

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL
Jimmy's in Sauk Rapids –January 15, 2009

Members present: Juan Martinez, John Stark, Sandy Slocum, Grant Forsyth, Nancy Menssen, Anne Bradley, Sandy Thorne, Melissa Rossow, Terri Nielsen, Lori Lofrano, Trygve Larsen, Rich Thielman, Tina Buscher, Karen Strandemo, Kathleen Tracy, Jennifer Stanfield, Lisa Kontz, Jenny Nystrom, Robyn Krause, Karey Hindi, Jolene Annen, Robert Tipp, Jenna Penfield, Lori Hanson, Teri Nielsen, Linda Flykt, Brian Buhmann

Excused Absences: Pat Krauth, Diane Hall, Yvonne Bibro, Mark Ponsolle, Ruth Sundermeyer

Guest: Tracy Howe

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Jenna Penfield at 11:19 am at Jimmy's Pourhouse in Sauk Rapids, MN.
2. Secretary's report: Secretary, Anne Bradley had previously distributed minutes for the meeting of November , 2008 by email. Motion made by Linda Flykt, 2nd by Sandy Slocum, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2008. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed and summary given by Treasurer John Stark. Savings balance of \$635.40, checking account balance of \$618.73, and conference account balance of \$3456.94. Treasurer's report placed on file.
Discussion followed on the need to watch expenditures. Motion made by Sandy Thorne, 2nd by Melissa Rossow, that MFSRC fund nothing but our own conference in 2009. Motion carried.
4. Collaborative Reports:
 - A. MSSA-John Stark reported there are 5 sessions scheduled for the MSSA Conference, and everything is ready to go.
 - B. Child Support Advisory Board-Sandy Thorne informed the Board that they have not met since the MFSRC Board last met in November, so there is nothing new to report.
 - C. MCRA-Nancy Menssen introduced Lori Hanson who is the new MCRA representative for MFSRC. She also reported that they have some great ideas for the MFSRC fall conference.
 - D. MACSSA- Brian Buhmann reported that he is in his last 60 days as President of MSSA. He stated that they are seeing an increase in registrations this year for conference, and that they will be moving their conference to the Minneapolis Hilton in 2010. They are currently working on ideas for the upcoming legislation; one of the ideas being looked at is the administrative redirection of support. They meet next week and will be taking a bus to attend a Senate hearing. He also provided information put together by the Association of MN Counties for the Board to review.
 - E. MCAA- Lisa Kontz reported that MCAA meets tomorrow morning. They will be discussing legislation proposals as well as the all day training session that they sponsor in the spring. The all day MCAA training in St Cloud is scheduled for May 7th or 8th.
5. Old Business:
 - 1) Daily Registration Fee-tabled till conference site details are worked out.

6. New Business:

- 1) Actions of the Executive Board since the November meeting--No actions taken.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance – No report.
2. Constitution & By Laws-No report.
3. Legislation – No report.
4. Historical – Grant Forsyth reported that historical information is in storage, and if anyone has pictures from conference to please provide copies to him. A possible thought is to post some pictures of keynote speakers and conference sessions on the MFSRC website.
5. Education – No report.
6. Public Relations – John Stark reported that the MFSRC display board was at the MFFN Conference the beginning of this week and will be at the MSSA Conference. Discussion held regarding paying for the registration fees for the display board in 2009. This was previously decided in a motion earlier that for the year 2009, there will be no expenditures other than MFSRC Conference.
7. Conference Registration – No report.
8. Overall Conference – Melissa Rossow report was given after the Conference Program report and she stated she had nothing to add.
9. Conference Program – Sandy Slocum reported that the committee met this morning and informed the board that the Conference Program committee has decided that Cragun's is not an option for the 2009 conference. Grant Forsyth will be contacting the Kelly Inn to get dates for a 1-2 day conference to be held in St Cloud. Registration fees will remain the same. There will not be as many tracks this year. The Conference Program committee will be having an additional meeting this year due to the last minute change. The will be meeting February 26th at the Kelly Inn in St Cloud. As far as keynote speakers, it is possible that there may not be or a keynote may be someone local. The give-aways will be pens that are given out with the folders and no other give-aways this year. She will refigure the budget and bring to the next meeting. As far as meals at conference there will be no breakfasts or dinners supplied. Lunch on Monday will be the annual board meeting and Tuesday will probably be boxed lunches. The theme for 2009 is "Going Green".
10. Nominations & Elections – No report.
11. Awards – No report.
12. Website – Tracy Howe reported that she has been looking at the website and some changes are being considered. Let he know if you have any suggestions.
13. Conference Site – Grant Forsyth reported he will be contacting Kelly Inn to set up a 2 day conference, and he will notify Cragun's that we will not be there in 2009 if things can be set up in St Cloud.
14. Newsletter – Tracy Howe reported that the next deadline for articles is January 31, 2009. She only has 2 articles so far, so she isn't sure how this will work out. Anyone with information to submit please provide to her before January 31, 2009.

Motion made by Lynda Flykt, 2nd by Grant Forsyth, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bradley
Secretary-MFSRC