

SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2022

Pledge and Call to Order

John Bowker the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Introductions

In attendance were Commission members Calvin Bellamy, Julie McElmurry, Merlin Foresman, Karen Marben, Paula Carey, Art Russell, Lynn Volkmann, Michael Suggs, Tom Degiulio, John Bowker, Courtney Smith, Releisa Parker, and Rob Horning. Flor Baum took the minutes.

April Daly (LaPorte County) was introduced.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Michael Suggs; Second: Courtney Smith; and the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the January 2022 meeting as presented.

Financials

John Bowker presented the Financial Report. There have been \$1396 disbursements as of February 2022. \$12,513.00 have been collected in dues. to date, with \$8,902.91 left from the 2020 carryover. The cash balance is \$102,835.91 of which \$44,909.00 is unappropriated.

SEAC OLD BUSINESS

Membership Updates

John Bowker presented on Membership Updates. The communities missing commissioners are Crown Point, Lake Station, St. John, and Westville. Dan Klein and Calvin Bellamy are working with communities with missing members and are at various stages with communication.

Summit Update

Members spoke on The Summit update. The Summit has been rescheduled for the Fall, date TBD. The case studies have been completed. A keynote speaker has not yet been secured. The committee discussed about having a panel from both private and public sectors to partake in a dialogue, along with a facilitator.

Training Committee Update

Paula Carey presented on the distribution plan for the ethics guide. Paula advised members to please pick up their training materials from the NIRPC building after the meeting. An updated list of trainers is needed for all communities. Julie McElmurry will work on emailing talking points to members with Paula. Courtney Smith volunteered to assist in the completion of the curriculum and roll out.

Communications Committee Update

Julie McElmurry presented on Communications Committee Update. Community candidates have started to send in the Ethics Pledge both electronically and by mail. Ten of the 131 Lake County candidates have signed their pledge. Six of the 136 LaPorte County candidates have signed their pledge. Eight of the 93 Porter County candidates have signed their pledge. Julie advised for members to reach out to their municipality and government leaders with updates from SEAC. Julie will send out a draft email with talking points to members.

SEAC NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

The next meeting is slated for May 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the NIRPC building

Adjournment

Motion: Courtney Smith; Second: Julie McElmurry; and John Bowker adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Submitted by:

Flor Maria Baum, Administrative Assistant, NIRPC