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NeAEYC Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2010

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dawn Mollenkopf, new President, in the lower level meeting room at the Mill Towne Building in Lincoln.

This meeting was held following the legislative breakfast at the State Capitol. Since there were three new members present, the meeting began with everyone introducing themselves. The Board recognized Steve Wilson as outgoing President, and presented him with a gift of four Omaha Steaks. Steve thanked the board for the opportunity to be involved.

Attendance:

- Members Present: Gina Battey, Karen Decker (via conference call), Sarah Ann Kotchian, Linda Maslowski, Dawn Mollenkopf, Deb Ross, Sue Ellen Wall, Steve Wilson, Kathy Zadina
- Members Absent: Kim Chase, Terrence Coleman, Pat Enevoldsen, Jen Haggart, Kim Madsen, Amber McCants, Linda Sullivan
- Staff Present: Linda Zinke
- Four board members were recognized for their perfect attendance during 2009: Sarah Ann Kotchian, Dawn Mollenkopf, Steve Wilson, and Sue Ellen Wall.

Secretary's Report:

Deb Ross moved and Sue Ellen Wall seconded the secretary's report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Quarterly Information: The statement of financial position and first quarter reports were presented by Linda Zinke. Sue Ellen moved we accept these reports to be placed on file for audit. Deb seconded this motion. Motion carried.
- Finance Committee Report: The Finance Committee met via telephone conference call regarding the audit and two other issues. The Committee recommended acceptance of the audit. Sue Ellen moved we accept the finance committee recommendation. No second is required for the committee acceptance. The motion passed.

Program Reports:

Membership report:

- The membership report shows a decline in membership. This is common during the first quarter, as many of the membership expire December 31, and it takes a little while to people to renew.
- The board discussed options for member benefits, including an option of on-line training modules, and the possibility of posting job vacancies and resumes with different rates for members and non-members.
- The board also discussed additional visibility opportunities, including a presentation at the School Administrators Conference.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Policy Report: Sarah Ann Kotchian provided a report on both state and federal initiatives. We also discussed the legislative breakfast, and opportunities to get the members more engaged in advocacy work. Sarah Ann volunteered to work with the staff to develop a training module regarding advocacy.

Old Business:

- Legislative breakfast: This event was held just prior to the board meeting and was a partnership with the Nebraska Head Start Association. Several Head Start directors were able to participate as well as several board members. A number of senators and/or aides stopped to talk and gathered information. The folders will be distributed to the offices of the senators that didn't attend.
- Nonprofit Association of the Midlands event & Homeless Lincoln event: This report was given. The NAM event generated \$650 in revenue. The Homeless Lincoln event provided a visibility opportunity.
- Board Structure chart: At this time, all board positions are filled.
 - New president Dawn Mollenkopf will be serving as the NAEYC and Midwest AEYC Affiliate.
 - Due to the struggle maintaining a quorum, the Executive director will evaluate the attendance of the members, and replace those that haven't been attending, based on the guidelines in the by-laws.

New Business:

- Calendar for the year: the calendar includes the meeting dates for the rest of the year, as well as information regarding upcoming national conferences.
- Newsletter: The newsletter is now being posted on the website, and an email is being sent to the members to let them know it's available. Positive feedback has been received regarding this new format.
- Week of the Young Child Activities for 2009 & discussion: We'll consider a larger state-wide project for WOYC 2011.

Local Affiliate Reports:

- Lincoln AEYC: This report was posted online with the board information.
- Kearney Chapter of Nebraska AEYC: This report was also posted online. Karen Decker briefly discussed the upcoming recognition event.
- Omaha AEYC: Gina Battey provided a verbal report for Omaha AEYC regarding upcoming activities. These include the kick off for WOYC at the Children’s Museum scheduled for April 11, and the Kaleidoscope Conference scheduled for March 27.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be held April 15, from 1:30 – 3:00 at the Mill Towne Building.
- The new member board orientation was scheduled to be held prior to this meeting. Two of the members had a conflict. The NeAEYC staff will attempt to pilot the on-line training process, and the new board members will help with feedback for this.
- The Annual Planning Retreat will be held on June 18 at Mahoney State Park

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Zinke



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