

MINUTES
MFSRC ANNUAL MEETING
September 20th, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by First Vice-President Melissa Rossow at 4:36 p.m. at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud.
2. Roll call of Executive Board—officers present—Melissa Rossow, Jolene Annen, Teri Nielsen, Lori Hanson, Jenna Penfield. Other board members present: Lisa Kontz, Nancy Menssen, Jennifer Stanfield, Kala Kolkind, Patrick Hest, Tracy Howe, Karey Hindi, Jami Schwartz, Denise Kuehn, Ruth Sundermeyer, Sandy Thorne, Grant Forsyth, Tina Buscher, Lori Lofrano, Pat Krauth, Shila Walek, Juan Martinez, Mark Ponsolle, Trygve Larson, Diane Hall
Excused absences— Sandy Slocum, Jenny Nystrom, Rich Thielman
3. Secretary's Report: Lori Hanson distributed a draft copy of the minutes from last year's annual meeting on-line prior to conference. Motion by Mark Ponsolle, 2nd by Lisa Kontz to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Teri Nielsen distributed the report and provided a summary. Currently there is a balance in the account of \$59,432.36, however there are still outstanding conference expenses to be paid. Motion by Ruth Sundermeyer, 2nd by Linda Klevek, to accept Treasurer's report. A question was asked as to if we usually carry this large of a balance. Teri answered no, but explained that there were still expenses to be paid. Vote taken, motion carried. Treasurer's report place on file.
5. Old Business:
 - a. 2010 NCSEA Conference Report:
Melissa Rossow attended as a representative of Ramsey County. She reported that in the past, MFSRC has paid to send people, however Melissa went through her county. It was not as well attended as previous conferences due to budget cuts, but still a wonderful experience. Melissa encourages all/anyone to attend that is able. There are great speakers and sessions, but the best thing was being in a room full of people from all over the country and world who are motivated and doing the same job. Great networking. She will bring ideas on speakers to the next MFSRC meeting.
 - b. Request was made for any other old business. None received.
6. New Business:
 - a. Nominations and Elections: Grant Forsyth requested nominations from the floor for the following Board positions. Nominations from the floor were requested three times for the following positions: 2nd Vice Chair—no nominations from the floor, Secretary—no nominations from the floor, Treasurer—no nominations from the floor, Members at Large—no nominations from the floor, 1st District—no nominations from the floor, 2nd District—no nominations from the floor, 3rd District—no nominations from the floor, 4th District—no nominations from the floor, 5th District—no nominations from the floor, 6th District—no nominations from the floor, 7th District—no nominations from the floor, 8th District—no nominations from the floor. Ballots were distributed in the registration packets and elections were left open until 10:30 on Tuesday, 9/21/2010. Results will be announced at the awards luncheon.
 - b. Discussion on 2010-2011 conference—
Comment was that this had been a good conference.
Jennifer Stanfield suggested that we look at holding large meetings and meals in the convention center ballroom. Grant Forsyth responded that Carlson Hall (a large room in

the Convention Center) would be available and holds over 400 people. We could do keynote speakers and meals in that room. The main hall in Kelly Inn could then be divided in to two rooms (one large/one small) and this would eliminate having sessions in the Convention Center. We would continue with vendors in the pool area.

A comment was made giving compliments to the program committee for the great conference. Last year's quality conference led to increased attendance at this year's event.

Discussion on running for office, or participating on a committee. Anyone interested may come to the program or legislative committee meetings, and/or observe a full board meeting. You do not have to be a board member to be a committee member.

Discussion on preregistering for sessions next year. This will make it easier to schedule rooms based on number of expected participants, and eliminate some sessions being full/overcrowded.

A comment was made on the fact that we came to St Cloud for conference when the numbers were estimated to be down. As we have continued to have good attendance, should we look at going back to 2 ½ - 3 days and/or going back to a resort area? This was open for discussion, and it was suggested that participants use the comment/evaluation forms to express opinions on this issue. Also, feel free to contact your board representative from your district with any ideas.

Request was made for another county to take over conference registration. Benton County has done it for 3 years now.

c. Vote on By-Laws Changes

Melissa Rossow read the amendments. Grant Forsyth made a motion to approve the changes, 2nd by Lisa Kontz. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. In regards to the change in by-laws, redistricting is coming up next year and members will be notified by **e-mail**.

d. Request was made for any other new business. None received.

7. Motion for adjournment:

Motion was made by Mark Ponsolle, 2nd by Jenna Penfield to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hanson
Secretary – MFSRC

**Prize drawings for cash were held intermittently throughout the meeting! Thanks to the vendors for donating the prizes. Congratulations to the winners!!

**Secretarial Edit: Results of the election were given at the awards luncheon and they were as follows: Lori Lofrano, 2nd Vice Chair; Lori Hanson, Secretary; Teri Nielsen, Treasurer; Lisa Kontz, 1st District; Jennifer Stanfield, 2nd District; Jeanette Koehler-Harris, 3rd District; Rich Thielman, 4th District; Karey Hindi, 5th District; Denise Kuehn, 6th District; Sandy Thorne, 7th District; Tina Buscher, 8th District; and Jenna Penfield and Shila Walek, Members at Large.