



Ministries Foundation Board of Directors
Thursday, August 19, 2021; 4 – 6pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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In Attendance: Anita S. Duckor; Kay Egan, CSJ; Suzanne Herder, CSJ; Alyssa Howells; Stacy Jacobson; Steve Kenney; Mary Lydon; Maya Missaghi; Brian Mullen; Roger Norris; Colleen O’Malley, CSJ; Mark Richards; Gabrielle Rohde; Ralph Scorpio; Kris Smyth; Bridget Sperl; Rosario de la Torre; Jill Underdahl, CSJ; Jean Wincek, CSJ.

The Ministries Foundation Board of Directors meeting convened on Thursday, August 19, 2021, via Zoom. Chair Bridget Sperl called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Prayer: Colleen O’Malley, CSJ, led the prayer.

Bridget asked if the newly revised agenda was approved. Roger Norris moved to approve the new agenda, and all were in favor.

Ralph Scorpio introduced Rosario de la Torre as the newest Board member, and everyone welcomed her.

Minutes: Bridget asked if there was any feedback or corrections to the minutes from June 17, 2021. Hearing none, Kris Smyth made a motion to approve the minutes and Gabrielle Rohde seconded her motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved.

Status Report from Previous Meeting

Bridget said that since there weren’t very many actions from last meeting (being the last meeting of the fiscal year) there was nothing to address.

2021-22 Board Goals

Bridget introduced the Board’s goals for 2021-2022. The categories are the same as 2020-2021: Advocacy, Recruitment, Giving, and Effectiveness.

Executive Director’s Report

Ralph introduced Alyssa Howells’ new position and said that Lacey Sietsema (from Good Ground Press) will be taking over her Board responsibilities. He said that over the last couple of months he has met with new and established donors, connected with the new Consociate leadership team, and has reached out to multiple donors via writing. He is looking forward to the direction from Bold Moves 2030 and having the opportunity to check-in with donors he hasn’t reached out to in a while. Gabrielle asked if anyone he’s talked to has been concerned about any changes with the ministries and he said that he hasn’t gotten that feedback.

Province Report

- Bold Moves 2030 (BM 2030): Suzanne Herder, CSJ, gave a brief update about and introduction to BM 2030. She shared that Model Two (Ministries Foundation (MF) expands its current 501c3 and the ministries currently under Province leadership will join the MF) will be introduced this upcoming Saturday to the Sisters and they will have until the Sister Assembly in October to think about it. The October Sister Assembly will ask the Sisters to vote on accepting Model Two. Suzanne read the BM 2030 proposal to the Board. Mary asked about the details of expanding the 501c3 and Suzanne said that nothing has been decided yet, this is the first step of making changes and much will still need to be decided. She explained the 'BOLD' part of this is that the Sisters are trusting the "new" restructured organization to take care of the ministries and it will allow for the opportunity to be more flexible, creative, and to make quicker decisions. Bridget added that this was all started with wanting to serve more people and make a bigger impact. Jean Wincek, CSJ, added that this work will require professional help to make sure the changes we make are legal and will be effective. This work will continue the larger 'We': Sisters, Consociates, St. Joseph Workers, etc.
- M Health Fairview/St. Joseph Hospital: Ralph gave a brief history of what's happened since M Health Fairview (MHF) bought St. Joseph's Hospital as a new "Health and Wellness Hub." The MF has been in conversation with them since the beginning and it has been a long/bumpy road. Recently Ralph connected MHF with St. Catherine University (SCU) and it was an exciting meeting because SCU is very interested in joining the proposed project. He added that at this point St. Mary's Health Clinics isn't in a place to join the hub (doesn't get federal funding, etc.) but it would be interested in joining the hub in the future. Ralph said that Marian Diaz, director of Wisdom Ways, is meeting with MHF next week to see if it can be involved.

Committee Actions

- Governance Committee: Anita Duckor said that the Governance Committee is still working to diversify the Board and is looking for people with different skill sets to fill-in what the Board is missing (i.e., experience, executive level, finance, fund development, etc.). She asked the Board to fill out the form at the end of the plan to help create a list of what skills would be most helpful. Maya Missaghi asked how the Committee investigates new people and Anita said that they ask the proposed person how they know the MF and Sisters, they research their online presence, etc.
 - *MF Strategic Inclusive Framework & Equity Strategic Action Plans*: Anita gave a brief update about the Racial Inclusivity Working Group and what it's doing for the Community. She asked the Board and MF to consider having its own equity statement and action plan on the website and if it's a worthwhile endeavor for the Board to work on. Anita said that this is a good idea to make public because it's hard to claim we're doing the work but not have it for people to read. She recommended this work starting as a subcommittee before coming to the Board for discussion. Kris Smyth volunteered to be on the subcommittee with Gabrielle and Maya. Colleen moved to start the subcommittee, and all were in favor.

Committee Reports

There were no reports and each chair introduced themselves and gave a summary of their committees.

Breakout Session: How can we better welcome new Board members?

Everyone went into breakout rooms and discussed how we can better welcome new Board members.

Announcements & Recognition

- Septemberfest: Bridget reassured everyone that the MF is monitoring health and safety concerns and will host Septemberfest only if it is safe to do so.
- Board Education Event: Thursday, September 23, "Meet Marian Diaz: New Wisdom Ways Director."

Meeting Recap & Review

- Action Item: fill out the new Board member form provided by the Governance Committee.

Executive Session: started at 5:35pm.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa Howells, CSJ Ministries Foundation