

WAFCS COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2012

President, Diane Klemme called the conference call meeting of the WAFCS Council to order at 9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Klemme, Arlene Welcher, Carol Anderson, Christine Kniep, Janet Powell, Mary Kay Merwin, Susan Turgeson, Priscilla Bondhus, Donna Dinco, Carolyn Barnhart, Bev Braun, Judith Knudsen, Karen Goebel, Karen Dickrell, Tiffani Roltgen, Ann Garrison, Vera Riley, Jean Zeithamel, Carol Subera, Marsha Larson, and Judith Knudsen.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved as distributed by consensus.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary reported some editorial changes in the minutes of October 8th as follows: Spelling of Tiffani Roltgen's name, correction in Web Master reimbursement from \$7.00 to \$7.50, and addition of title "My Plate" to nutrition program being done by NASCO. The secretary's report was approved as amended.

Readers for this meeting will be Carolyn Barnhart and Tiffani Roltgen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan Turgeson reported that the current 2011-12 Operating Budget is at -\$2,406.89 with current operating assets of \$25,058.57 and the current assets of the Foundation are \$81,011.61. The report was placed on file for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Collaboration with other organizations: Diane Klemme reported that there had been a conference call with the other organizations in the fall. It was determined that there needed to be a survey of memberships to determine interest in a joint meeting. The survey is currently being distributed with responses due back in February. It was noted that there could not be any agreement to move forward before 2014 at the earliest. Janet Powell joined the call later and confirmed this report.

Executive Director vacancy: The position for WAFCS Executive Director is currently posted, with a March 1, 2012 deadline for applications. The position is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2012. A committee composed of Diane Klemme, Susan Turgeson, Mary Kay Merwin, and Arlene Welcher will hold candidate interviews during the 2012 State Conference.

WAFCS Foundation By-Law and Policy Revisions: Jean Zeithamel reviewed the work on the Foundation By-Laws and a Policy and Procedures Handbook. She indicated that the major changes were in the makeup of the Foundation Board, language used for funds, and the requirement that all requests for funding come

through a formal proposal process except for those requesting designated stipends. It was suggested that the By-Laws undergo some further streamlining to remove redundancies, moving all operational detail to the Policies and Procedures Handbook. These changes will be made and the Council will be asked to approve the new By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Handbook at the March 29, 2012 meeting.

2013 State Conference: It was reported that negotiations have been completed with the Radisson Hotel in Madison, WI for a 2013 Conference to be held March 7-9, 2013. Priscilla Bondhus and Vera Riley have volunteered to Co-Chair this Conference. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2013 Conference dates, location and Co-Chairs. Motion carried.

Region 4 President: Diane indicated that the Region 4 leadership position is still vacant and she will be making some contacts to attempt to find someone to take this position.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Conference Update: Judith Knudsen and Bev Braun reported that all materials have been distributed for the conference and registrations are beginning to come in. Special mailings are planned to attract others to this conference.

Newsletter/Postage: Priscilla reported that our membership is now down to 123. The bulk mail permit renewal is due at the end of January. It requires mailings of 200 to be effective. Discussion followed on uses for the bulk permit and its cost effectiveness. A motion was made and seconded to renew the bulk permit and continue its usage. Motion carried.

Website: Tiffani Roltgen reported that the website continues to be updated. All forms and applications are now on the website. Tiffani indicated a few forms need to be updated. The foundation will review their forms and hopefully develop generic dates that can be used, as well as a uniform return address for applications. Diane Klemme will consult Crystal Bell to review the student forms and contact Tiffani with updates.

PayPal options for the website were again discussed. There is a 2.9% fee charged for each transaction. The application will require work with the Treasurer to provide our financial statements. A motion was made and seconded to approve year-round use of PayPal via our website with a user fee charged for its use. Motion carried.

A discussion of future projects for the website indicated the need to begin to develop a photo archives for pictures from this point forward. Consensus was that this work should proceed and that any budget implications should be shared for the development of the 2012-13 operating budget.

AAFCS Leadership Conference Report: Diane reported on her attendance last fall of the AAFCS National Leadership Conference. She drew attention to current and future AAFCS fund raising efforts for general operations that include some matching funds. It was expressed that Wisconsin has been a generous contributor to AAFCS and some expressed their preference to earmark any contributions to the Young-Goebel Fund or other specific projects. No decisions were reached, but the matter can be discussed at our March meeting.

Regional Meeting Updates: No reports.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2012 National Meeting Attendance: A poll was taken of the Council and the following indicated that they are planning to attend the 2012 National Meeting in Indiana: Diane Klemme, Mary Kay Merwin, Marsha Larson, Carol Anderson, Priscilla Bondhus, Bev Braun, Karen Goebel, Carolyn Barnhart, Susan Turgeson, Janet Powell, and Ann Garrison. In addition Arlene Welcher, Tiffani Roltgen, and Donna Dinco indicated that they are considering attendance.

Teacher of the Year Award: Donna Dinco indicated that there are no applications from Wisconsin for the Teacher of the Year Award.

2012-13 Elections: Chris Kniep announced that the positions that need to be filled for the 2012-13 year include President-elect, Vice President for Awards and Recognition, Vice President for Public Policy, and Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT: Following several announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Merwin
Secretary

Approved by Readers: Carolyn Barnhart and Tiffani Roltgen