

Minutes of AGF Program Committee Meeting  
March 2, 2009  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Arizona Grantmakers Forum

In attendance: Patricia Miles, Belen Gonzalez, Rosemary Gannon, Brian Spicker, Jacky Alling and Julie Coleman. Barbara Poley attended via conference call. AGF staff included Marissa Theisen and Tom Torretta.

Pat Miles called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Review of January and February Program

Marissa Theisen reviewed the January and February programs. Marissa Theisen stated that the programs were well attended and well received. The January 21<sup>st</sup> session related to *Lessons Learned from Funder Collaboratives* had fewer attendants than expected due to inclement weather. There were 21 members present, including the panelists. The program received a 4.63 rating out of 5. The February 17<sup>th</sup> program, which was a webinar hosted by Boston College received a 3.79 out of 5 approval rating. Participants in the meeting much preferred the open dialog after the webinar. There were 12 members in attendance. As for the February 18<sup>th</sup> program related to *Improving Understanding of Nonprofit Financials*, there were 30 members in attendance. The morning session received a 4.52 and the luncheon session received a 4.19.

Review of Member Survey Feedback

Marissa briefly reviewed the feedback provided by the November Member Satisfaction Survey and the December interviews of new AGF members, suggesting that these results should be considered when determining the remainder of the 2010 program schedule. She highlighted the top five skill-building topics which members expressed interested in, including: 1) Maximizing grant impact; 2) Supporting nonprofit capacity, 3) Making sound financial decisions, 4) Program Evaluations; 5) Technology. She also indicated that the five top issues members would like to learn more about included: 1) Education, 2) State Budget, 3) Poverty, 4) Health and health care and 5) Environmental sustainability. She pointed out that several of these topics are already covered in the programs planned to date.

Update on upcoming 2010 programs

The committee members discussed several ideas in terms of potential programs and decided on the following:

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| - March 25 | Mitigating Impact of State Budget Cuts on Human Services           |
| - April 22 | Technological Innovations that can Enhance Grantmaking. (Informal) |
| - May 27   | Permanently Ending Homelessness - Permanent Supportive Housing     |
| - June 24  | Arts and Culture – Survival  |
| - July 22  | Summer Social – New Philanthropic Leaders in AZ                    |
| - Aug. 26  | First Things First – Flagstaff Community Assessment                |
| - Sept. 23 | State of Latino Arizona  |
| - Oct. 28  | Social Change and Social Justice Philanthropy                      |
| - Nov. 3   | Annual Luncheon – Shameless Idealism                               |
| - Dec. 16  | Annual Meeting – National Speaker?                                 |

## Discussion of Upcoming Programs

- April 22 - Informal Discussion of Technology Usage

The committee discussed the various ways this program could go, and decided it should be an informal discussion of technology. There may be an introductory presentation, followed by a break-out session where small groups will discuss technologies being used and/or that may be used in the future. Each table will be led by someone with a stronger technology background.

- May 27 – Permanently Ending Homelessness - Permanent Supportive Housing

This program will look into the topic of permanently ending homelessness. It will take a systems wide view of the issue and look into ideas such as Funding Together. Ideas for panelists include VSUW, City of Phoenix, and City of Tempe. Brian will lead this effort

- June 22 – Arts and Culture – Survival

This program will look into Arts and Culture in the state of AZ. Discuss First Friday attendance, the Arts Commission, MPAC. May include Drew Brown – Post Initiative?

- July 22 or August 26 – First Things First – Evaluating Flagstaff Community

This program will rely on data gathered by First Things First and would be held in Flagstaff. There may be an option of adding a visit to the Hopi community to do a site visit.

- July 22 or August 26 – Summer Social – New Philanthropic Leaders in AZ

We could hear from Jack Jewett of The Flinn Foundation, Steve Seleznow of ACF, Rhian Allivin of First Things First, Steve Alley's Replacement, UW of Tucson's replacement.

- September 23 – State of Latino Arizona

This program will review Hispanics in Philanthropy, Latino demographics and Latinos in Philanthropy. It will also explore ALRE.ORG (Arizona Latino Research Enterprise).

- October 28 – Social Change and Social Justice Philanthropy

Pat Miles is attending the COF conference on Social Change this year, and will bring back her findings to build a program around social change and social justice philanthropy. This will include demographics and advocacy.

- December – Annual Meeting

National Speaker? Perhaps Lewis Feldstein, Co-Author with Robert Putnam of *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*

Other potential future topics discussed included:

- The Census and how it impacts AZ (possibly include in March program)
- Government taxing of nonprofits (State and City gov't looking to tax nonprofits -- Senate - Tapping Foundation Wealth)
- CEO/Executive Management track or Affinity Group
- Public Awareness of Philanthropy and/or importance of Transparency -Glass Pockets webiste
- First Things First – How do they fit? What do they do? Lessons learned (if Flagstaff program isn't a go.)
- Operating Grants

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.