

Minutes of AGF Program Committee Meeting  
December 11, 2008  
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
Flinn Foundation

In attendance: Don Snider, Jacky Alling, Pat Miles, Barbara Poley, Marissa Theisen and Erin Dow.

Don Snider called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

Don asked Marissa to review the October and November program statistics. Marissa noted that both programs were well attended and reviews were positive.

The committee reviewed the first three programs selected for 2009 and the progress on preparing for those programs.

- **Jan. 22** – Greater Phoenix Forward – Marissa reported that everything is ready to go for this program. Jacky suggested providing attendees with a link to the report before the program so they could review the materials. Erin will send the link to the report in the program blast.
- **Feb. ??** – Luther Ragin, Heron Foundation – Jacky had received a message from Luther that he would not be able to make it on the date requested but suggested Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> as alternative dates but would not be able to confirm those dates until after the first of the year. After discussion, the group agreed that the new dates would be acceptable. Jacky agreed to send Luther an email this week to confirm she'd received his message and was interested in having him come to Arizona on Feb. 16-17, schedule permitting. Jacky will also follow up with Luther after the first of the year to confirm for the new dates. Don recommended we have a backup program ready in case schedules didn't work out for this one. Marissa suggested that the Exit Strategies program was an informal discussion and could be moved up if necessary.
- **March 26** – Exit Strategies (Informal discussion) – Marissa explained that this program would be an informal discussion in small groups with prepared questions to lead group discussions.

Don suggested choosing the top 3 topics for the following quarter's meetings. After reviewing several topics on the list and the suggestion of other program topics, the committee chose the following three topics for the second quarter programs.

- April – Youth Evaluative Learning Pilot, a joint effort of the Piper Charitable Trust and VSUW. Most like speakers are Wayne Parker and Duane?
- May – Tour of new facilities for ABIL
- June – Drowning in Paperwork – (informal discussion)

Marissa volunteered to take the lead on making contacts for these programs.

Marissa informed the committee about several funder education programs hosted by other groups which are scheduled for 2009 in the Phoenix area. These include:

March 12-13 ASF programs: 1) 990-PF tax Seminar; 2) Evaluation Impact; 3) Investment Essentials; 4) Investment-Beyond the Basics

March 27-28 Grantmaking School program on Advanced Proposal Analysis

Sept. 24-26 Conference of Southwest Foundations Annual Conference

The committee discussed continuing to have a program in Flagstaff and felt that it was a good idea. Barbara Poley agreed to work with Kerry Blume to select an appropriate topic and date in July or August.

Marissa informed the committee of her attempts to schedule a program in Tucson in 2008. Despite numerous phone messages to Steve Alley at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona to discuss options, he was not responsive. Jacky suggested that the early learning initiative in Tucson would be a good topic for a meeting there.

Jacky asked if one of the mid-year programs should be a continuation of the conversation on the Economic Crisis addressed in the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Marissa thought that the group at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting would be better equipped to choose their next meeting date and topic to continue the conversation.

Don recommended bringing in a consultant from the Center for Effective Philanthropy that the Flinn Foundation has used to do mission evaluation. The committee thought this would be a good idea for a future program.

The committee requested that Marissa email several dates in March as possible times for the next committee meeting. Don said that he would be happy to continue to chair the program committee if he was asked to stay by the new board chair.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.