

The Friends of Charleston Center

P O Box 20762, Charleston, SC 29413

www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org

Meeting Minutes – May 14, 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, Donna White, Kevin Downs, Cristina Guillermo, Beth Turner, Brian Knight, David Emch, Bryan Kingrey, Adam Robinson, Woodie Avery, Randy Coats

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 2018 meeting (see www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org)
 - a. Dr. Brown requests a correction to the April 9 minutes as follows: #2e should read “Dr. Brown is working with the Charleston County Criminal Justice Initiative to reduce jail time and instead refer to treatment for low-level drug offenses.”
2. Executive Director’s Report (Cristina Guillermo for Dr. Brown)
 - a. The department budget will go in front of Charleston County Council on May 29th. Dr. Brown and several key staff members will attend that meeting.
 - b. 3600 Rivers Avenue will be the topic of a Special Finance Committee meeting on May 15; we will have a better idea of moving plans at that time.
 - c. At this time, CC is in the process of hiring employees to staff the Sobering Center.
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 (K Downs)

(None)
5. Treasurer’s Report (B Turner)
 - a. Balance in FOCC bank account is \$10,343
 - b. Net profit from the Family Day Oyster Roast was 1,164.00
 - c. Membership dues should be paid between now and June 2018. Suggested due is \$20 and up.
6. Fund Development Committee Report (Ryan – not able to come but sent an email)
 - a. The next fund raising event will be the Yogathon – 07/14 @ The Crow’s Nest (cost \$150)
 - i. Lululemon Yoga will aid in promoting the event.
 - ii. Investigating possible corporate sponsors
 - b. Still waiting to here from Walmart on the community grants.
 - c. Applied for additional grants as follows:
 - i. \$1,500 Post and Courier
 - ii. \$3,000 Wells Fargo

- iii. \$3,000 PNC Coastal Cities Chapter
- iv. \$3,000 Volvo
- v. \$1,000 Joseph J Schott Foundation
- d. We've been granted another \$1,000 grant from Blackbaud
- 7. Marketing and Community Outreach (Brian)
 - a. Brian is researching a less difficult way to track donations for the Yogathon ("50 Friends")
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Transportation to meeting – Dr. Brown discussed the protocols used at other inpatient programs and they use staff/peer support specialists to reduce risk and liability. Charleston Center prefers to do the same. CC would only use County vehicles (with approved drivers) and staff to transport patients to meetings.
 - b. Nominations and voting for remaining FOCC Board positions
- 9. New Business
 - a. Treasurer to provide a budget for the upcoming year
 - b. Items for the good of the cause
 - c. Mr. Emch is proposing a joint fund raising event through the sale of his art. Details to follow.

**Next meeting: Monday Jun 11, 2018 @ 430 – Charleston Center
Board Room on 3rd Floor**