

Greenville First Steps board minutes: March 12, 2021

Board members in attendance: Karen Andrews, Gina Blohm, Stacy Burr, Eric Hassman, Rhonda Hipp, Cal Hurst, Jennifer James, Corey McDowell, Grady Patterson, JoKeitha Seabrook, Ashley Snelgrove, Cynthia Sosebee, Stacie Stegall, DeeDee Washington, Jeremy Watts

Guests in attendance: Lauren Briles, Janice Kilburn

Staff in attendance: Derek Lewis, Beth Jamieson, Nicole Sheppard

Meeting called to order by Jeremy Watts, Board Chair

Motion to approve January minutes: Motion: Karen Andrews Second: DeeDee Washington. Motion passed

Derek presented an update on Endowed fund. In January, \$400,000 was rolled over from Greenville first Steps accounts to seed Wells Fargo endowed fund. Currently \$200,000 has been invested, with the intent to add an additional \$50,000/month for next 4 months. Wells Fargo is sending updates to Greenville First Steps, and those are being forwarded to GFS board, and to SC first steps staff and Manley Garvin (Financial Manager for SCFS and GFS).

Board giving for Endowed fund is going well. To date, 10 board members have contributed (or pledged) \$15,000. Our goal is 100% board participation and to have all pledges received by March 30.

Derek and Beth presented a summary of 2021-2022

Programming recommendations include overlay of interventions in 29611, 29690, 29669 including:

- Literacy and Language Development: Reach Out and Read, Raising a reader, Book Warehouse, Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Social Emotional Development: Nurse Family Partnership, Triple P, Countdown to Kindergarten,
- Operations: Recommendations include ending lease with NGU and moving to smaller space in Dec 2021, adding a 4th FTE (either as an actual FTE, or as 3 contract positions), and adding a \$40,000 contract for Fund Development to continue to grow endowment.

Motion to Adjourn : JoKeitha Seabrook Second: DeeDee Washington Motion passed.

Adjourn 1:20PM