

## Minutes Template

BooSt Together For Children Board Meeting  
August 17, 2020- Rescheduled due to Storm 8/10/20  
Zoom 5:30 pm -7:00pm

**Board members in attendance: Nikki Fisher, Celeste Mortvedt, Ed Gillott, Kelly Polich, Gail Kenkel, Lisa Heggens, Laura Phipps, Lynn Chitty**

**Public in attendance: Sadie Bohr: Yss coordinator, Kelsey Finke and Lora Patton: CCR&R,**

Motion to approve agenda: Kelly  
2nd to approve agenda- Lynn  
Motion to approve Minutes from 7/13/20 meeting-Gail  
2nd to approve Minutes from 7/13/20 meeting - Lynn

**Public Forum- Kelsey Finke-**power outages temporary closings in Madrid childcare. Kelsey will be moving to Des Moines CCR&R. In homes coming together to problem solve how to help families during virtual learning.

**Lora Patton:** Discussions on virtual learning and impact on centers, homes. Continuing to look for more in home childcare. Child care is showing a bigger need. There is a contact for boys & girls club that is going to put up a facility in Ames and Nevada.

**Board Processing Committee -Ed, Lisa and Nikki** met to go over end of the year budget and finances.

### **Budget and Finance-No questions**

Motion to approve July FY21 financials-Lisa  
2nd to approve July FY21 financials-Ed

Motion to approve FY20 Profit and Loss Year End-Ed moved to Table to next month.  
2nd to approve FY20 Profit and Loss Year End-Lynn

### **Children Service Committee: Laura Reported**

Mini Grant - Will be sent out on September 1st, Applications are due on September 18th. Committee meeting to review applications is already set for September 28th. There are new letters that are in place to be sent out this year for those that apply. Nikki will mail those letters by October 12th, with approved, partial approved, or denied, as the decisions will be delivered by October 18th.

Preschool Scholarship -\$114,00 allocated, balance of \$20,039. There are 44, 3-year-olds. And 35, 4 year -olds being served. Contracts were sent out to be signed.

**Public Relations:** Ed reported

Library- Nikki put information on the BooSt website

Facebook-Nikki has started a fb page but has not yet shared. Secure, no one else can post, used info from BooSt website to tell about BooSt Together for Children.

Radio Ad-Deadline by Thursday August 20. Board members need to review email about ad.

Chamber update-

Website: added library link. Nikki shared her screen and navigated around the BooSt site. Suggestions to also highlight other community events.

### **Old Business-**

Business Board member-Kelly had 3 strikeouts.

Board Members-Lynn recommended contacting Mel Krippen at KASI, Ames Radio Station to promote BooSt, promote individuals to apply to be a board member. Reach out to ISU Early Childhood majors, providers, and consumers. Have all applications go to Nikki and then board member reviews (Celeste), then make recommendations to the board.

Conflict of interest form-Board members make sure you get yours to Nikki.

Designation Mid-cycle 2020-Nikki sent out a summary today. Good report, could button up some of our language to make it more precise.

### **New Business-**

IWF Grant-Nikki wrote a grant for BooSt. For childcare providers and training. More to come.

State Audit-Not completed yet. Financial worksheet, Lisa Markley, the financial person, at Story County will review. Approve by board and then to send to the governor. Audit will be completed by October.

Building Child Care Solutions Team- Team Marion had started in 2018, Nikki reached out and met with the group. How do we collaborate to make a unified group? Nikki will have an open communication with them and attend meetings. No plans yet. Nikki will be meeting Thursday with the before and after school team.

ICAP Grant- Marion applied for the grant. BooSt was awarded \$1,000.00, Ordering a defibrillator for the Boone Office.

Assoc. Of ECI Boards and Advocates- Annual dues for the year are due now. \$532.00. Last year fundraiser. Lisa asked: " Do we have money in the admin. Fees to pay the dues?" Ed would like to see more, ie year end reports. Plan last year, what is their plan this year? BooSt did not hear any info on the group's actions. Lisa: Whose involved in the lobbying? What are we getting for our money?

Assoc. Of ECI Boards and Advocates: Motion by Kelly was made to table to next month, 2nd: Ed

" Monthly Musing" monthly newsletter from Iowa ECI-meetings open to the public, Ed encouraged board to sign up to receive a monthly newsletter. Link for those wanting to sign up for the email: <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>

Ed shared a nice article written about BooSt in the Ames Tribune about Nikki joining a Kiwanis Town and County meeting on Saturday morning a month back. .