

Michigan City Community Enrichment Corporation
Zoom Meeting
Regular Meeting March 10th, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President George Kazmierczak at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - President George Kazmierczak, Vice President Jack Van Etten, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Janus, Bret Cox, Connie Anderson, Chris Carter, Pete Xidias and Sue Webster. Also in attendance was Board Attorney Mary Lake. A quorum was reached.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Jack Van Etten to approve the minutes, seconded by Connie Anderson. All in favor. Approved.

Financial Statement: Secretary/Treasurer Steve Janus presented the Harbour Trust February 2021 Financial Statement. Beginning balance was \$104,267.95. A deposit was made in the amount of \$567,417.00 from the Boyd Gaming Corporation. Disbursements included \$380.00 for the Administrative Services for Susan Webster and \$11.21 for Office Supplies. Administrative Expenses were \$21.72. Total Investment Income was 92 cents. Investment change was \$0.00. Ending balance for February 2021 was \$671,272.94. Sue Webster moved to approve the February statement as presented. Seconded by Connie Anderson. All in favor.

Claims: President George Kazmierczak presented two claims for payment. The Invoice for Administrative Assistant Susan Webster for \$370.00. Jack Van Etten moved to pay, seconded by Connie Anderson. Susan Webster abstained. All others in favor, Motion passes. A Claim for Postage for \$35.60 which covered stamps for mailing out the Grant Awards to the grant recipients. Motion by Bret Cox to pay, seconded by Chris Carter, Susan Webster abstained, all others in favor, Motion passes.

Attorney Update: Attorney Mary Lake submitted the LDA Report to Gateway. Steve Janus and Mary Lake have both contacted Somerset CPA's and Advisors/Rowley & Company regarding the IRS issues for the 2019 taxes and continue working on this until it is resolved.

Old Business: Board President Kazmierczak asked Bret Cox if he wanted to continue serving on the MCCEC Board for another term. Bret does and George will contact the Mayor's office to ask him to reappoint Bret. Rudy Kohn stated last month he did not want to be reappointed to the Board and sent an email on Tuesday, March 13th stating he had resigned from the Board and will not be attending this meeting. The Mayor will need to appoint a new Board Member for a new three-year term. This is Jack Van Etten's last Board Meeting. He is a City Council Appointee, and they will appoint a new Board Member at the next City Council Meeting.

All Grant Recipients have returned their signed Grant Contracts and Affidavits required to receive the Grant Award Checks. They will be mailed out on March 29th by Susan Webster.

The Board discussed Grant Applications with outstanding balances on their current grants. Susan Webster reported that 29 grant recipients have spent their grant award completely as of this date. The organizations have until March 31st to spend their grant awards for this current grant cycle.

Two grant recipients requested extra time to spend their 2020-2021 grant awards due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Footlight Players received a grant for \$1500.00 to spend on a Youth Workshop during the summer of 2020. Due to Covid they have not been able to provide it and asked for an extension so they could host the workshop this summer instead. They did not apply for a grant for this grant cycle. Pete Xidias moved to allow them to spend the \$1500.00 this summer for the same purpose. Seconded by Connie Anderson. All in favor. Motion passes. Susan Webster will notify them by email they will have until September 30th to submit the Quarterly Report. Youth Service Bureau requested further time to spend their 2020-2021 grant award for their Kids on the Block program. They received \$5,000.00 and as of December 2020 had spent \$4,471.00. With the Michigan City Area Schools holding in person classes, they will be able to schedule the programs again now thru the end of this school year. Bret Cox made a motion that they can have until June 30th, 2021 to spend this grant award. Seconded by Connie Anderson. All in favor, motion passes. Susan Webster will email them with the details and how to submit the Quarterly Reports so they will be submitted for the correct grant cycle.

New Business: Our Board Officers Election will be held at our April Meeting. Our Vice President has been Jack Van Etten and with his leaving the Board that office is vacant. We will also be electing our President and Secretary/Treasurer. If anyone is interested in applying for any of these positions, please notify Attorney Mary Lake. She will hold the election at the beginning of our meeting.

Board Comments: Jack Van Etten remarked that serving on this Board for the past six years has been fun and interesting. We all echoed what we say every month, that we continue to wear masks, stay safe and healthy.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 5:00 pm by Zoom.

Adjournment: Motion made by Connie Anderson to adjourn meeting at 6:00 pm, seconded by Chris Carter. All in favor. So adjourned.

Submitted by Susan Webster.