

IV. Golf Fundraiser: DeCelles reported that a possible partner has been identified in working on a golf tournament. Heather Beheler is working on pursuing this idea and will present more detail at the September or October board meeting.

V. Collaboration: Miller reported that there could be possible marketing or cross collaboration on a 2012 golf tournament with the Jo/WyCo CASA. In addition, the Jo/WyCo CASA has begun to pursue developing a Friends of CASA group to help with awareness and fundraising efforts. Last, Miller inquired about required back ground/security checks for board members, friends, and volunteers.

Adjourn: 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Ried
Secretary

Attachments:

- A – Capital Campaign Status
- B – Mortgage Amortization
- C – Motion to Purchase House