



Foundation for Change

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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

October 20, 2015

Present

Board: Wayne Brown, Keshav Damoor, Lisa Hoffman, Quynh Nguyen

Staff: Shana Laurienzo **Guests:** Ramla Sahid (Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans)

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Program

Somali Giving Circle

- Board discussed whether to select project before or after funds are raised.
- Consider following the Headwaters Giving Project – issue/caused-based as opposed to identity-based projects – for building the giving circle
- Consider a mentoring program for small/inexperienced groups
- Group discussed some key issues facing Somali community
 - Substance abuse and incarceration prevention for young Somali men and boys
 - Lack of recreational opportunities
- **ACTION ITEM: Quynh will work with Ramla on recruiting more women to giving circle**

Fund Development & Events

End-of-year fundraising

- Board discussed holding an event to present Somali Giving Circle and engage donors
- We will still send out our normal EOY appeal via mail/email
- Events and Programs committees will work on details

Other business

Board meeting times

- If there is no opposition from absent members, board would like to meet on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month starting in 2015 (with the exception of the next board meeting)

Next board meeting: Tuesday, November 17th – 6pm optional dinner. 6:30pm meeting start (2 hours)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm