



BOARD MINUTES – 05/16/2023

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) met on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Linking Families and Communities' 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker
Bob Thode
Scott Becker

Pastor Nick Thackery

Members absent:

Tammy Varland
Kristin Teske

Justin Daggett

Community members present:

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 2:02 p.m. Quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes were suggested.

MOTION: Mr. Becker moved to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Thackery

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Child Care Project

Ms. Stanek reported that she met with the CEO of UnityPoint Fort Dodge, Leah Glasgo, and a board member, Neven Conrad, on May 11th. At that meeting, she was informed that UnityPoint was no longer willing to continue with the child care project as previously outlined (donating the building and selling the land). Ms. Stanek reported to the board that she had thought that she was attending a meeting to go over the details of the agreement. The board discussed how to proceed and other options available to them.

MOTION: Mr. Thackery moved that the following tasks be completed:

- Ms. Stanek shall prepare and send a letter to all members of the UnityPoint Fort Dodge Board of Directors, reminding them of their commitment, pointing out the cost and effort toward the project and request that they reconsider their decision to abandon the project.
- Ms. Stanek shall prepare and send a letter to the City of Fort Dodge regarding potential partnership and seeking a property for the center.
- Board members shall be on the lookout for possible properties, buildings or land, that could be utilized for a child care center, with the goal of keeping it on the west side of Fort Dodge.



- Ms. Stanek shall contact large donors by phone or in person with a follow-up letter detailing the issue with the hospital and that we are still pursuing the project in effort to provide clarity and honesty.

SECOND: Mr. Becker

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Adjournment

With no further business, Mr. Siepker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Becker

SECOND: Mr. Thode

Discussion: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

- Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

Next Meeting: June 1st, 2023