

**A.B. & JESSIE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD
9400-B Ruffin Court
San Diego, CA 92123**

**PCC MEETING NO. 131
January 22, 2014 – 12 PM**

Minutes

Present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Larry Richman, Vice Chair
Lois Fong-Sakai
Denise Capozzi

REGULAR ATTENDEES: Fran Cooper
Rea Alvarez
Stephanie Gioia-Beckman
Tonya Torosian

Call to Order

- Larry Richman, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments to be heard.

II. Introductions

- Introduction of members.
- Larry Richman accepts to renew term as an Advisory Board Member.
- Rea Alvarez announced Lesley McClelland has been re-appointed to serve on the Advisory Board through December 14, 2015.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting minutes from November 20, 2013 were approved following discussion with correcting minor typographical errors.
- The approval was moved by Lois Fong-Sakai and seconded by Denise Capozzi.

IV. Management / Program Update

The population at PCC is at 33 as of January 22, 2014.

a) Facilities Updates

- The overhead light fixtures in the gymnasium are being replaced.
- New carpet was installed in the Intake Area.
- The cottage windows on the lower level and the back windows of the cafeteria have been tinted.
- A new 60-inch television monitor has been installed in the Pavilion Conference Rooms 15/16, to be used in place of overhead projectors and screens.
- Kaiser Permanente had a groundbreaking ceremony on January 2, 2014 and the construction phase is on schedule.
- The PCC Auxiliary will be donating new furniture for the Intake and Interview Rooms.

b) Staffing Updates

- Miss Jessica Tajalle is the new preschool teacher at PCC.

c) Activities and Events

Duffel Bag Donation

- Eagle Scout, Shane, fundraised \$9,000 to put together duffel bags filled with essentials and necessities for youth to take when going to a foster home.

Teddy Bear Drive

- A San Diego-based Millenium Laboratories donated 15,000 stuffed teddy bears to the County of San Diego to be given to the residents of the Polinsky Children's Center, foster children, and homeless shelters. The teddy bears were also donated to various holiday toy drives benefitting children at-risk of entering foster care.

Live Well San Diego

- Due to the construction site, a 5K fun run/walk event is being planned instead of the Annual PCC Health Fair.

ACTION ITEM:

- Once the event is confirmed, details of the 5K run/walk will be sent to all members.

V. Promises2Kids

a) Activities and Events

Holiday Shopping Spree

- A donor sponsored a Holiday Shopping Spree for foster youth to Walmart and Costco.
- Over 90% of youth responded to the holiday spree; approximately \$250 were allotted for each child but exceeded to \$350 per child.

Board Retreat

- Promises2Kids will be having a Board Retreat in March 2014.
- The retreat will include a meeting with Judge Caietti, sitting in on a dependency case, and touring the Child Abuse Hotline.

Summer Concert Gala

- The annual summer concert gala is scheduled in early June 2014.
- The venue will be at the residence of Joan Waitt.

Camp Connect

- Sea World will be sponsoring an overnight event for Camp Connect.
- Admission is free for 100 children participating.

b) New Business

Guardian Scholars Program

- Currently supporting 50 participants a year.
- The expansion committee was increased to reach goal for 100 participants.

Junior Guardian Scholars Program

- Received grant from the Stuart Foundation.
- Participants increased from 10 to 25.
- The program starts in January for students in their junior year in high school.
- The students are exposed to college opportunities and attend college campus tours.
- Also on every Tuesday night, students will meet to discuss various topics on education.

Affordable Housing for Youths

- Promises2Kids is planning to establish an affordable housing program for foster youth.
- The program is to assist youth beyond foster care or students needing living spaces while going to school.

Recruitment for Board Members

- Promises2Kids is recruiting for members to serve on their Board.
- Recruitment criteria:
 - Diverse (racially and ethnically)
 - Limited financial background preferred
 - Good public relations skills
 - Former foster youth are encouraged to apply

VI. Next Meeting Date / Time

- Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 12 PM.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rea Alvarez //rva