

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL
Stonehouse Tavern & Eatery in St Joseph –June 19, 2008

Members present: Juan Martinez, John Stark, Jenna Penfield, Sandy Slocum, Grant Forsyth, Ruth Sundermeyer, Nancy Menssen, Anne Bradley, Sandy Thorne, Jolene Annen, Melissa Rossow, Terri Nielsen, Lori Lofrano, Robert Tipp, Jenny Nystrom, Lisa Kontz, Trygve Larsen, Rich Thielman, Jennifer Stanfield, Pat Krauth, Julie Erickson, Diane Hall, Tracy Howe, Robyn Krause.

Excused Absences: Michelle Collins, Karen Strandemo, Yvonne Bibro, Lynda Flykt, Mark Ponsolle, Carol Wacker.

Unexcused Absences: Brian Buhmann.

Guests: Karey Hindi, Kathy Tracy

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Juan Martinez at 10:45 am at the Stonehouse Tavern & Eatery in St. Joseph, MN.
2. Secretary's report: Secretary, Anne Bradley had previously distributed minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2008 by email. Motion by Pat Krauth, 2nd by Ruth Sundermeyer to approve the minutes of 03/20/2008. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed and summary given by Treasurer John Stark. Savings balance of \$4,127.82, checking account balance of \$631.39, and conference account balance of \$5000.00. Treasurer's report placed on file.
4. Collaborative Reports:
 - A. MSSA-John Stark reported that MSSA has not met since their conference in March, and that the 4 sessions presented at the MSSA Conference went well.
 - B. Child Support Advisory Board-Jenna Penfield reported that the Child Support Advisory Board has not met since our last meeting in March, and that there are no meetings scheduled at this point. Some interested groups have been combined to discuss funding adversity and this group will have been meeting instead at this time. Discussion followed on what the group is working on, with the main focus of this new group being what can be done without legislative changes.
 - C. MCRA-Sandy Slocum reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 17 and there is a meeting set up for the end of this month to discuss legislative changes that they would like to see done. Nancy Menssen reported that the National Fraud Conference will be held in St Paul in September of 2009, exact dates are not known at this time, however they have asked that MCRA do a track for the conference.
 - D. MACSSA- No report.
 - E. MCAA- Lisa Kontz reported that the MCAA one day seminar held in St . Cloud on May 2, 2008 went well and they were happy with the number of non-attorneys that attended.

5. Old Business:

- 1) Policy on NCSEA attendance—Julie Erickson passed out the policy she had drafted regarding attendance at NCSEA. Discussion followed, policy accepted by the board.
- 2) Website Contact information—Julie Erickson reported that Crow Wing was listed as the contact site for our website and that has now been fixed.

6. New Business:

- 1) Actions of the Executive Board since the June meeting—Juan Martinez reported that the Board had approved to pay for Melissa Rossow and Molly Crawford to attend the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators Banquet to accept the award that was received for the MFSRC display board. Melissa Rossow reported that the banquet was attended by a lot of different government agencies and all winning submissions were displayed. She thanked the board for sending her and Molly, it was a great experience.
- 2) Agenda for Annual Meeting. Juan Martinez distributed to the board a draft of the annual meeting agenda for fall conference. The agenda is shorter and will be adopted. Hopefully this will provide better information to our membership.
- 3) DHS scholarship for MCRAA—Juan Martinez requested that the board consider appointing an additional DHS scholarship for MCRA. Discussion followed. It was decided that we could consider this as an as needed situation, and this year we can cover the DHS MCRA representative as a speaker.
- 4) MN Family Fatherhood's Network—John Stark reported that they have their quarterly meeting in September at the same time as our conference. 5 of their 20 board members will be attending our conference, so a spot has been set up for them to have their quarterly meeting at Cragun's.
- 5) Lewin Group Report—Melissa Rossow informed the board that Mark Ponsolle has been contacted by the Lewin's group regarding the fact that they are putting together a second draft that updates from the 1st report providing more evidence of the impact that the DEFRA cuts will have. They are requesting a contribution of \$500.00. This contribution allows MFSRC to have input and see a copy of the final report. Motion made by Melissa Rossow, 2nd by Sandy Thorne, that MFSRC provide \$500.00 to NCSEA to be contributed to the Lewin Goup study. Motion carried.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance – Diane Hall reported that she has just about completed the audit for this year and she would like to commend John Stark for his great record keeping.
2. Constitution & By-Laws – no report.
3. Legislation – Melissa Rossow reported that they didn't meet this morning. Get any legislative issues or ideas to Mark Ponsolle.
4. Historical – Grant Forsyth reported that he has decided to step down as chair, so a new chair will have to be appointed at our board meeting at conference.
5. Education – No report.
6. Public Relations – No report.
7. Conference Registration – Teri Nielsen reported that everything is going good. There are 134 registered for conference and 5 registered as members only.
8. Overall Conference – Sandy Slocum reported that the Program Committee met this morning and everything is going fine. She is working on vendors and “things are coming together good”.
9. Conference Program – Jenna Penfield reported that the grid is in place, Sandy Thorne is working on the programs, and keynotes are set. She stated that the conference site committee will be meeting at Cragun's on July 22, 2008 to finalize meals and rooms.
10. Nominations & Elections – Sandy Thorne reported that there is a candidate for every position except for the 8th district, but it would be great to have more than one candidate for each position.
11. Awards – Rich Thielman reported he sent out requests for nominations to supervisors this week and will also be sending out the request to the MFSRC membership.

12. Website – No report.
13. Conference Site – Grant Forsyth stated that we will be at Cragun’s and everything looks great, but we do have to select a place for 2009. Cragun’s still has us listed but if someone asks for that date, we will be contacted first before they give up our dates. Pat Krauth reported that we won’t hear anything about budget cuts until after July 15. Discussion held regarding options for 2009: Kahler, St Cloud, Cragun’s, Madden’s. Pat Krauth stated it is very risky to make a decision until our fall conference, by then some decisions should be made regarding budget cuts. Discussion followed and decision was made that the board will need to discuss this matter at the 1st board meeting held in November, and at that time we may need to do a survey to directors and supervisors regarding how many people they believe they will be sending to the 2009 conference.
14. Newsletter Committee—Juan Martinez commended Tracy Howe on the great newsletter that she put together. Tracy Howe reported that she has completed a special addition that she will be posting on the website by June 30, 2008, so if anyone has corrections or additions they need to get them to her. Grant Forsyth will be submitting information regarding activities available at Cragun’s. The next regular addition will be out by August 30, so any information for that newsletter would be appreciated, like human interest or special interest stories.

Motion by Ruth Sundermeyer, 2nd by Sandy Slocum to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bradley
Secretary-MFSRC