



MINUTES - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – 6:30 – 7:50 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

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1. Call to order – 6:32 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Anderson
2. Pledge of Allegiance - led by Bill Anderson.
3. Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson
Present: Bill Anderson, John Sandy Campbell, Dan Chernow, Paul Lawler, Douglas Marriott, Ginny Sand, Gina Thornburg, PhD.

QUORUM of 7 at 6:36 p.m.

4. Approval of Minutes: Education Committee Meeting – December 3, 2019
Motion to accept the minutes by: Paul Lawler; Second by: Gina Thornburg.
Vote – Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 2

5. Public Announcements: There were no public announcements.

6. Public Comment:

John Sandy Campbell commented that the WHWCNC Board of Directors virtual Board meetings should employ appropriate online meeting technology so that the public can see the individual Board member faces and thus connect with them. She urged other members of the WHWCNC Board of Directors to voice their support of this.

Dan Chernow voiced his support, commenting that the public should be able to see WHWCNC Board Members during the meetings.

Douglas Marriott also voiced his support for the public being able to see WHWCNC Board Member faces at the meetings.

Gina Thornburg stated that DONE directives regarding Neighborhood Council Board virtual meetings are advisory and not “rules.” Neighborhood Council Board Members’ faces should be seen by stakeholders as some members of the public have hearing issues. Stakeholders need to be able to match Board Member comments with Board Member faces. She said that she has raised the issue with DONE without response.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

7. **Items for discussion and possible vote:**

Item No. (1) Review of Committee FY 2020 Projects interrupted as a result of cessation of Neighborhood Council Meetings due the Coronavirus

a. “Meet the Principals” Outreach Program

Dan Chernow reported that meeting invitations to the Principals have been put on hold until we know how the schools will open in the fall. LAUSD will not make an announcement on this before the end of June. The Committee discussed whether to continue the program in FY 2021 as the current fiscal year, FY20, ends on 30 June. Support for continuation of the program was voiced by all Committee members.

b. Pierce College Brahma Pantry Support

Gina Thornburg reported that she had spoken with program administrator, D’Arcy Corwin, in April. The pantry is still providing students with food support but is experiencing difficulties as donations from local supermarkets have stopped. She suggested that the Committee should look to providing support via a food drive or an NPG in FY 2021 as the pantry is still feeding students and there may be a 2nd wave to the current pandemic. Doug Marriott voiced support for the program.

c. LAUSD Hygiene Project

Doug Marriott reported that an NPG application for the project had been sent to Sisters on the Street before the pandemic shutdown occurred. Contact needs to be re-established. Gina Thornburg stated that follow up with Matthew Meyers of Taft was interrupted by the pandemic. She also expressed concern about keeping the program targeted at Woodland Hills high schools and middle schools as Sisters of the Street serviced the entire San Fernando Valley. Bill Anderson observed that this issue could be resolved by ensuring that the language in any NPG application be such that the use of the NPG would be for Woodland Hills schools only.

d. West Valley Occupational Center HiSet Program

Bill Anderson reported that the NPG application form given to WVOCHS Principal Monica Balbuena was not processed due to cessation of both Committee and WHWCNC Board meetings in March. As result, no vote on the application could be done by either body in time to meet Los Angeles City funding deadlines. The Committee voiced support for picking up the program in the new fiscal year, having the WVOCHS Principal submit a new NPG.

Motion for the WHWCNC Education Committee to continue our work in the remainder of this fiscal year (2020) and in the next fiscal year (2021) on the projects included in Item No. (1), namely, “Meet the Principals” Outreach Program; Pierce College Brahma Pantry Support; LAUSD Hygiene Project; West Valley Occupational Center HiSet Program.

Motion: Dan Chernow, Second: Doug Marriott
PASS Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: Total: 7

Item No. (2) Discussion of Possible Plans for FY 2021

a. Discussion of Possible Projects for FY 2021

1. Girls Scouts of America / Boy Scouts of America

The Committee discussed various ways the Committee could sponsor and / or work with the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. Sponsoring membership in local troops was discussed along with helping with uniforms; NPG donations; funds for community services activities. A sub-committee Chaired by John Sandy Campbell and including Ginny Sand and Bill Anderson was created to research potential projects with both sets of scouts.

Action Item: The Scouts Sub-Committee will get discuss how to proceed and obtain information from both the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts regarding possible projects.

2. Possible Job Fair Panel Event

Per a suggestion by John Sandy Campbell, the Committee discussed developing a possible annual event that would feature a panel discussion by people in various professions who graduated from high schools in Woodland Hills. The panelists would be in mid-career and provide local students with insights into these careers and how they developed their career path. The event could be live or for the time being an online event. Development of the event could include various scenarios including a possible awards ceremony for student community service. An entrepreneurship discussion could be part of a larger event or a separate offering. The event could take place in May 2021 but would need planning to start now.

Action Item: The Committee will individually consider ideas for this event for a continued discussion at its next meeting.

b. Discussion of Possible Committee Planning Time Line

The Committee discussed the yearly budget process. Bill Anderson suggested that the Committee first finalize what projects it will undertake in FY 2021. Once decided, costs could be researched.

Paul Lawler reported that the timeline for budgeting this year is unclear as the pandemic has caused the people in the City Clerks Office to work from home. There is little telephone communication. As a result, it is unclear how and when things will be handled, events in particular as the “old” event packet will have to be changed for the pandemic. More may be known by August, possibly a new event packet will be available.

Action Item: Paul Lawler to report any new information on the budget time line and event packet at the next committee meeting.

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Action Item: The Committee members will study all project suggestions and discuss a go-forward scenario at the next meeting of the Committee.

Item No. (3) Discussion of Committee Administrative Items

a. Resignation of Aaron Williams

Bill Anderson announced that former Committee member Aaron Williams had formally resigned from the Committee citing lack of time for the Committee. Bill Anderson expressed to Aaron the thanks of the Committee for his service.

b. Recruitment of Additional Committee Members

Bill Anderson asked that the Committee come up with suggestions for additional people to serve on the Committee. A teacher is especially desired. Ginny Sand asked about limitations to the number of people that can serve on the Committee. Bill Anderson said that each committee can have no more than five WHWCNC Board of Directors members and is limited to a total committee roster of eleven – a limit of six stakeholders.

Action Item: The Committee will bring new member suggestions to its next meeting.

c. Committee Organization

The Committee discussed how it could become more efficient in working on its projects. Gina Thornburg suggested that at least two people be assigned to each project and that they “check in” with each other between meetings to keep the work going. John Sandy Campbell suggested that the Committee start using an online application, “Team Work.”

Action Item: The Committee will discuss work organization and using “Team Work” at its next meeting.

Adjournment of meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:40 p.m. by Dan Chernow; Second by: Douglas Marriott.

Vote – Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Total: 7

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