# **BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING OF MAY 16, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Bob W., Chair, Board of Regents.

Present: Bob W., Calvin C., Cathy F., Gary M., Herb B., Mazi S., Richard C., Tom M., Wendy B. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Members above present via Telephone.

Bob W. reminded everyone that recording of this meeting is not permitted.

A. The minutes of the April 18, 2020 Board of Regents meeting were approved as submitted.

Motion seconded and passed

For -9 Against -0 Abstained -0

B. The operating statement for April 18, 2020 was approved as submitted.

Motion seconded and passed

For -9 Against -0 Abstained -0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. LIFELINERS.

There were 2 new Lifeliners as follows by state: (2) FL

**NEW CANS: 0** 

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED: 0

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS: 0

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 0

## B. UPDATE ON THE I.S.O.

- Office employees continue to work, primarily from home. No deliveries have been received and some items are out of stock. Hopefully, some small orders can be processed next week. It is still unknown when L.A. County will allow non-essential businesses to start back.
- I.S.O. has received over \$10K in donations for the first half of the month. Thank you to all those who have continued to give their Lifeliner pledge and to those who have increased the donations.
- Regarding the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). The paperwork was completed, the loan approved and the money deposited to the G.A. bank account on May 4, 2020 in the amount of \$47,262.00. This loan will be used 75% to cover payroll expenses, including

- insurance, and 25% for rent and utilities, in accordance with the guidelines set to have the loan forgiven. More information will be forthcoming regarding the forgiveness.
- Both outstanding Accounts Receivable amounts owed as of April's B.O.R. meeting have been received.

## C. DISCUSS PAYING EMPLOYEES SALARIES.

No further discussion on paying the employee salaries occurred because of the PPP discussed above.

D. UPDATE ON APPROVING CONTRIBUTIONS MODULE FOR DONATIONS FROM APPROVED G.A. TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS (Tabled from April's Board Meeting).

Per direction at the April B.O.R. meeting, I.E.S. requested guidance from the accountants. The response was received and emailed to the B.O.R. members prior to the meeting: The accountants suggested not using a platform where it would not be known from whom the donation had come, as a receipt was required to be given to donations over a specific amount. Lack of sending receipts would jeopardize our 501 (c) 3 status, including possible penalties.

There was discussion to continue talking about other platforms at the next meeting. A motion was made to table this topic.

Motion seconded and passed For -9 Against -0 Abstained -0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. DISCUSS VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Discussion incurred. The approved meetings formats are a Board of Trustee (B.O.T.) decision, not B.O.R. decision. Andy R., Chair of B.O.T. was on the call and asked to speak. He shared that he does not have the authority to make a decision on Virtual Meetings. This must be brought before the B.O.T. for a vote. He has sent out communication to the Trustees. Hopefully this will be communicated down to the Intergroups and membership.

The only issue that effects the I.S.O. is that many letters have been received, assuming the decisions were made by the B.O.R. Karen will draft a response for future communication received.

This Board meeting was conducted via a conference call, therefore no collection was taken. I.S.O. received B.O.R. members' donations via mail of \$225.00 for May to date. All members are encouraged to mail donations directly to the I.S.O. The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:46 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held June 20, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

Today's Board of Regents meeting had 5 people call in to listen.

## Respectfully submitted by Cathy F., Recording Secretary