

Allocation Committee Meeting

June 11, 2019

Present: Bill Bishop, Brad Gregory, Jim Matney, Brian Lassetter, Carrie Viohl, Kristi Griffin, Lisa Perry, and Pamela Sanders, Caroline Horne

Bill called the meeting to order. Jim explained that Agribusiness was in bad shape due to Hurricane Michael. He suggested conserving funds for 2020 by not increasing until after campaign goals are completed. Caroline reviewed the 2019 goal of \$555,000 with total pledges of \$522,000. As of May we have received around 45% of the 2019 pledges. With that in mind we started with Kristi presenting panel #1.

- #1 – Kristi presented her panel recommendations.
- Food Bank** – Panel recommends continued funding of \$10,000. Laura Keith has taken over as Interim. She explained the SNAP Program has new work requirements so there have been an influx in the need for food in the community. **Allocation Committee recommended \$10,000.**
- Toy Shop** – Panel recommends continued funding of \$10,000. Since Toys R Us has gone out of business they are worried about what they will receive from Toys for Tots. Jim says they typically buy in bulk which didn't seem fair to each child getting the same toy. Carrie stated that if need be CCTS would be the first to decrease on her list. **Allocation Committee recommended \$15,500.**
- Red Cross** – Panel recommends decreasing Disaster Services to \$12,500 and increasing \$5,000 for Armed Services. RC asked for increase to assist more individuals with armed forces. They have not recruited more volunteers yet. Jim made a motion to **allocate \$12,500 to disaster and up to \$5,000 reimbursement for Colquitt County armed forces only with documentation of county resident/receipts.** Carrie seconded
All voted in favor.
- #2 – Brian presented his panel recommendations.
- Crossroads** – Panel recommends increasing to \$18,000 (\$3,00 increase). Brian recommends \$1500 increase - \$16,500. Bathrooms were renovated – special grant money. Panel recommends CR develop a fund sustainability plan for bring Caleb on full time. Brad states he doesn't like giving money for salaries, but in this case they do need a full time worker. **Allocation Panel recommended \$16,500.**
- Serenity House** – Panel recommends \$27,500 (\$2,500 increase). Haley started in the fall and has really improved the financial situation of SH. They are becoming state certified in July. 68% increase in residents! **Allocation Committee recommended \$25,000 due to income from future state funds.**
- Salvation Army** – Panel recommends continued \$10,000. Mary Webb retired and Stephanie is new to position. Working on a vetting or tracking system for double-dipping. Jim asked for information on the difference between Salvation Army and SWGCAC Emergency Relief. Different pots of money and requirements for each entity and SA covers medical assistance while CAC doesn't. **Allocation Committee recommends \$10,000.**

#3 –

Brad presented his panel recommendations.

Boy Scouts – Panel recommends \$1,000 contingent on recruiting efforts. There is no longer a troupe in CC. Two local scouts in Thomasville. No efforts in recruiting or finding adult volunteers locally.

Allocation Committee recommended \$0

Girl Scouts – Panel recommends continued funding at \$4,500. BFF program for bullying – requested increase last year to add a couple of elementary schools for 5th grade program. The program has been successful. Recruiting efforts will start this fall in the schools for elementary students. Brad spoke highly of their presentations at second meeting.

Allocation Committee recommended \$4,500.

Arts Center – Panel recommends \$39,500 - rerouting the \$2,000 from RD Smith program placing \$1,000 increase to each of the requested Senior programs with an additional increase of \$1,500 to start the new Community Art program. They requested funds for existing programs and for 1 new program. Two of the existing programs they requested an increase – Senior Adult Art and Senior Living Facilities. Committee requests a 2 year source and use of funds budget.

Allocation Committee recommended \$36,000 cutting RD Smith.

Moultrie Y – Panel recommends continued \$65,000. Our funds are for scholarships and Splash, homework help and mentoring program. Things are going great. Rich volunteered to get signage for the pool thanking the UW for funding the Splash program. Rich wants to help with anything UW needs.

Allocation Committee recommend - \$65,000.

#4 –

Lisa presented her panel recommendations.

4-H – Panel recommends continued \$12,000. Good leadership program. The funds are used for a part time staff person to help with programming in the elementary schools. They want to add more 4th grade classes.

Allocation Committee recommended \$12,500.

RD Smith – Panel recommends increasing to even \$14,000. Afterschool program using bus drop off from school system. They discussed improvement in grades during the school year for children in the program. MCCPRA's working on trying to consolidate the afterschool efforts by deeding over RD Smith to Boys and Girls Club. Still in progress – no changes. If consolidation is approved, UW will transfer these allocated funds to Boys and Girls Club.

Allocation Committee recommended \$13,158

Special Olympics – Panel recommends increasing to \$5,000 (\$1,000 increase). Well organized program with good PR. They have been good stewards of the money and utilize all volunteers. They requested an increase to take more athletes to games and for travel/stay. Had some problems with athletes in the dorm rooms, also with providing bedding, etc.

Allocation Committee Recommended \$5,000 (\$1,000 increase)

Boys & Girls Club – Panel recommends continued funding at \$45,000. Asked for large increase. Second year they have requested funds for MHA location. Their facility is at capacity. Requested funds for RD Smith consolidation. If consolidation is approved, UW will transfer RD Smith allocated funds to Boys and Girls Club (\$13,158)

Allocation Committee recommended \$45,000

#5 –

Pamela presented her panel recommendations.

Hero House – Panel recommends continued \$17,000. Regina Dismuke is director and has worked on the budget issues. They are planning to add on a facility in the back - Sane Center. Working on new fundraisers. Allocation funds include Teen Maze \$3,000.

Allocation Committee recommended \$17,000.

Green Oaks – Panel recommends continued \$13,500. The facility is in good shape. Our funds help provide funding during the Gap when an individual is out of school but has not yet qualified for state and federal funds. Great organization truly utilizing funds.

Allocation Committee recommended \$13,500.

Easter Seals – Panel recommends \$0. The first meeting didn't run very smoothly. Staff wasn't prepared. Seemed the residents weren't doing much of anything. Only 4 residents currently. No one showed up for the second interview meeting. Panel felt uneasy to allocate funds for the year.

Allocation Committee recommended \$0

#6 –

Carrie presented her panel recommendations.

CASA – Panel recommends increasing to \$7,500 (25% increase - \$1,500). New agency in 2019 for UWCC. They provide volunteer advocates for foster children. The advocate stays with the child through the system and works for the best interest of the child. Funding is for salaries, administration, trainings. CC foster care system has seen a decrease by 24% which means CASA is working for our county moving kids into permanent homes. 2 years of CASA in CC has not only decreased numbers but has decreased duration in foster care system. Carrie moves that we increase allocation by 25%. Jim seconds. All voted in favor. Allocation Committee recommended \$7,500.

SWGA CAC – Panel recommends increase in Emergency Relief \$\$48,000. Their materials and presentation were very thorough. The Emergency Relief funds are all used in Colquitt County. They have a good process for tracking assistance. They requested an increase because the need hasn't dwindled and poverty rates seem to be rising.

Allocation Committee recommended \$45,000 – Emergency Relief

Sr. Nutrition – they serve different clients than Meals on Wheels and it is prepared locally and delivered by their drivers. Request was the same as last year

Allocation Committee recommends \$27,500 – Sr. Nutrition

Summer Steam Camp (YES) – activities are good – allocation covers new students and CI Grant covers additional costs for returning students as mentors.

Allocation Committee recommended \$3,000 – Summer YES Program

SOWEGA – Meals on Wheels – Panel recommends continued \$16,000. They use a contractor – Flint River to prepare & deliver meals. They visit with the clients to check on their emotion and physical wellness. Our funds provide for ~11 seniors in Colquitt County.

Allocation Committee recommended \$16,000.

Discussed proposals and what amount should be the goal.

Jim made the motion to approve **committee recommendations**. Bill seconded the motion. After discussion all voted in favor.

Set the goal again at \$555,000 with 8% shrinkage totaling in ~\$514,000 covering overhead and agencies.