

**SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY
COMMISSION**
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021

Pledge and Call to Order

Dan Klein called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Introductions

In attendance were Commission members Dan Klein, Calvin Bellamy, Rev. Jamie Ward, Dr. Rich Weigel, Lynn Volkmann, John Bowker, Merlin Foresman, Courtney Smith, Michael Suggs, Karen Marben, Paula Carey, Michael McIntyre, Richard Morrisroe, and Art Russell. Also included were Manny Frausto (Lowell). Flor Baum took the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Michael McIntyre; Second: Manny Frausto; and The Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 2021 meeting as presented.

Financials

President Klein provided the March 2021 Financial Report. There have been no disbursements. The 2021 unused appropriations are \$32,585.50. The cash balance is \$89,404.88 of which \$71,702.56 is unassigned (unappropriated).

SEAC OLD BUSINESS

Membership Updates

Wendy Mis (Munster) has been appointed as the Board of Delegates member. Communities in need of a commissioner are Chesterton, Crown Point, Gary, Portage, St. John, and Westville.

Manny Frausto (Lowell) was introduced to the committee. He talked about how his ethics mission aligns with the SEAC mission, and he is looking forward to representing his community.

Summit Update

Rich spoke on the Summit update. The tentative date is October 14 as a virtual event via Zoom platform. Virtual check-in is from 8:00 – 8:30 am. The webmaster will set up registration on the SEAC website. Keynote speaker Violet Sistovaris is available. A draft notice for the registration has been completed. The working group consists of Courtney, Paula, and Julie. Rich also conducted a virtual breakout room and a poll via Zoom with the committee.

Training Committee Update

Jamie Ward has been in contact with a potential vendor to get the curriculum training module updated. He will move forward with a focus group that will consist of SEAC members and members of different municipalities. Starting in the fall, Jamie will be stepping down and Paula Carey will be the lead for the training subcommittee.

The draft Ethics Guide for Public Employees has been completed. Courtney will obtain cost estimates for printing. Flor will reach out to NIRPC staff for printing quotes as well.

A Board and Commission Training is slated for the fall. It is to be determined whether it will be a virtual, hybrid, or in person training. Due to The Summit being in October, the committee advised for a September training date.

Communications Committee Update

Julie will reach out to government leaders and municipalities to get updated community information. Paula will contact her colleague to set up an appointment with the mayor of LaPorte and Dan Klein.

SEAC NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21st. It is to be announced whether the meeting will be held virtually or in person.

Adjournment

Motion: Calvin Bellamy; Second: Merlin Foresman; and Dan Klein adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Submitted by: Flor Baum

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