

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL
Jimmy's in Sauk Rapids – December 14, 2006

Members present: Julie Erickson, Juan Martinez, Robert Tipp, Anne Bradley, John Stark, Lori Lofrano, Julie Ellis, Grant Forsyth, Ruth Sundermeyer, Jolene Annen, Lisa Kontz, Diane Hall, Wayland Campbell, Nancy Schroeder, Michelle Collins, Lynda Flykt, Karen Strandemo, Brandy Hauwiler, Theresa Olson, Nancy Menssen.

Excused Absences: Sandy Thorne, Sandy Slocum, Jennifer Stanfield, Jenna Penfield, Tracy Howe, Melissa Rossow, Mark Ponsolle, Rich Thielman, Yvonne Bibro.

Unexcused Absences: Pat Krauth, Brian Buhmann.

Guests: Trygve Larson, Cheryl Glassel, David Theisen, Teri Nielsen.

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Julie Erickson at 11:28 am at Jimmy's Pourhouse in Sauk Rapids, MN.
2. Secretary's report: Secretary, Anne Bradley had previously distributed minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2006 by email. Motion by Ruth Sundermeyer, 2nd by Robert Tipp to approve the minutes of 10/18/2006. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed and summary given by Treasurer John Stark. Savings balance of \$15,959.08, checking account balance of \$1410.87, and estimated conference account balance of \$4594.05. Treasurer's report placed on file.
4. Collaborative Reports:
 - A. MSSA-John Stark reported that there will be 4 sessions at MSSA. Theresa Olson lined up two and he lined up the other two. Theresa Olson added that her and Mark Ponsolle attended the MSSA legislative assembly meeting and brought the information back to the MFSRC Legislative Committee.
 - B. Child Support Advisory Board-No report. Wayland Campbell informed the board that they haven't met, but will have a meeting in 01/2007.
 - C. MCRA-No report. Nancy Schroeder informed the board that this board has also not met, but will be meeting in 02/2007.
 - D. MACSSA- No report.

- E. MCAA- Lisa Kontz reported that they met last week with the child support committee and the seminar will be held in 05/2007.
5. Old Business:
1. Contributions for Training---Theresa Olson reported that Mark Ponsolle met with Melissa Rossow, and Melissa Rossow will take over drafting the policy.
6. New Business:
- 1) 2007-08 Registration County—Julie Erickson requested volunteers from the board for a County to take over registration for the 2007-08 Conference. Brandy Hauwiler informed the board that Benton County is interested. With no other volunteers, Benton County was appointed the Registration County for 2007-08, and 2008-09.
 - 2) Getting information regarding evening events to membership-Grant Forsyth informed the board about an alternative way to get information to the counties. Discussion held on flyers versus email. It was decided that once a decision has been made on what activities will happen, the board will decide on how to get the information out to the membership.
 - 3) Secretary of State—Julie Erickson reported to the board that our information had not been updated since 1997. Our information is suppose to be updated annually. She completed the update for 2006, and will do it again in January of 2007, and then will include this on the list of duties for the Chairperson each year.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
1. Finance – Diane Hall reported that she will conduct the audit in 02/2007.
 2. Constitution & By-Laws – Lisa Kontz reported that they are compiling ideas at this time, and will have a conference call to go over ideas.
 3. Legislation – Lisa Kontz reported that they worked on compiling ideas this morning. Lisa summarized proposals from DHS, MACSSA, and MSSA. The State Proposals include: 1) Guideline Clarifications-specifically medical support, 2) Interest rate on child support arrears to be the same as other judgments, 3) Administratively be able to stop interest charging after 12 months of payments without an order, 4) Judgments would not expire until paid, 5) Redirect Administratively for PA cases. MSSA & MACSSA had many of the same initiatives but are also asking for funding from the State to the Counties to reimburse for the loss of federal funds and do not limit redirection to only PA cases. MSSA also proposed: 1)Criminal non-support, you would not need to file a civil contempt action between criminal non-support actions, 2) Tax intercepts against CP's for child support overpayments, if they are not making payments, 3) In contempt if failure to pay minimum of 75% of the child support obligation and if fail to pay for 30 days in Domestic Violence Cases. Lisa Kontz informed the board that the committee is recommending MFSRC support the following proposals: 1) Efforts to seek State funding for the loss of the federal revenues for child

support, 2) Interest rate to on child support be the same as other judgments, 3) Administratively stop interest on cases after 12 months of consecutive payments, 4) Criminal non support-no need to file a civil contempt prior to filing a 2nd Criminal non-support action, and 5)at a minimum, support state efforts on redirection, but not limited to PA cases only. Lisa Kontz made a motion to the board to approve the recommendations made by the legislative committee, 2nd by John Stark. Discussion held. Motion carried.

4. Historical - No report.
5. Education – Julie Ellis reported that they are waiting on the policy regarding contributions for training.
6. Public Relations – John Stark reported that the MFSRC display board will be set up at the Minnesota Fatherhood Summit that is held in 01/2007, and will also be set up at MSSA conference in 03/2007.
7. Conference Registration - Michelle Collins reported that they are waiting for the final bill from Madden’s and then the accounts will be cleared out except for the start up money for 2006-07 conference. She also informed the board that there were 532 registered for the 2005-06 conference.
8. Overall Conference – No report.
9. Conference Program – Juan Martinez reported that the committee met for the 1st time this morning. The committee went through the 2006 conference evaluations and started working on next year’s. The dates for 2007 are 10/7-10/10 and the conference will be held at Madden’s. Theresa Olson suggested that the committee consider sending out an email to the membership regarding ideas for sessions or to see if a member might be interested in speaking or doing a session at conference. Juan Martinez stated that this could be added to the email that the committee had discussed sending out to the membership on looking for ideas for activities. Julie Erickson stated that she will send an email to the membership that responses regarding activities go to Grant Forsyth and responses regarding program go to Juan Martinez. John Stark recommended that \$5000.00 should be left in the conference account for start up money, since Madden’s requires a \$2000.00 deposit.
10. Nominations & Elections – No report.
11. Awards – Theresa Olson stated to make sure you get your nominations in.
12. Website – Julie Erickson stated that she because of the Board’s concerns regarding not having access to the website at all times, she called Midwest Captions which is the company that developed our website, and they informed her that they would do updates for us. Their normal cost is \$65.00/hour, but since we are non-profit we would receive a 50% discount and they will bill in ¼ hour increments. Discussion held on how the board wants to deal with updates and other issues that come up with our website. It was decided that we would work with Midwest Captions. Julie Erickson will be the point person from the board to work with Bob Sherman from Midwest Captions. Julie will also let them know that the bills should be sent directly to John Stark, instead of Lori Lofrano.
13. Conference Site – Lori Lofrano that she will be setting up a conference call in 01/2007 for this committee to discuss site options for the 2008-09 conference.

She stated that this issue has to be decided at that the next meeting.

14. Membership Committee – No report.

15. Newsletter Committee—Theresa Olson reported that St Louis has agreed to do the article for the County Spot Light, Wayland Campbell will make sure we receive something from the State for their spot, she will write an article regarding her discussion with David McNally, and Julie Erickson will write an article for the MFSRC corner for the next edition which will be out around the end of January.

Motion by Ruth Sundermeyer, 2nd by Lynda Flykt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Bradley
Secretary-MFSRC