

**CABARRUS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, December 1, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Cabarrus Partnership for Children held its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 12 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. Robbie Furr presided over the meeting.

The following board members were present:

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| 1. Gale Coor | Government |
| 2. Steve Morris | Government |
| 3. Yolanda Simms | Community/Business |
| 4. Rob Betler | Community/Business |
| 5. Hilary Smith | Services |
| 6. Maureen O'Bryan | Services |
| 7. Laura Baker | Community/Business |
| 8. Robert Furr | Government |
| 9. Jeanne Dixon | Community/Business |
| 10. Denisha Torrence-Nesbit | Government |

Quorum was established

These board members were absent:

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| 1. Amos McClorey | Services |
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The following staff members were present: Ann Benfield, Myra Sides, Stephanie Bynum, Elizabeth Albright, Ariel Ayers, Jamie Clark, Debra Pless and Melissa Jones.

The following guests and community partners were also represented:

*Academic Learning Center
All Saints Episcopal Church
Amendum, Ginny & Jim
Baker Billick, PA
Cabarrus County Government – Steve Morris & Mike Downs
Cabarrus County Dept. Human Services
Cabarrus County Schools –
Dr. Chris Lowder
Cabarrus County Cooperative Extension
Cabarrus Health Alliance
Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions
Carolinas Healthcare System – Northeast
Tri Tang
Child Developmental Services Agency (CDSA)
City of Concord, Mayor Pro-Tem- Ella Mae Small
Community Care of Southern Piedmont
Concord Housing Authority
Cooperative Christian Ministry
Family Support Network of Southern Piedmont
First Presbyterian Church
Gate Pregnancy Resource Center
GEM Theater
Kannapolis City Schools – Dr. Chip Buckwell
Lockhart Early Learning Center
Long Preschool
Northeast Foundation
Office of Representative Richard Hudson – Georgia Lozier*

*Office of Senator Richard Burr – Josh Ward
Office of Senator Thom Tillis – Maddi Genvese
Safe Kids Cabarrus
Stanly Community College
Thompson Child & Family Focus
UNC Charlotte*

Robbie Furr introduced Reverend Peter Bynum from First Presbyterian Church who opened the meeting with prayer.

Ann Benfield welcomed everyone, recognized individuals and organizations present, directed guests to review the Partnership's Annual Report at their place setting and thanked everyone for coming.

2014 Ann Laukaitis Award

This year, the Board decided, from the many applicants, to designate one recipients for the Anne Laukaitis award and one recipient for the Community Champion Award.

Robbie Furr introduced Hilary Smith who presented the Anne Laukaitis Champion for Children Award to Jackie Whitfield. Jackie was instrumental in helping All Saints Episcopal Church with Cabarrus County Schools and the Partnership to open the Lockhart Early Learning Center.

Robbie Furr then introduced Steve Morris and he presented the Community Champion Award to Mike Downs, County Manager, for his support of the Partnership and also allowing the County IT to support the One Portal of Child Care Services for all Cabarrus children.

Shared Experiences

Ann introduced Maria Gonzales, a mother that has been a participant in the Parents as Teachers program and now working with our Project Baby Reach program with Family Support Network. . She spoke of the impact the program has had on her life, and how it led to her job with Family Support Network.

Board Chair :

Robbie Furr thanked everyone for their time and reminded everyone as they contemplate year-end charitable giving that they remember the Partnership would appreciate their support.

Without any other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Ann Benfield, Executive Director