

WAFCS BOARD MEETING
Portage, WI
August 11, 2014

The President, Jeanne Schwass-Long, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the UWEX Office in Portage, WI.

ATTENDANCE: Jeanne Schwass-Long, Barbara George, Mary Kennedy, Janet Powell, Susan Turgeson, Carolyn Barnhart, Mary Kaye Merwin, Karen Goebel, and Vera Riley.

AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed, updated and accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the March 27, 2014 Council Meeting and the March 28th Annual Association Meeting were reviewed by readers and distributed. With no other corrections or additions, both sets of minutes were approved as distributed.

Readers for the minutes of this meeting are Carolyn Barnhart and Mary Kennedy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Susan Turgeson reported that the 2013-14 Operating Year ended with a positive balance of \$2942.45. Total yearend assets for the Association were \$28,953.16.

A motion was made and seconded to provide a formal internal review of financial records every two years, beginning in 2014 with the President appointing a review committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve an annual stipend of \$4,500 be available for the contract of the Executive Director. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2014-15 annual operating budget of \$17,100. Motion carried.

Foundation: Karen Goebel reported on the activities of the Foundation. The financial status of the foundation was reported as \$80,313.59 on August 1, 2014. Discussion was again held on exploring a location such as the UW Foundation to invest our funds for a better return.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS:

President: In addition to her distributed report, the president also distributed a listing of Communities for clarification of current working Communities. The CTE Report was also distributed for discussion. It was suggested that in addition to listing a goal of Life Skills for Employability, there also needs to be a goal for Life Skills for Living.

Counselor/Past President: Report received as distributed.

President Elect: It was reported that the President and President-Elect will be attending the fall leadership workshop in Washington D.C. October 10-12, 2014.

Executive Director: Janet Powell was officially welcomed as the Executive Director. It was reported that the 2014-15 publication schedule and theme are currently being finalized with the Vice President - Communications and the 2015 Conference Chairs. The theme will be “Advancing the Field”. Advertising in our newsletter was encouraged.

Vice President – Public Policy: no report

Vice President Professional Development: Esther Fahm was not able to attend the meeting, but sent a detailed report. The 2014 Annual Conference was a success and netted a total of over \$5,000 .

The 2015 Conference Committee report was also received. The conference will again be held at Three Bears Resort in Warren, WI on March 26-28, 2015 with the theme of “Advancing the Field”.

The only region that currently has any activity scheduled is Region 5 with a meeting at Madison Area Technical College on October 1st.

Vice President Membership: No report

Vice President Awards and Recognition: Report received as distributed.

Vice President Communications: No report

Vice President External Relations: No report, however it was noted that there will be a conference call on August 18th with CTE that Jessica and Jeanne will participate in.

OLD BUSINESS:

AAFCS Annual Meeting in St. Louis: There were twenty-five Wisconsin members attending the conference and 5 of these participants made formal presentations in workshops or on panels. We were pleased to have Diane Klemme receive a national AAFCS Leadership Award. We are also very proud of our current and past national officers.

WAFCS Collaboration Guidelines: The recommendation was made that WAFCS adopt the same policy as that of AAFCS which is found on page 62 of the AAFCS Policies and Procedures Handbook.. In summary, that policy places the responsibility for decisions in this regard with the Executive Director. A motion was made and seconded for WAFCS to adopt the AAFCS guidelines for collaboration. Motion carried. In further discussion it was noted that WAFCS should consider further legal guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments: The President reported that she will be making appointments for the financial records revue and for the 2016 Annual Conference Coordinators. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Wisconsin FCE: A discussion was held regarding the recently released Wisconsin data regarding teacher status. Since many do not agree with the data conclusions, it was agreed that more information should be sought from the source of the report.

AAFCS Senate Report: An outline was shared summarizing the changes approved by the Senate for the AAFCS By-Laws.

State Affiliate Plan of Action: This report is due to AAFCS on September 1st. The President shared plans for the report.

IFHE: The Foundation annually pays the state dues for IFHE, but it was pointed out that we are not doing anything else. It was agreed that we should have a regular report on IFHE and explore ways to be more supportive via a discussion with our own Carol Anderson who currently serves as the President of IFHE-US.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The group thanked those who made the arrangements for our meeting and the UWEX office for allowing us to use their facilities.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting of the WAFCS Board of Directors is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Merwin
Secretary

Readers: Carolyn Barnhart
Mary Kennedy