

In attendance: Ginny Favede	Bengy Swanson
Rodney Boniti	Eran Molz
Nick Karras	Dave Morris
Don Teichman	Clint Powell
Mike Leo (for Mike Gianni)	Jody Bonfini (for Jim Conrad)
Justin Klempa	Calvin Palin (for Eddie D'Aquila)
John Kalkreuth	Doug Giffin (for Tom Conner)
Bob Gribben	Frank Eberhart (for Don Mays)
Terry Lavorini	Jennifer Long

**Presentation from Faulkner, Hoffman & Phillips, LLC – Attorneys at Law** – Mr. Hoffman presented the board members with options and concerns for them to decide what the mission is and how it fits in with how we do business. There was a very healthy discussion on how to proceed moving forward.

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair, Mrs. Favede.

The minutes were read and approved by with a motion made by Mr. Molz and a second from Mr. Gribben.

### **Committee Reports**

**Bid Criteria** – Report was given by Mr. Klempa - Today we decided to change the name from Bid Criteria to Responsible Contracting Agreement which is just a play on words to make it more palatable to the general public. This will also assist Elected Officials explain to constituents. We have agreements in place with Marshall County Commissioners & Ohio County Schools. We also have older documents with Ohio County Building Authority & the Ohio County Commissioners. We discussed meeting with the Belmont County Commissioners but want to get our Brochure finalized before setting up meetings. Mrs. Favede & Mr. Currey will be meeting this week to finalize the brochure. Once done, the targeted entities will be met with which will include Oglebay and Wheeling. Further explanation was given by Mrs. Favede that in Ohio and Indiana all language has been changed from bid criteria to responsible contracting agreements which also combats against the right to work efforts.

**Finance Committee** – Did not meet this month but a report is in packet. Mr. Kalkreuth stated that three CDS are due this month. Mr. Boniti added that there is a CD at first choice credit union, which is now 150K. Mr. Boniti also explained why he did not choose the highest interest rate but within standards, that first choice is union supportive.

**Bi-Law Committee** – Mrs. Favede briefly explained the rules of voting on a bylaw change and after discussion there must be a 14 day wait prior to voting. On Article 4 – Section 5 Mr. Gribben made a motion and the board was all in favor.

**Donation Requests** – After much discussion, it was the decision of the Board to not renew our contracts with Scholastic Marketing. We need to repurpose & refocus donation requests. Mr. Boniti added that the best advertising is word of mouth. The board also needs to consider hiring a full time person to pound the pavement and meet with stakeholders.

**Volunteer Work** – We have been approached by the Marshall County Commissioners to put up a foot bridge and after reviewing the project it looked very involved. Mr. Swanson suggested if we were going to do volunteer work then we need to get a committee together. Also in this day and age, we have to look at liability. Mr. Swanson asked is it the responsibility of this organization to do volunteer work and help the community. The general consensus was no. A motion was made by Mr. Griffin to suspend all volunteer work and it seconded by Mr. Karras, all were in favor.

**Shared Employees** – Mrs. Favede explained the challenges of running two very small organizations and discussed how you could share employees and grow both OVCEC & Project BEST. Mrs. Favede assured the board she would never do anything without the guidance of an attorney. Another thought is health insurance and Mrs. Favede would be able to offer health insurance if the position was shared. It was also suggested both Mrs. Favede & Mr. Swanson to make a proposal to present to the board next month.

**The Hoffman Presentation** – After much discussion, it was decided that the board will be given time to think on it until next meeting. The board continues to their due diligence and have demonstrated good faith.

**Networking Lunch July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Pat Ford will be our speaker at the Weirton Country Club.

**Mr. Molz** – Presented a project with Brooke Hills Park and would split the costs with the building trades. Died on the floor for lack of a motion.

**WVU Children's Hospital** – We chose the family resource room. When we first agreed to this we were going to make five 10k payments over the course of 5 years. Mr. Swanson no suggested we pay the bill off. A motion was made to pay the full bill. All were in favor of paying the full bill. The hospital offered to do a meet and greet in Wheeling.

**Wheeling Nailers** – A one year contract was signed last week.

Meeting was adjourned.