

**Minutes of WJFF Community Advisory Board**  
**Meeting June 2, 2022** virtually via zoom

**Present:** Joseph Abraham, Kalika Stern, Peter Madden, Tasa Faronii-Butler, Gloria Simms, Kenneth Luck, Samantha Mango, Dick Riseling

**Absent:** Anthony Covington, Colette Ballew, Racquel Cortes-Grimila, Aaron Hicklin

**Meeting** called to order at 6:10pm by Joseph Abraham, President

**Motion to approve the minutes** from last meeting made by Tasa Faronii-Butler and seconded by Kenneth Luck. Motion carried.

**Heiley Flores**, representative from Sullivan County Black, Latino, Asian Caucus was presented as a guest and potential new member recruit.

**Membership:** One position officially open by Mike Vreeland's term coming to an end, his choice not to reapply. Dick Riseling made a motion to remove Anthony Covington from CAB board for lack of attendance, seconded by Peter Madden. Motion carried.

Kalika Stern accepted to remain on CAB for one more year. Peter Madden made a motion to have Kenneth Luck fill the Vice Chair position for the interim until December, Gloria Simms seconded. Kenneth Luck accepted, motion carried.

**Survey:** English speakers survey was well received and about 300 people responded. Recommendations were sent to BOT and they responded positively to suggestions though the budget at the moment does not have room to accommodate the suggestions. Nicole Slevin tried to help CAB to reach out to the Spanish Speaking community, but the response was only one person. Heiley Flores asked how we had reached out to the SpSp community beyond Nicole's efforts? Through a FB page was the response. She suggested trying to reach the SpSp community by going to churches, festivals, bodegas and cultural events. Also to consider using paper ballots as many SpSp do not have access to computers for the digital response.

**Youth Task Force Committee:** Tasa Faronii-Butler reported that Covid has slowed down all efforts to get youth involved due to few in person meetings, slow return to outreach, less contact with those in positions of authority, etc. Tasa reported many adults have been willing to be present and mentor groups, but need a program to follow and a schedule. As we have not had confirmation of the possibility of having youth in the studio, due to the move, the process continues to be in "limbo". Suggestion was made to reach out to the Rural/Migrant Ministry for adding to the Youth Task Force Committee.

**Suggestions for future meetings**, invitation to Jason Dole, the Program Director, as we have had no contact in quite a long time and an update is long overdue. Tim Bruno and Kristen Simms Foster invitations for updates on the new home of WJFF.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.** Next meeting is Thursday July 14th at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Colette Ballew, Secretary