

**SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY
COMMISSION**
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2021

Pledge and Call to Order

Dan Klein called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Introductions

In attendance were Commission members Dan Klein, Calvin Bellamy, Julie McElmurry, John Yelkich, Jamie Ward, Dr. Rich Weigel, John Bowker, Merlin Foresman, Karen Marben, Paula Carey, and Art Russell. Also included were RaleisaParker (Portage), and Burgess Peoples (Gary). Flor Baum took the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: John Bowker; Second: Rich Weigel; and The Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 2021 meeting as presented.

Financials

President Klein provided the May 2021 Financial Report. There have been no disbursements. The 2021 unused appropriations are \$33,585.50. The cash balance is \$89,404.38 of which \$73,624.64 is unassigned (unappropriated).

SEAC OLD BUSINESS

Membership Updates

Dan Klein presented on Membership Updates. Chesterton will be assigning a member soon. Dan will continue communication as well. Dan will have a presentation in next months council meeting for St. John for membership engagement. There has been ongoing communication with Westville.

Burgess Peoples (Gary), RaleisaParker (Portage) and John Yelkich (Lowell) were introduced to the committee.

Summit Update

Rich spoke on the Summit update. The Summit is scheduled for Friday, October 29, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville. The event will be both in-person and via Zoom. Keynote speaker Violet Sistovaris has been secured. Case studies will be presented, and answers can be submitted via cell phone. The app or program is to be determined. The flyers are completed and will be emailed to committee members. A Save-the-Date email will be sent on August 29. Registration will begin September 17 at www.sharedethics.com. Burgess and Raleisa have volunteered for the registration tables.

Training Committee Update

Paula Carey presented on Curriculum Project Updates. Tralient, an online ethics training platform, has been evaluated. Customizations will be hybrid. The videos will be between 30 – 45 minutes long and include a classroom format with trainers. The updated proposal that will include cost, user fees, and project timeline is pending. User fees will be limited to trainers and not by individual. Committee

members will reach out to current or previous community trainers and have them contact Paula so that she can share the training platform with them for feedback. Once the platform is approved, the training is slated to roll out next year.

Board and Commission Training Update

Jaime Ward announced there will be a free training update on Monday, August 30, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at the Avalon Manor. The training will focus on ethical decision-making within public sector. The keynote speaker will be consultant, David Limardi. Julie will be sending out a flyer for the event to commission members for distribution. Online registration is available on the SEAC website. Members are encouraged to RSVP.

Communications Committee Update

Julie McElmurry presented on Communications Committee Update. She shared the brochure with the committee. A PDF will be sent via email to members for additional edits. Once finalized, it will be uploaded to the SEAC website. The marketing materials have been completed and are available to members. There will be media coverage for The Summit and for training. Calvin Bellamy has published a Pre-training and Summit column on The Times. There will also be a press with photos after The Summit is over. Julie will also be sending out a draft email and talking point to committee members.

SEAC NEW BUSINESS

Dan Klein will reach out to Janice Malinowski with training update information and expenditure.

The next meeting is slated for September 15th at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Calvin Bellamy; Second: Rich Weigel; and Julie McElmurry adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Submitted by: Flor Baum

Flor Maria Baum, Administrative Assistant, NIRPC