



MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired – Charleston

PRESENT

Bob Baldwin, VEEP	Doug Hazelton	Tricia Leyte-Vidal	Courtney Plotner, ABVI
Fleetwood Hassell, Sec.	James Hill	Callie Smith	Amy Asper, ABVI
Carol Clement, Treas.	Karl Jantzen	George Smythe	Mark Carmichael, ABVI
Jules Anderson, Past Pres.			Brooks Harken, ABVI
			Anne Reid, ABVI

ABSENT

Shawn Dobbs	Paula Mullen	Kristen Gayeski Tinkler
Clay Hershey	Thomas Smythe	Mike Zolman
	Allison Thompson	

PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order at 4pm by Board Vice President, Bob Baldwin. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The consensus agenda including the minutes from September 18, 2018, the development department report, programs & Advancement Committee report and the communications report was approved.

Vice President's Report

Bob Baldwin

Mr. Baldwin thanked retiring Board member Callie Smith for her service at ABVI. He also commented on some of the exciting growth presented to the Executive Committee and thanked the Board and staff for their hard work.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee made a motion to elect Joe Waring to fill Callie Smith's seat on the Board beginning January 1, 2019. No second was needed as the motion came from Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Investment Committee Report

Mark Carmichael

Mr. Carmichael gave a brief overview of our investment accounts and the market trends for YTD FYE 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Carmichael

The financials for July 1, 2018 – November 31, 2018 were reviewed, and Mr. Carmichael explained the variances in the Income Statement and Organizational Budget.

Development Committee Report

Tricia Leyte-Vidal

Ms. Leyte-Vidal reported on Visionary, ABVI's new major gifts program. She reported to date the staff has already raised \$70,000 of their \$100,000 goal. Ms. Leyte-Vidal also reminded the Board of the ways they can help insure Visionary is a success.

Executive Directors Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner and the staff leadership team presented the Board with their 5-year plan and their operational planning process. The 5-year goals are based off of the last Strategic Plan from the Board. Mrs. Plotner also updated the Board on the growth plans for the remainder of the fiscal year which include class space in Summerville (Berkeley County), updates to the Charleston location and the addition of in-home services.

New Business

- A. The Executive Committee made a motion to legally change the name of the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired – Charleston to the **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina**. No second was needed as the motion came from Committee. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Motion was made by the Executive Committee to change ABVI's vision statement. The motion was discussed, and the vision statement was amended. The amended motion was seconded and unanimously passed to change ABVI's vision statement to, **“Our vision is for all blind & visually impaired individuals to have the opportunity to live, learn and earn.”**

The Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Plotner, CEO - *Next Meeting: March 19, 2019 - 4pm at ABVI*