

## SHARED ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

#### Pledge and Call to Order:

President Klein called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Introductions:

In attendance were Commission members Calvin Bellamy, Sarah Oudman, Julie McElmurry, Merlin Foresman, Richard Morrisroe, Michael McIntyre, Rich Weigel, Dan Klein, Art Russell, Courtney Smith, Lynn Volkmann, Art Russell, and John Bowker. Also in attendance were SEAC advisors Karen Marben from the City of Crown Point, and Tom DeGiulio from the Town of Dyer. Courtney Smith took the minutes.

New members Rich Weigel and Dick Morrisroe introduced themselves to the commissioners.

#### Approval of Minutes:

**Motion:** John Bowker; **Second:** Lynn Volkmann; and the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 2019 meeting as presented.

### SEAC OLD BUSINESS

#### Financial Report:

President Klein provides report as of March 2019. New appropriation is in place. Michael Griffin and President Klein discussed a more user friendly format. **Motion:** Michael McIntyre; **Second:** Dick Morrisroe; and the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the March 2019 Financial Report.

#### Membership Update:

President Klein announced the resignation of Patricia Carlisle as of April 22, 2019. **Motion:** Courtney Smith; **Second:** Michael McIntyre; and the Commission voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Patricia Carlisle. The Commission will send a thank you letter for her service and tenure.

#### Membership Communities Without

#### Appointments:

**Crown Point:** The City of Crown Point is actively searching for a new Commissioner. Karen Marben indicated that many people are showing interest and a candidate should be selected soon.

**Gary:** Mayor-Elect Jerome Prince is excited to be active with the commission and will be looking once he is confirmed.

**Portage:** With the November election, we will reach out in the new year.

**St. John:** Christian Jorgenson will reach out on our behalf.

**Westville:** Actions by Jamie Ward were unsuccessful. Cal Bellamy suggested reaching out to our contact, Regina, once more through Pat Carlisle.

Summit Debrief:

There were over 315 registrants for the event. The feedback was positive, but we are looking for ideas on how to keep the attendees at the event through the end. Surveys were not completed by many, but we would request completion earlier in the event in the future. Commissioner Smith will work with her committee to learn more features on Eventbrite.

2020 Summit will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we will be having some kind of recognition of this. There has been an ask out to Mitch Daniels to be the keynote speaker. If he declines, we would ask the female CEO of NIPSCO.

The commission discussed training and efficacy of ethical training with municipal elected positions because of a request by an attendee. AIM works with elected officials.

Survey:

Just received the draft report. 1,368 municipal employees completed the survey. The draft report will be reviewed by the executive committee and when finalized, the survey will be provided to the communities and commissioners.

SEAC Training:

Department head training is scheduled for September 25, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The presenter is David Limardi from Limardi consulting. His presentation will be on "The Relentless Pursuit of an Ethical Culture." The contract fee is \$2250.00 exclusive of hotel room.

Two choices for the venue are the Indiana Welcome Center, with a reduced fee of \$250.00 for an unlimited time with 110 limited seating, and the Futorium Mascot Hall of Fame in Whiting. The fee for that space is also \$250.00 for four hours. That area would hold 110-120 people.

In October 2017, there were 110 registrants. There are seven new members since that training.

Lynn Volkmann looked into Sand Creek Country Club, the Allure, Purdue Northwest Westville, and Duneland Falls. The Avalon appears to be the

best location, and Lynn Volkmann will reach out to see if the date is available.

World Civility Day: The commission was represented during this program by tabling and being able to discuss our mission with attendees. Five commissioners were in attendance at the dinner in the evening. We sponsored for \$500.00. Commissioner McElmurry does not recommend sponsoring in the future. Commissioner Bellamy and Commissioner McElmurry recommend participating if we are presenting to the group, not tabling in the future.

#### Annual Report

Update: 2018 Report was finalized and approved by Commission in early April 2019. There are 175 copies printed and bound. Each commissioner should take no more than five bound copies to distribute to their community.

The 2019 report will be out no later than February 2020 next year.

#### Candidate Ethics

Pledge: 177 of 412 pledges were signed and returned to the commission. This is a response rate of 43%. There are attached articles from the Times in the meeting packet.

Website Update: There is a potential new web administrator for our current website. We are reviewing updated website needs and the audience we are attempting to reach. Efforts to improve the website are in process.

### **SEAC NEW BUSINESS**

Strategic Plan: Leigh Morris would like to include the Better Government Study Group to get the smaller LaPorte County communities included.

#### What we need

From you: Dick Morrisroe will sign up for a committee.

Please pay attention to your email for a thank you email to send to your community for participation in the survey. Also, the communications team will send out taking points for meetings with your communities. Be sure to appear at a public meeting in your community.

#### Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on July 17, 2019, at 8:30 at NIRPC.  
**Motion:** Michael McIntyre; **Second:** Rich Weigel; and President Klein adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Courtney Smith, Vice President