

Location: Farm & Home Center

Voting Members Present: John Bingham, Kent Gardner, Mark Gutshall, Joellyn Warner, Heather Valudes,

Non-Voting Steering Committee Members Present: Kara Kalupson, Kristen Kyler, Ruth Hocker

Guests:

Minutes recorded by: Heather Valudes

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by to approve December minutes by. seconded. Motion passed unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Committee- Jay Snyder

Education and Outreach

- **Municipal Training Series**
 - Mark/Kara planning municipal trainings
 - Kara and Ben can do the training, Mike Hickman could also be at two for a cost of \$661/training
 - Decided to push off the start date to have Mike Hickman as part of the first training and promote that session
 - Bingham/Gardner made a motion to approve cost for Mike, unanimously approved
- **Water Week/Golf Fundraiser Update**
 - Consortium will have a \$5000 sponsorship and a partnered logo
 - Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 5th
 - Gutshall discussed sharing our message with the ministerium, he will take the lead
- **P3 Update**
 - \$100K in the bank for \$300k project
 - Provide EPA with scope of work
 - Asking for \$200K to fund the project

Fundraising

- **DEP Growing Greener Grant**
 - Due January 13th
 - Budget, scope of work and all are put together, just need to put in the other application format
 - DEP is asking us to do this grant
 - Foundation will make the grant application
 - Gardner/Bingham made a motion to approve submitting application, unanimously approved, Gutshall abstained
- **Community Foundation Grant**

- Technical application was not funded for branding that was submitted with the help of the Alliance
- Community Foundation has a Feb. grant round open
- Mark and Heather will work on RFP to determine true costs to do website update, logo and newsletter system
- **New Membership/Renewal Letters**
 - Heather and Joellyn will put together letter and send to all municipalities
 - No changes to membership costs
- **Administrative staff/DCED Grant Application**

Water Quality/Compliance

- **2017 Stormwater Mini-Grant Announcement**
 - Doing announcement sooner as to not confuse with Water Week
 - Denver, Ephrata and new project for this year – 18 months to complete
 - End of March deadline
 - Kristen and Joellyn will work on redoing the criteria
- **NFWF Grant Update – Penn State**
 - Kristen shared an update on the NFWF Grant
 - Ag team developing a meeting with winter farmers
 - Stormwater team determining what is happening and gaps
 - Municipal group is hoping to have SRBC info in January
 - Does a COG count as intermunicipal agreement?
 - Gutshall felt that pushing DEP is good and our group should do more of that per the mission
 - Municipalities that would want to work together have to spend so much money on legal fees/notices
 - Group should consider contributing to municipalities trying to do intergovernmental
 - Recognition of helping in the trenches
 - Partner between PA COG and consortium for letter to DEP

Other Business – need to fill Board vacancy and then do reorganization and reappoint in February