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\* \* \* **MEETING MINUTES** \* \* \*

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*Minutes of the April 20, 2006, Board Meeting*

*Attendance:*

*Leon E. Ashford, Ph.D.*  
*Chrissie A. Barfield Campbell*  
*Clement Cann, Jr.*  
*Stephen F. Doss*  
*Marguerite E. Grandelious*  
*Ruby Jones*  
*Caroline Korybut*  
*Philip Minden*  
*Brooke Sehy*  
*Alva L. Smith*  
*Melvin A. Tann*

*The meeting was chaired by Vice President Marguerite Grandelious.*

**Community Comments** - Dr. Marva Redd and Alma Grimes, Hopewell Center, brought trustees up to date on the funded program for adults with both serious mental illnesses and substance abuse. Rob Thurman, Places for People, invited everyone to a fund raiser called Portland Places for People. The event will be a progressive dinner party at two historic homes on Portland Place.

**Minutes** - The Minutes of the March 2006, meeting were approved with the following correction: The sixth agenda item related to the process trustees will use to review and recommend applications for funding. Rather than trustees receiving all full proposals in their packets, only those rated by staff as High and Medium will be included. Applications rated Low will not be included, but an executive summary of the proposal and staff rating forms will be included. Trustees may request any application not included.

**Monthly Grants Report** - Deputy Director Meg Renner reported that all project budgets appear to be on track, with no significant issues noted. Our accounting consultant has reviewed the reports and has found that the error (the negatives appearing in different columns on different reports) has to do with the way in which reports are pulled. There were no discrepancies found. She will continue to work with the accountants to assure reports are queried consistently. Giving an update on the Children's fund grant review process, she reported that 94 proposals were submitted. Staff has begun the clarity review process and will be completing their recommendations for each review committee. In the clarity review process staff provides an opportunity for applicants to clear up ambiguities in the applications.

**Quarterly Financial Statement** - Carl Toler, MHB Financial Services Manager, reviewed the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2006. He said that by this time most tax revenue has been received and invested until needed. He said that MHB received slightly more than the anticipated \$5,550,000 for the new children's fund. There were no unusual expenses to report.

**Resolution to Approve Amendments to CANA Contracts** - Don said that as we come to the completion of the first year of the Care Access for New Americans (CANA) grant, funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health, it is necessary to make some adjustments to agency contracts. The adjustments involve reducing compensation from agencies with less demand for services and adding funds to those with higher demand. There were also two revisions to the Scopes of Work.

**Resolution to Approve Partnership with SLPS** - Trustees place a high priority on using some Children's Fund revenue to increase the number of after school programs. A funding partnership has been negotiated with SLPS to jointly fund this expansion in elementary schools. Trustees approved a resolution and Memorandum of Understanding with SLPS to commit \$600,000, to be matched by SLPS, for each of three years. Reference was made to an Implementation Plan developed by St. Louis for Kids. The plan calls for adding 15 new elementary schooled-based after school programs and increasing the city's capacity by 1,000 students. Trustees approved the partnership and the commitment of funds.

**Resolution to Approve Partnership with Incarnate Word and Lutheran Foundations** - Both foundations and MHB will jointly fund two distinct programs in all city parochial schools - Parent Education Programs and Bullying Prevention Programs. MHB will commit \$25,000 to each of the programs. Trustees approved the Partnership and the commitment of funds.

**Update on Bylaws Revision** - Board Counsel Bill Kuehling reported that a draft revision of MHB's bylaws has been prepared. The next step is for the Bylaws Committee to provide input, but because of the demands currently placed on trustees at this time, the committee won't be scheduled until June.

**Grant Committee Review** - Meg Renner reviewed the form trustees will use to assess the strengths and weaknesses of each application reviewed. She said that each application will be judged on its own merits and not against each other. Comparisons will only be made after all applications have been reviewed on their own merits.