

The Friends of Charleston Center

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www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org

Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2018

Our Mission: *Support the Charleston Center in building healthier lives free of alcohol and other drug related consequences.*

Our Vision: *To be an integrated component of the Charleston Center that effectively promotes community awareness of services and connects clients to available resource.*

Attendees: Phill Botham, Randy Coats, Donna White, Kevin Downs, Ryan Roberts, Beth Turner, Brian Knight, Dr. Chanda Brown, Angela Avery, Mary Faucette, Christopher Hoffman

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 2018 meeting (see www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org)
2. Executive Director's Report (Dr. Brown)
 - a. Tours for board members may be available for the new Sobering Center
 - b. The Crisis Stabilization Unit is working well
 - c. Dr. Brown is meeting with other groups across the country to continue the exchange of ideas to better our programs.
 - d. The SBIRT – (screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment) in the ER at MUSC is going well. Exact referral/engagement data is unclear at the time of the FOCC meeting.
 - e. Dr. Brown is working with the Charleston County Criminal Justice Initiative to reduce jail time and instead refer to treatment for drug related crimes.
 - f. Dr. Brown is working with the Drug Courts, to coordinate MAT treatment with Drug Court participants who may have an opioid use disorder.
 - g. Dr. Brown will be in VA next week for the SAMSHA conference to present Best Practices for AOD treatment.
3. Chairman's Report (Phill)
 - a. Review agenda (see www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org)
 - b. Review FY17/18 Plans and Goals
 - c. Key officer positions are still available. Members are encouraged to invite others in the community to participate on this board.
4. Vice Chair's Report (Acting: K Downs)
(none)
5. Treasurer's Report (Beth Turner)
 - a. Net Proceeds from the Family Day Oyster Roast were: \$1,075 (Gross receipts \$3,830 less expenses of \$2,755)
 - b. Current bank balance is: \$10,618
 - c. Current income to date for the matching grant (Aug 20, 2017 – April 09, 2018 is: \$9,158
 - d. Membership dues should be paid between now and June 2018. Suggested due is \$20 and up.

6. Fund Development Committee (Ryan)
 - a. Ryan applied to 16 Walmart's and they are all reaching the 60 day window for acceptance. He is attempting to contact them to inquire after the decision.
 - b. Ryan has 2 more significant (monetarily) grants upcoming – Costco and Volvo
 - c. FOCC continues to plan for a 'restaurant week' fundraising joint effort with local restaurants – hopefully for this early fall.

7. Marketing and Community Outreach Committee update (Brian)
 - a. An FOCC newsletter, email blast and/or blog is still under discussion and upcoming
 - b. Brian would like to change our website to a WordPress site for greater manageability

8. Old Business
 - a. Client Transportation to meetings – no update – it is still being researched by legal.

9. New Business
 - a. New member Angela Avery has volunteered her professional writing services to aid pts in writing projects.
 - b. Dr. Brown reports we have received the framed picture from David.
 - c. FOCC members will begin active plans for this year's 50 Friends Yoga Event to be held this summer.