



June 20, 2024, NEST Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. ET

In Attendance:

ChaChanna Simpson, President

Jim Brule, Vice President

Jezrie Marciano-Courtney, Secretary

Mike Isko, Director, Development Committee Chair

Teddi, NEST Membership

BOARD MINUTES

Motion: That the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the May 2024 Board Meeting.

Motion approved.

SHARING THE FIRE

Committee submitted report. They are reaching out to members to fill subcommittee chair positions, such as Olio selection committee, and workshop to name a few. They are working on solidifying the theme for next year.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Discussion: The Outreach Committee is looking for ideas to raise \$700 to support the Speak Peace project. Action: That the \$700 come from the Benevity Fund for outreach and social justice.

Motion: The Benevity Fund is used to support the Speak Peace Project.

Motion approved.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee update discussion: The committee is in development of fundraising efforts.

Action: The Development committee will meet on July 8th at 2p.m. to discuss these efforts, including the development of volunteers, finding and cultivating donors, and sponsorships from the Northeast.

WVSG

Committee update discussion by Jim Brule: The new day and time resulted in a good meeting with a good turnout.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual Report discussion: The NEST Annual meeting takes place in September. All committee reports are due to be released to the membership on August 15th, ahead of the annual meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ED Report by ChaChanna Simpson: Our current accountant has informed us they no longer work with non-profit organizations. We are looking for a new accountant, budgeted at \$800/yr. The search for a new accountant has begun.

The job description for NEST Treasurer will be listed on the organization's website to cast a wider net for applicants.

FINANCE REPORT

Committee update discussion by ChaChanna Simpson: NEST coffers stand at \$75k. The down payment cost to reserve the Queensbury Hotel in Glen's Falls, NY for 2025, 2026 & 2027 was \$7,500 for NEST Sharing the Fire.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

New business discussion by ChaChanna Simpson:

There is a question from the Sharing the Fire Committee Chairs with regard to volunteer recruitment beginning now instead of January of the following year, ahead of STF.

There is a question from Director Mike Isko with regard to creating a volunteer corps for STF, as well as finding a volunteer to fill a leadership role.

There is an email from Director Denise Page with regard to a prospective board member, and an announcement to reconvene the Social Justice Committee.

NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2024 @ 6:30 PM ET

MEETING ADJOURN

ChaChanna Simpson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM ET