BAR BOARD OF ADVISORS
Annual Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2021

Advisory Board Members
Present: Tricia Marcin, Chairperson
Marc Wong, Vice Chair
Natalie Abatemarco
Robert Barnett
Janet Barone
John DeCelle
Nancy Engelhardt
Jim Meyer
Phyllis Hill Slater

Absent:
Sandra Krasnoff
Edward Palleschi

Staff
Present:
David Okorn
Jeannie DeMaio
Sol Marie Jones
Marie Smith
Tonya Thomas

WELCOME
Tricia Marcin called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES
The minutes of the December 2nd board meeting were approved and accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Advisory board members are elected for an initial one-year term, which may be followed by two consecutive three-year terms. LICF operating procedures allow board officers and committee chairs (*) to have their terms renewed on an annual basis (even after serving a full seven-year term) for as long as they hold the position. Terms expire in January of the indicated year. Term lengths are being reevaluated.

The following elections were approved and accepted unanimously:

Slate of Officers
Chair: Tricia Marcin (*) 2022
Vice Chair: Marc Wong (2015) (2nd term) 2022

Annual Appointment
Natalie Abatemarco* 2022
Edward Palleschi* 2022
Phyllis Hill Slater* 2022
Election to Second Three-Year Term

- John DeCelle (2017) (2nd term) 2024
- Nancy Engelhardt (2017) (2nd term) 2024
- James Meyer (2017) (2nd term) 2024

Not Currently Up for Reelection

- Janet Barone (2015) (2nd term) 2022
- Sandra Krasnoff (2015) (2nd term) 2022

As a result of the pandemic, discussions with potential new board members last year were halted. Board members were once again encouraged to identify potential candidates in anticipation of being able to conduct in-person meeting and interviews in the upcoming months. Tricia mentioned changing the LICF Operating Procedures to extend term limits in order to get the most out of board members as it takes quite a while to fully understand LICF.

2020 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
LICF’s total contributions were $8,980,262 of the NYCT’s total of $199,013,899, including $3,480,408 from 11 newly established funds.

2020 GRANTS SUMMARY
LICF received more than two and a half times the number of proposals than the previous year. The 2020 competitive grantmaking total was $5,562,205. LICF invested $1,208,000 in local nonprofit organizations through its competitive grantmaking process, and an additional $292,500 through the Long Island Unitarian Universalist fund. Other collaborative funds distributed grants as follows: All for The East End $1,052,400; Civic Engagement $236,000; COVID-19 Response $1,521,500; Good Neighbors $80,000; Immigrant Children’s $185,000; Long Island Sound Stewardship $377,250; Racial Equity $175,000; and Suffolk County Census $434,550. Total grants made through donor-advised funds was $8,023,485 of which $3,489,696, or approximately 43.5 percent, was made to Long Island nonprofits. This is a significant decrease from 2019 and will be evaluated. Therefore, through the combined grantmaking of LICF and its donor advisors, a total of $13,585,690 was granted to nonprofits.

2021 OPERATING BUDGET
LICF’s operating budget is $855,800, and upon review with no questions raised, it was approved by the board.

2021 COMPETITIVE GRANTMAKING BUDGET
This year’s budget is approximately $2.9 million, including $1.3 million for funder collaboratives. The Unitarian Universalist fund should account for an additional $285,000 - $316,000 for progressive social change.

Budget allocations as they stand today were approved unanimously by the board.
PROGRAM STAFF UPDATE
LICF received 29 proposals for the first cycle of 2021 totaling $775,900. Twenty-four applications were submitted to LICF totaling $630,900, and five to LIUU totaling $145,000. Staff is completing an outcomes report for the 2020 COVID grants we made and that will be shared with the board and our funding partners. Depending on the needs/gaps in government funding, a third round of COVID response grants in 2021 is possible.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS
2021 conflict of interest statements were sent to all board members in December. There are still a few outstanding. If you have not already done so, please complete and sign your form and return by email to Jeannie DeMaio.

OTHER BUSINESS
The board meeting schedule for 2021 will be distributed shortly, upon approval by the NYCT.

Tonya Thomas and the LICF were nominated for LIBN’s Diversity Business Award for the work of the Racial Equity Fund. We will share the information about this ceremony when it becomes available. Congratulations, Tonya!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.