

Ohio Community Service Council

Council Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2009

Members Present

Susan Rogers
Margaret Wildi
Jay Smith
Jeff King
Bob Garbo
Rev. Willie Peterson
Diane Daniels
Chelsea Merriman
Tina Dunphy
Maureen Drummond
Chuck White
Greg Landsman
Clifford Smith
Pakkiri Rajagopal (Raj)
Alan Penn
Charlotte Jones-Ward

Members Absent

Owen Wrassman
Dick Kinsley
Gary Cates
Juliet Thomas
Brian Williams

Staff Present

Kitty Burcsu, John Poole, Frank Underwood, Mark Holtzapple, and Shirley Genton. Walter McNamara, Assistant Attorney General.

I. Call to Order

Susan Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Juliet Thomas submitted her letter of resignation from the Council as a youth representative for the Council. She accepted a full-time work position that requires extensive travel. This position would conflict with the Council's schedule and her attendance at the meetings.

Motion: Margaret Wildi moved to accept with regret the resignation of Juliet Thomas from the Council. Charlotte Jones-Ward seconded. **Motion Approved.**

II. Approval of Minutes of January 15 Council Meeting

Motion: Margaret Wildi moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 Council meeting. Charlotte Jones-Ward seconded. **Motion Approved.**

III. Financial Report – Reported by Mark Holtzapple

Mark distributed the Financial Statement for the period ending March 31. With one-third of the fiscal year remaining, 36.5 % of the budget remains.

The Supplemental Administrative Funds Report reflects CNCS supplemental funds available to State Commissions totaling \$520,386. OCSC has requested \$24,000 for IT Management Support. (Reference handout).

Update on Fiscal Agent Change

The move to Central Service Agency remains pending.

IV. Executive Director's Report – Reported by Kitty Burcsu AmeriCorps Recovery Funds Request – Bill Hall

Bill stated AmeriCorps applications are pending in both Competitive (\$1.3 million) and Formula (\$1.2 million). Recovery (Stimulus) funds are available to existing grantees and must be used for expansion activities. The grantees must operate separate programs with the funds.

National AmeriCorps Week Event – Bill Hall/John Poole

All AmeriCorps programs have been invited to Cincinnati on May 9 to participate in service projects and then attend a Cincinnati Reds baseball game. An AmeriCorps recognition event will precede the game. The pre-game ceremony will feature AmeriCorps members on the field.

One complimentary ticket to the game will be available for each Council member who wishes to attend. Additional tickets may be purchased.

Ohio AmeriCorps hats have also been purchased for members.

New VISTA Leader – Frank Underwood

Carla Burnett has been selected to replace Amanda Cowgill as the new VISTA Leader. She is a former VISTA member with the Columbus Housing Partnership (CHP).

Report from North Central Cluster Meeting

Kitty attended the cluster meeting in Madison, Wisconsin at the end of March with Jodi Tully and Bill Hall. Discussion focused on the Recovery Funds Award process and implementation of the Serve America legislation.

Kitty reviewed a summary of the Serve America Act and its impact on state

commissions. The role is broadening and changing and yet building on everything OCSC has done for the past 15 years. (Reference handout for details).

V. Unfinished Business- Reported by Bill Hall
Forging New Links

- 342 paid registrations for the Conference
- Financials show \$18,000 remaining after expenses
- Evaluation data is being gathered and compiled

Make A Difference Day Ohio – Reported by Frank Underwood

- Luncheon went well. Ellen Tressel and Governor Ted Strickland presented the awards in the absence of Jim Tressel and the First Lady

VI. New Business

- Individual member attendance record distributed to Council members
- Composite sent to Boards and Commissions
- Ethics education session listed on each Council member's individual record
- Ethics statement in packet for Council Members to sign

New Council Member Recommendations Committee – Reported by Susan Rogers

- No formal process at this time to submit names to the Governor's office
- The committee will create a process and solicit names to be submitted
- Committee members are as follows:
 - Reverend Willie Peterson – Chair
 - Maureen Drummond – Northern Ohio
 - Margaret Wildi – Central Ohio
 - Owen Wrassman – Southern Ohio

Motion: Alan Penn moved to approve the establishment of the New Council Member Recommendations Committee. Diane Daniels seconded. **Motion Approved.**

Executive Session

Motion: Jeff King moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding the Executive Director's position. Rev. Willie Peterson seconded.

Roll Call:

Maureen Drummond – Yes
Diane Daniels – Yes
Chelsea Merriman – Yes
Alan Penn – Yes
Margaret Wildi – Yes
Clifford Smith – Yes
Jay Smith – Yes
Charlotte Jones- Ward – Yes
Bob Garbo – Yes
Jeff King – Yes
Rev. Willie Peterson – Yes
Susan Rogers – Yes
Chuck White – Yes
Pakkiri Rajagopal (Raj) – Yes

Return to General Session – Approval of Search Committee Recommendation

Motion: Jeff King moved to extend the offer of Executive Director of the Ohio Community Service Council to Bill Hall. Salary will be negotiated and will not exceed the lawful parameters that are predetermined in the position description. Rev. Willie Peterson seconded. **Motion Approved.**

Roll Call vote:

Maureen Drummond – Yes
Diane Daniels – Yes
Chelsea Merriman – Yes
Alan Penn – Yes
Margaret Wildi – Yes
Clifford Smith – Yes
Jay Smith – Yes
Charlotte Jones-Ward – Yes
Bob Garbo – Yes
Jeff King – Yes
Rev. Willie Peterson – Yes
Susan Rogers – Yes
Chuck White – Yes
Pakkiri Rajagopal (Raj) – Yes

Motion Approved.

Offer extended to Bill Hall and he accepted the position.

Note: Alan Penn addressed the Council members stating he has been on the

Council for 8 ½ years. Alan was interviewed by Eric Mansfield from Channel 3 about the President signing the Service America Act and commented on his experience and perspective as a Council member. Check the serveohio.org website.

Alan stated that our Council members are an engaged, empowered, and active group of individuals.

He noted that serving on the Council was a springboard to serve on the Board of the America Service Commission (ASC) for 4 years. He said Kiwanis International Board now has an MOU with CNCS regarding a service learning initiative.

Motion: Rev. Willie Peterson moved to note the service and time Alan has served on the Council. Maureen Drummond seconded. **Motion Approved.**

Strategic Plan – Reported by Kitty Burcsu

Deborah Crawford was present to clarify and answer questions about the strategic plan.

Motion: Margaret Wildi moved to approve the objectives for the Strategic Plan. Chuck White seconded. **Motion Approved.**

Motion: Margaret Wildi moved to adjourn. Rev. Willie Peterson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by Shirley Ann Genton.