

NARENWICH Minutes 11/14/08

Present: Randy, Sally, Kim, Jennifer, Heidi, Michelle, Betsy, Marty

Secretary's Report:

- Approval of Minutes with change of the last meeting date change: May to April 24th. Minutes approved.
- PowerPoint: Completed and will be burned on to CD's for all board members to have one.
- Next Meeting January 23rd 2009 Appleton- Paper Valley Hotel
- The website still needs some changes. Heidi and Michelle's information needs to be changed.
- Brochure needs to have changes made regarding Room rates, and the keynote information. Brochure will be sent to the website.
- Keynote wants to have book signing at the conference – board approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Update: November and Annual Report: Expenses coming in for conference-Pens, Calendars, Lanyards, and Flash drives
- Report accepted

Past President Report:

- Sent out letter and brochure sent to all small schools, directly to school or superintendent.
- We need to promote regional awards more. Last year we only had three. Heidi is going to contact Sid, Guy and Melissa regarding promoting awards.
- Jump drives were cheaper with the lanyards.
- Elections need to have ballots. Jennifer is making them.
- Big election year for Board Members:
 - Pres. Elect: interested Jennifer
 - Secretary: Interested Betsy,
 - Treasurer: Marty
 - Region 1: Betsy - interested Michelle
 - Region 2: Open
 - Region 3: Kim staying or else ☺
- Discussion on past pres stay on board longer in an advisory fashion - no motion.

President Report

- Discussion of how to create an advisory board. Inform past presidents of meetings and invite them to meetings. Non voting position possibly deemed, President Emeritus.
- Discussion on other members also being in a similar Emeritus position. Discussion went to that is committee work.

- Policy and Procedures/job description should be done as new people join the organization and are elected to the board. The history of the past presidents is very valuable.
- Sally suggested she starts working on a policy and procedure, it will be passed around and board members will fill in their job duties.
- Jennifer needs to contact Tom and post open invitation for next meetings and subsequent meetings

Conference Committee Report:

- Kim – proposal from Stevens Point Holiday Inn \$99 complementary rooms per so may rooms. Has 7 rooms that can hold 72 classroom setup, banquet rooms, \$100/breakout.

Upcoming Conference Dates

March 4th and 5th 2010

March 3rd or 4^h 2011

We choose the first weekend in March because we stay away from spring breaks

- Conference vendors: change in cost to \$125 from \$100 since the beginning-passed.
- Michelle is going to contact vendors for the conference. Houghton Mifflin contacted us.
- Conference cost to stay the same.
- New board members do not know the procedures for mailing out conference brochures– Heidi will contact to fill in the new members on the mailing brochures.
- Presenters: Still have some open slots. Heidi will contact AODA at DPI, and others regarding middle school program. Kim will contact local AODA group. Reach is a possibility Heidi will contact a CESA 6 person. We must get the word out to recruit presenters.
- Meg will be contacted by Kim for getting the raffle items.

Political Action Committee

No report

Membership committee

- Discussion regarding newsletter's distribution. Should we send out a hard copy? No hard copies to mail for now. We will ask at membership meeting if they want a hard copy. Also we need to ask members to contact us with a change in email address. Difficulties with school emails.
- Betsy wants to get the two excel member forms to match.

Old Business

- Posters are excellent.

- PowerPoint will be burned to disc and sent out.
- Division III and IV contacts need to be established.

New Business

- There are some tensions regarding state budget cuts. It will probably be discussed at conference. Districts will have to cut programs. At-risk will be at-risk. The 1 cent gas tax did not pass which would have paid for transportation for districts. Libby is not running again. Tony Evers may run.
- Discussion about presenting data how at-risk programs impact students and the impact of no programs.
- Discussion: should we have someone collect the data across the state regarding impact of programs. In the future, ask members to send in how many students graduated, went on to the service...
- Discussion: it should be handled within the Political Action committee.
- In the future, look at budget plans for NARENWICH.

Motion to adjourn

Approved