

Revised DSI Board Meeting on November 14, 2024, 4:30PM, Summerville-

The DSI Board met in Summerville, SC on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Chairperson, Emily Watts opened the meeting at 4:35 PM.

The following DSI Board members were in attendance: (Quorum status)

Board of Directors

Emily Watts-Chair
Pamela Kelly
Haren Main-Treasurer
Dianne Jones-Secretary Pro-tem
Kathene Winston
Tim Hudson
Russ Cornette

Board of Directors

Margaret Goodwine
Ruthie Tripp
Jan Parsons
Malika Watson
Carol Davis
Frank Thomas
Sinclair Brown, Jr. -

(A) Absent without Notification (N) Absent with Notification (R) Resigned (V) Virtual

Don Baus (N) Diane Thomas (N) Karie Calhoun(N) James Villapontaux-Vice Chair (N)

DSI staff in attendance-

LaQuinta West- Executive -Director Beth Green-Center Manager
Brandi Chambers-Marketing Manager Konia Haynes -Resource Manager

Secretary Jones confirmed a quorum. HM moved to approve the agenda. RT seconded the motion. A motion was made to postpone the Board meeting minutes to the next meeting date. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda-

- 1- Involvement of board members
- 2- Upcoming fundraising events

Discussion-

Board members assisting in the next two fundraising events.

Executive Director LaQuinta West and DSI staff members informed the board that we have seen increases in delivered meals, group dining, transportation, membership, check-ins, group activities, and volunteer hours. She expressed her gratitude for the assistance of the volunteers and her staff. We increased awareness of the center by providing a blog section on the website, as well as community outreach. We are partnering with Grassroots Summerville which encompasses all non-profits, to introduce them to the community. The website has been updated . The center’s pantry received the 2023 Supporter Award, a \$10,000 grant and resource development from Second Chance gifting program, \$15,000 change maker grant from Trident United Way. The center provided an information booth at Roctober Fest which was successful in bringing awareness to DSI. We had twenty-five vendors at our DSI health fair and Pirates Be a Stir event.

Committee Reports:

Executive-Met to discuss personnel issues.

Finance- Informal meeting to discuss the hiring of the firm Veris to assist with our finances and audit. A motion to accept their proposal no. 2 was presented and passed.

Fundraising -Met to discuss the results of the Fall Wellness event, in St. George

Governance-Met with County Council to discuss the on-going review of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to design the new facility in St. George. A design company, Coast Architects, was selected out of nine RFQ's reviewed. Coast Architects will meet with the board to discuss the design process. Construction must begin within five years of April 1, 2024. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract of Coast Architects to design process of \$545,287.

Nominating-Met to discuss the election applications submitted and the results will be presented at today's meeting.

Unfinished business None

New business-Get Well card sent to Secretary Diane Thomas.

The next board meeting is on January 9, 2024, at the Faith Sellers Senior Center (DSI) at 4:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Submitted by,

Dianne Jones, Secretary