

MINUTES
MFSRC ANNUAL MEETING
September 19th, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Rossow at 4:30 p.m. at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. Melissa also stated that the board meetings and participation on committees is open to all, and all are welcome!
2. Roll call of Executive Board: Officers present—Melissa Rossow, Jolene Annen, Lori Lofrano, Teri Nielsen, Lori Hanson, Sandy Slocum. Other board members present: Nancy Menssen, Jennifer Stanfield, Kala Kolkind, Jeanette Koehler-Harris, Patrick Hest, Rich Thielman, Tracy Howe, Karey Hindi, Jami Schwartz, Denise Kuehn, Sandy Thorne, Grant Forsyth, Tina Buscher, Shila Walek, Mark Ponsolle, Jenna Penfield, Jeff Jorgenson

Excused absences: Jenny Nystrom, Lisa Kontz, Ruth Sundermeyer, Carol Taggart, Mary Gjerde

Unexcused absences: Juan Martinez, Brian Buhmann

3. Secretary's Report: Lori Hanson distributed a draft copy of the minutes from last year's annual meeting on-line prior to conference. Additional copies were provided at the meeting. Motion by Jennifer Stanfield, 2nd by Sandy Thorne to approve the minutes as distributed. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Teri Nielsen distributed the report and provided a summary. On 11/1/2010, there was a balance of \$49,410.78. Currently there is a balance in the account of \$78, 138.63, however a majority of the conference expenses are yet to be paid. Treasurer's report put on file.
5. Old Business:
NONE
6. New Business:
 - a. Redistricting: Redistricting is done according to by-laws every 5 years. This is done in order to keep the districts as equal in numbers as possible. The proposal for this year's redistricting is in the conference program. Jennifer Stanfield and Patrick Hest did a lot of work on this in the last year. Jennifer Stanfield discussed how the process was done: recommendations were discussed, a survey was sent out, and then numbers were tallied. There were only a few changes: Big Stone, Pope, Stevens and Swift Counties went to District 6, McCloud County to District 2, Mille Lacs County to District 8. There were no questions. Grant Forsyth moved to accept as the redistricting as drawn up, Kathy from Carlton County seconded. All in favor-unanimous. Redistricting completed.

Thanks were given to Jennifer and Patrick for all of the hard work.

- b. Tribal Representation: Tribal agencies in Minnesota are getting certified as IV-D Programs. Many believe it is time to have a tribal representative on the board. The board will discuss this on Wednesday at their regular meeting as there may be by-laws pertaining to adding board members/seats. The hope is to have an appointed tribal representative. Questions were asked:

- 1) Would there be one rep per tribe or one to represent all tribes? Probably 1 rep, following FTE lines.
- 2) What do by-laws say about adding a position? Unsure at this time.
- 3) Do we need a motion? Probably not as this would not be an elected position, but an appointment. Again, by-laws need to be checked regarding what appointments/positions can be made.
- 4) Are appointed members voting members? Yes.
- 5) How was it decided to appoint rather than just combine within the other districts? Due to tribes being sovereign nations, they are not really within a district.

Most likely we will be addressing this at next year's annual meeting, after by-laws are checked out and board has discussed. Martha Williams from White Earth will come to the board meeting on Wednesday to participate in discussion on this topic.

- c. Nominations and Elections:

Sandy Thorne commented that it is really hard to get the word out and to get people to run for positions. There are no candidates on the ballot for District 1 or District 8.

Melissa called for volunteers. Jennifer Grausnick from Dakota County volunteered to run in District 1, Heidi Chandler volunteered for District 8.

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, 9/20/2010. Results will be announced at the awards luncheon.

d. Discussion on 2011 and 2012 conferences:

The board will look at the evaluations at the meeting on Wednesday afternoon and planning will begin for the 2012 conference.

Comments on 2011 Conference:

Lunch was wonderful!

The Sunday presentation (Video Letters from Prison) was very good. *It was noted that MFSRC purchased the educational DVD, so counties can request to use it.

Suggestions to not put more quiet sessions next to more noisy sessions. Will keep this in mind for the future, though sometimes it's not possible to know in advance!

Thoughts on 2012 Conference:

Question asked if there are any thoughts on returning to a resort. Possibly. We need to keep in mind fiscal responsibility, budget cuts, and public perception. We came to St Cloud due to very little money a few years ago, and have made significant gains due to our fiscal responsibility. This is the NUMBER ONE THING to consider: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

We have looked at resorts again in recent years, but costs are higher. Even though bids may come in lower for rooms and food, there are often add-on costs for microphones, tables, set up (one resort charges \$10/table set up!), internet access, other miscellaneous charges.

ANYONE can be on the program committee, so feel free to come. We meet at 9 a.m. before the full board meetings.

We welcome any ideas for keynote speakers, session topics, and presenters. Please let us know if you have any!

One suggestion was to have Milt and Jamie Lee (Video Letters from Prison) during the day, rather than Sunday evening.

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

7. Motion for adjournment:

Motion was made by Sandy Slocum, 2nd by Grant Forsyth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hanson
Secretary – MFSRC

**Prize drawings were held intermittently throughout the meeting! Congratulations to the winners!!

- \$20 prizes – Tracy from Washington Co, Paula from Scott Co, Jeanette from Hennepin Co, Karey from Sherburne Co, Edie from Becker Co
- \$50 prizes – Judy from Brown Co, Jolene from Scott Co
- \$100 prize – Kay from Itasca Co
- Grand prize of a stay in the Jacuzzi suite and \$50 Gift Card from Green Mill – Linda from Clay Co.

**Secretarial Edit: Results of the election were given at the awards luncheon and they were as follows: Jennifer Stanfield, 2nd Vice Chair; Lori Hanson, Secretary; Teri Nielsen, Treasurer; Jennifer Grausnick, 1st District; Nancy Menssen, 2nd District; Kala Kolkind, 3rd District; Patrick Hest, 4th District; Sandy Slocum, 5th District; Jami Schwartz, 6th District; Ruth Sundermeyer, 7th District; Heidi Chandler, 8th District; and Tracy Howe and Carol Taggart, Members at Large.