

MINUTES
Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 15, 2016

Commissioners Present:

Carl Makino, Interim Chairman
Shannon Carrier
Dan Kittredge
Alan Sunio
Bruce Berger

Others Present:

Tara Buckley (Parents Inc.)
Bruce Shimoda (OYS)
Chet Adessa, Admin Assistant
Albert Diaz
Malia Taum-Deenik
Matthew Taufetue
Memory Ku (Keiki o Ka Aina)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm., by Interim Chairman Makino. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony: There were no written public testimonies.

III. Training: Ms. Memory Ku from Keiki o Ka Aina spoke about her organization. She explained that their mission is to educate children, strengthen families, enrich communities and perpetuate culture. Keiki O Ka Aina's programs are based on a family engagement model that uses culture to strengthen and educate families. She described some of the organization's programs which currently serves over 4,000 children and parents annually. Ms. Ku briefly informed the commission about how the organization is funded. The National Fatherhood Initiation 2/7 Dad will be implemented into their programs in the near future.

IV. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2016:

Commissioner Kittredge moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2016 meeting be approved, Commissioner Berger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

V. Decision-Making Items:

1. Commissioners to attend NPCL International Fatherhood Conference in Kansas City. Funds for conference and travel expenses (estimated at \$5,400. For two commissioners)

Administrative Assistant Adessa explained that the Commission needs to decide how many Commissioners to send to the annual International Fatherhood Conference to be held in Kansas City, MO. He informed that the Commission's current budget would not be able to support sending two Commissioners. Interim Chairman Makino stated that there might be a possibility of adjusting the amount of funds to be encumbered for the University of Hawaii 2017 consultant contract which might leave enough funds for this fiscal year to send more than one Commissioner. Commissioner Carrier moved to authorize the expenditure of funds to send at least one delegate to the conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barger and unanimously carried.

2. Expenditure of funds for prizes for Father Child Look-a-Like Contest 2016.

Following a discussion as to the amount of funds to be spent for the annual father look-a-like contest, . Commissioner Carrier moved to spend no more than \$500.00 for the contest. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sunio and unanimously carried.

VI. Discussion Items:

1. Meeting times and date and possible changes.

.Commissioner Berger talked about changing the times and dates of the meetings. Ms Taum-Deenik added that parking can be an issue during the legislative session and therefore Friday morning meetings might be best until end of session.

2. Collaboration with Keiki O Ka Ainia.

There was some discussion concerning collaborating with Keiki O Ka Aina in the future.

VI. Reports:

- a. Budget: The balance of funds available as of March is \$6,520.04.
- b. Media contest: Chet Adessa reported that there are no entries and Commissioner Sunio reported that an agency submitted logo samples and are willing to complete the logo for us "pro bono." The commissioners need to select a logo at a future meeting if necessary.
- c. International Fatherhood Conference: Commissioner Sunio reported that he Mr. Adessa are currently exploring venues at the Ala Moana Hotel, Marriott Waikiki and others.

- d. **Commissioner Activities:** Commissioner Kittredge reported that he regularly meets with a fatherhood group on Kauai and the Mayor of Kauai (in February) and he attended the Monthly Kauai Violence Prevention meeting.

- e. Commissioner Carrier reported that MFSS is in partnership with Ho`oikaika and meets with them regularly.

VII. Commission/Public Generated Issues:

No issues were brought to the Commission's attention.

VIII. Announcements/Adjournment: There being no further business before the commission the meeting was by Vice Chairman Makino adjourned at 3:00 pm. It was announced that the next regular monthly meeting of the Commission would be held on April 15, 9 AM, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Prepared and Submitted by:

Date: April 6, 2016

Chet Adessa, Administrative Assistant

Approved by Commission: _____