

The Friends of Charleston Center

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Meeting Minutes – January 08, 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, John Furtmeirer, Sheila Dawson, Mark Catrone, Donna White, Kevin Downs, Cristina Guillermo, Ryan Roberts, Beth Turner, Brian Knight

1. Approval of Minutes of the December 2017 meeting (See www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org) approved with no changes.
2. Executive Director's report (Dr. Brown/Cristina Guillermo)
 - a. Dr. Brown was at a meeting preparing for the budget meeting on 01/23/2018
 - b. No new date for possible move to the old Navy hospital. Two options are on the table – one for a renovation, one for a total tear down and new build.
 - c. Sobering Center is reviewing contractor bids for needed work before opening
 - d. SBIRT program is up and running at MUSC ER. There have been several referrals.
 - e. Dr. Brown has met with administrative members of “drug court” to coordinate services
 - f. Dr. Brown will be in MD as an expert panel member regarding MAT services (SAMHSA)
3. Chairman's Report
 - a. Reviewed agenda (See www.friendsofthecharlestoncenter.org)
 - b. Reviewed FY17/18 Plans and Goals
 - c. Y12SR (Reverb Yoga) forwarded their last quarter donation. They also announced they will be closing in a month. Longevity Fitness has offered to take their place by offering yoga to the inpatients on Thurs. 715 pm and to collect donations.
 - d. Key officer positions are still available. Members are encouraged to invite others in the community to participate on this board.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Woodie Avery (Treasurer) was not in attendance. Dec. 2017 balance in the account is \$7,613.69 not including the donation from Y12SR for \$300+ and another donation of \$500 which was submitted between the last board meeting and today.
5. Old Business

- a. Fundraising Committee Report (Ryan)
 - i. Ryan has identified 24 grant sources and applications for Jan-Mar 2018. Other viable grant and other fundraising sources were discussed.
 - ii. Ryan provided a handout outlining the steps to appeal to fundraising sources.
 - iii. Ryan, Phill and Terry are to meet with Community Foundation contact this Wed. to discuss the possibility of adjusting the matching grant criteria currently in place.
- b. Media Update (Brian)
 - i. Discussed possible ways to create community awareness of CC services.
 - ii. Discussed adding a Blog to our website and the addition of personal stories of recovery.

6. Client Transportation to meetings

- a. Still awaiting final version from legal/review by Dr. Brown to implement

7. Family Day Event

- a. The Family Day Oyster Roast Fundraising/Awareness Event is scheduled for March 10, 2018 at Awendaw Green. John Cato is again willing to organize this event.
 - i. Flyers and tickets will be printed (Brian) and electronic payment options will be available.
 - ii. Bens Friends, Wake up Carolina, SC FAVOR, the Collegiate Recovery Program at College of Charleston and Mt. Pleasant Police Department (The Lowcountry Recovery Coalition) and the Magdalene House will be asked to participate in this event.

8. New Business

- a. Board Position vacancies
 - i. Beth Turner offered to accept the Treasurer's position which will leave the Secretary position available.
 - Chair
 - Alternate Chair
 - Secretary
 - Alternate Secretary
 - Alternate Treasurer
 - Fund Development Committee Alternate Chair
- b. Membership dues for 2018 will need to be collected. The suggested donation is \$20. This is tax deductible and members will be added to our mailing list.
- c. It is suggested that FOCC distribute a quarterly newsletter.
- d. Program Administrator, Donna White has requested that FOCC recruit recovery speakers including 12 Step members, Alanon and other family members, other recovering persons and representatives from community resources to share their stories and/or information on a regular basis to the patients on the inpatient floor, and their families (during weekend family group). John, Mark and Beth will aid in this endeavor.

Next Meeting: Monday February 12, 2018 @ 430p, Charleston Center Board Room (3rd floor)