

VERA HOUSE FOUNDATION TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA
May 11, 2021, 4:00 P.M.

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Russ Sturtz, *Chair*
 - a. New Trustee Introduction – Gwendolyn Sanders and Erica Wynn-Kearse
- II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- III. Agency Update – *Randi Bregman & Angela Douglas, Co-Executive Directors*
 - a. Co-Executive Director’s Report
 - b. Program Presentation – Elder Abuse
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – *Russ Sturtz*
 - a. Foundation Financials
 - b. WRC fund transfer
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Board Development – *Jodi DeAugustine & Julie Flack*
 - b. Strategic Workgroup – *Pierre Morrisseau*
 - c. White Ribbon – *Marissa Saunders & Cindy Britz*
 - d. Gala – *Denise McGraw*
- VI. Ongoing Business
 - a. Anti-racism work
 - Caucus Updates – *Russ Sturtz, Elaina Wellstead, Barb Karper*
 - Intercultural Development Inventory – *Russ Sturtz*
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Open Discussion

Executive Committee Meetings:

August 3rd, noon
September 13th, noon – Joint with Board
November 2nd, noon

Foundation Trustee Meetings:

August 10th at 4:00 p.m.
September 21st at 5:30 p.m. – Joint Meeting
November 9th at 4:00 p.m.

- IX. Adjournment

VERA HOUSE, INC.
JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' & FOUNDATION TRUSTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Present: James Branche, Darrell Buckingham, Nakeia Chambers, Kate Chmielowiec, Jalyn Clifford, Otis Deluca, Carolina Cordero Dyer, Natalie Hempson-Elliott, Sarah Fitzgerald, John Huhtala, Barbara Karper, Tiffany Lane, Joelle Margrey, Katie McBride, Rebecca Ortiz, Yara Osman, Sheri Rodriguez, Sarah Konwahahawi Rourke, Marissa Saunders, Ashlea Schad, Kathy Alaimo, Calvin Corriders, Jodi DeAugustine, Julie Flack, Tim Giarrusso, Lynn Horowitch, Jim King, Denise McGraw, Pierre Morrissette, Tracy Porter, Russ Sturtz, Elaina Wellstead, Yvonne Scott-Younis

Staff: Randi Bregman, Angela Douglas, Cindy Britz

Absent: Ali Adan, Talina Jones, Jim Borer, Amy Breuer, Bishop Ronald Dewberry, Alex Gorski, Martin Hewitt, Buster Melvin, Anne Ruffer, Gloria Barbano-Weyl, Monique Wright-Williams

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Barb Karper.

Consent Agenda - The Board of Directors reviewed the Consent Agenda materials. A motion was made by Nakeia Chambers and seconded by Darrell Buckingham to approve the Consent Agenda. All were in favor and the motion was passed to accept the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. February 16, 2021, Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
- B. Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 3/8/21
 - Property Committee Meeting Minutes 3/8/21
 - Program Committee Meeting Minutes 2/24/21

The Foundation Trustees reviewed the Foundation meeting minutes from January. A motion was made by Tim Giarrusso and seconded by Pierre Morrissette to approve the Foundation meeting minutes. All were in favor and the motion was passed to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Carolina Cordero Dyer reviewed the February financials. She also proposed two items for vote – credit card approval for Virgie Townsend with \$1,000 limit and making Juneteenth a holiday. There was a short discussion about the Juneteenth holiday and it was fully supported by both Foundation and Board members.

A motion was made by Sarah Fitzgerald and seconded by John Huhtala to approve a credit card with \$1,000 limit for Virgie Townsend. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

A motion was made by Kate Chmielowiec and seconded by John Huhtala to approve Juneteenth as a holiday. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Russ Sturtz reviewed the Foundation financials. Shared that the finance committee is reviewing the investment policy and may propose some revised guidelines for allocations. Tim asked if we have ever considered adding to the investment account on a monthly basis and if it might be something to discuss offline.

A motion was made by Tim Giarrusso and seconded by Jim King to approve the Foundation financials. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

WRC – James asked for everyone’s participation in the WRC. Highlighted White Ribbon Champion and purchasing merchandise.

White Ribbon Champion - For a donation of \$100, you and/or your business will be highlighted on our website as a Champion for the White Ribbon cause, and will be signed up to receive a weekly email through March to learn more about Vera House’s prevention work to end domestic and sexual violence.

<https://verahouse.ejoinme.org/WRC-Champion>.

Purchase White Ribbon Merchandise - masks in black and navy blue as well as **lawn signs, wristbands, and lapel pins** are available for purchase and pick-up now at <https://verahouse.ejoinme.org/WRCMerch>.

Marissa shared that her friends in Africa are using the Zoom backgrounds and sharing on social media. Joelle shared that Loretto will be promoting the WRC on all of the TVs throughout Loretto campuses. They will also be putting up some lawn signs and ribbons on their campus.

Angela and Randi presented the State of the Agency. The presentation will be available in the Board and Foundation portals under Additional Materials.

Barb reminded everyone to sign and return the forms that Maryann sent.

Mission Story – John shared that he was playing basketball and one of the guys referred to someone using a derogatory term for a woman. There was a 9 year old girl watching. John asked the guy to watch his language because there were young girls around. The guy apologized to the group and the young girl. All were appreciative of the apology.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: 5:30-7:00 p.m., April 20th – Zoom

Next Foundation Meeting: 4:00, May 11th – Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Britz for
Darrell Buckingham, Secretary