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Family Connection-Communities In Schools of Athens
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Kerri Massey at 8:35 a.m.

Draft minutes had been distributed before this meeting by Secretary Paul Kurtz. The minutes for the December Board meeting were accepted on motion by Blount, seconded by Spangler

Present: President Massey, Treasurer Blount, Board Members, Spangler, McCullick, Luciani, Stevens, Hagan, Nobles, Sanders, Zwirn, Knapper. Absent: Vice President Kinman, Secretary Kurtz, Past President Brooks, Zwirn, Bradley, Girtz, Meadows, Diaz

Staff: Executive Director Podvin

Agenda item	Motion/action or report
Staff reports	<p>Executive Director Podvin reported that Neighborhood Leader Loza had resigned to join the staff of Bright Paths, Mimi Griggs, had been hired as the Peer Counselor for THRIVE, and there is a vacancy in a Site Coordinator position at Clarke Central.</p> <p>Executive Director Podvin reported that we will be under a CIS 5-year accreditation review in 2025, we are now able to accept THRIVE cases as that program is now fully-staffed, we have a FC Data Review upcoming, we have been notified that ACC staff have recommended flat funding going forward for the NL program, and the staff was very grateful for the holiday gift cards presented them by the Board.</p> <p>Before the meeting, the Board had received reports from the Executive Director, the THRIVE program, the Neighborhood Leader program, the Site Coordinator Program, the Statement of Financial Activity for the year ending 2024, and the Statement of Financial position as of December 31, 2024</p>
President's Report	<p>In the upcoming week, membership on the ad hoc Committee on Internal Structure and Administration and the ad hoc Committee on the Future of the NL program would be announced.</p>
Board Development Committee	<p>In Chair Bradley's absence, Executive Director Podvin introduced our new Board member Gene Luciani, who gave a short self-introduction.</p>
Communications Committee	<p>President Massey reported in the absence of Chairman Kurtz that the production of our next newsletter is on the horizon.</p>

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<p>Finance Committee</p>	<p>Chairman Blount reported that work has begun on the latest audit and we have gotten the name of a possible alternative account to conduct future audits. Otherwise, we are in good shape financially.</p>
<p>Resource Development Committee</p>	<p>In the absence of a Committee Chair, Executive Director Podvin reported that, while the funds raised by the Rock Lobster have not yet been reported by the team, the event was a great one with a lot of pucks sold (for which we get 50% of the income). While we did not sell as many tickets as we would have hoped there was a lot of interaction with prospective donors at the table set up before the event. We were told that we had sold more pucks than any other non-profit who had undertaken the same kind of event.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the future of the Changing the Picture event. Considering declining income in recent years and the high overhead represented by serving dinner at the Country Club and several thousand dollars in other items, the consensus of the Board appeared to be that this was an event whose time had come and gone. It was felt that rather than having a standard dinner, perhaps we could put together a fun event which would be linked to our mission of dealing with children and education.</p> <p>Erin suggested consideration of resurrecting an event held the now-dormant Athens Area Literacy Council. It was a "grown-up spelling bee." It was successful because it brought out community stakeholders (ACC gov and the school district always had teams and actual judges would preside as spelling judges) and also people who weren't necessarily familiar with our mission who were fond of a spelling bee. It would be a tool to showcase the organization to new eyes, as well as something fun that is more mission aligned. We could integrate students into the program.</p> <p>Sanders suggested the possibility of contacting a fund development consultant who she is familiar with to help us come up with a new event.</p>

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President's Report and Adjournment	On motion of McCullick, seconded by Blount, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.
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