

## May 2022 CANDO Board meeting minutes

Attendance: Brendan, Maggie, Guest Lucy. (Carmen excused for Daughter's graduation)

1. Agenda approved
2. Board Member updates: Marisa and Meagan have resigned for their personal reasons/life changes impacting ability to serve on the Board. Both expressed desired to be on mailing lists and stay informed of volunteer opportunities.
  - a. Current Members and titles:
    - Maggie Sponsel – Board Chair
    - John Turnipseed – VP
    - Brendan LaRocque – Secretary
    - Marquise Bowie – Member
    - Chel Commerford – Member
  - b. **CHANGE OF MEETING DAY!** Tuesdays have been approved to be our new meeting day. It fits into most personal schedules better. Next CANDO Board meeting is TUESDAY July 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm. Going Forward we will meet on the Second Tuesday of the month (July 12, Aug 9, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Annual meeting TBD)
  - c. Pivot Focus on Board Recruitment: let's work together to create a document that can inform neighbors on What it means to be a Board member for a neighborhood association – ie- time commitments, CANDO mission and initiatives, explain how skillsets can be shared to serve the community, what goals the Board specifically has that supports staff projects and initiatives.
    - i. Maggie will create a Google Doc that all can edit and brainstorm ideas on.
  - d. Meet and greet end of summer after staff door knocking and the big events in Summer
  - e. Board members are welcome to attend Staff meetings! Thursdays 10am at the Office. Great time to hear what's happening!
  - f. Website upgrades are being delegated to Mickella since CANDO's site is out of date.
3. Lucy Presented microgrant for graduating youth in the Central/Bryant Neighborhoods. See attached documents of the proposal and introduction of who Lucy is. The ask is CANDO be fiscal agent in this fundraiser. Some notes of the conversation:
  - a. Carmen and Maggie discussed this proposal at a previous meeting, and both are excited about Lucy's idea as this type of project is in line with CANDO's mission and it does not require much from staff or the board. Some of Carmen's thoughts were to create clear guidelines and responsibilities for this agreement and set a timeframe.
  - b. Lucy expressed understanding that while the initial idea was to award grants Spring 2023, that it likely it would not happen until Spring 2024.
  - c. On the pictograph – "Recruit Board members" Is not a call for CANDO board members to serve this initiative. While crossover is encouraged, Lucy clarified that step was to create a board for the microgrant to lead fundraising, review applications, and support follow up check ins for impact data.
  - d. Lucy acknowledged 50 recipients is a large goal and does consider even a few awards a success in launching this project.

- e. We all agreed that advice from a lawyer around what it means to be a fiscal agent and receiving party in this situation.
  - f. Secondary ask from Lucy was to have a link to the fundraiser on CANDO website – Maggie agrees however CANDO must update our site before additional content is posted.
  - g. Maggie will send out e-votes to be able to give a formal answer to Lucy.
    - i. Informally – Maggie, Brendan, Carmen approves of this partnership.
4. Staff reports are attached in separate document
5. Look out for separate email regarding an opportunity to engage with the lawyer assisting CANDO in the data lawsuit. To restate what is happening: Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) is claiming CANDO, and other neighborhood nonprofits, have withheld data around funding for the community groups such as Agape and TOUCH outreach that formed under the Violence Interrupters Initiative from the City. However, the information must come from the City of Minneapolis. It is unclear why CUAPB is coming after Neighborhood Associations and not suing the City directly since this type of information is not under CANDO's control or purview. CANDO's only clear responsibility was to disburse funds from the City of Mpls to Agape as we are an established 501-c3 organization.
- a. Please let Carmen and I know if you have any questions.
  - b. Carmen, Brendan, and Maggie all agree that we want to continue the relationship with Agape and other community driven groups as we all work in community together.