

September 25, 2009 NARENWICH Board Minutes

Present: Kim Hoffmann, Marty Gholston, Heidi Thuli, Randy Hughes, Michelle Oldham, Michelle Bahr, Sally Schultz, Betsy Haltinner, and Jennifer Varsik

Reports

Secretary: April 24 Meeting Minutes Approved

Treasurer: 2008/09 Financial Reports were distributed. Current account total is \$19,116.31.

Discussion: A discussion occurred about district membership vs. individual membership. NAREN has accepted a district membership. Marty will contact the New Berlin district to extent an invitation to members for the reclaiming the dream conference at \$120.00.

Approved: Treasurers report was approved.

Past President: Sally Schultz has taken a new position – new phone number is 608-204-4223. Everything else stays the same. Sally brought some contacts for workshops; Kim has received contact from several of them.

President: Heidi briefly discussed the new website.

President-Elect Jennifer offered to assist with vendors. Please utilize Jennifer if tasks need to be delegated.

Committee Reports

Conference Committee:

Keynote:

- A discussion about possible keynote speakers occurred. Suggestions included;
 - ◆ Anthony Muhammad /Transforming School Culture, \$5,000 all inclusive.
 - ◆ Kirsten Olson/Wounded by School Recapturing the Joy of Learning, \$2,200 plus travel expenses.
 - ◆ Marilyn Appelbaum/Differentiation of Instruction, \$5,000 plus expenses.
 - ◆ David Walsh/Why Do They Act Way?
 - ◆ Tom Kidd/Eau Claire – only available on the 4th. Will do a break out for \$150.00.
 - ◆ Stew Robert Shaw – is going to be at NAREN
- A motion was approved to spend \$5000 to hire Anthony Muhammad as our keynote speaker for Thursday, March 4th.
- A discussion occurred about possible keynotes for Friday, March 5. Board was encouraged to work on looking for possible speakers.

Break out sessions: Kim reviewed the submitted proposals. Board members suggested possible breakouts. Board members are encouraged to get proposals for breakouts by October 15th.

Vendors: Kim would like to see more and different vendors. It would also be nice to have some kind of gimmick to encourage attendees to visit vendor booths. No WI FI for vendors - \$125 includes table and electricity.

Conference Gift: Randy shared information on samples of portfolios. Another suggestion made was t-shirts. **Approved:** A motion to purchase item of # 5971 portfolios for \$3300.00 was approved.

Brochures: Heidi mentioned that the company that is working with the website can also print our brochures. Heidi will check on costs. Kim and Heidi will work on getting the brochure together. The goal is to get brochure out by the end of October. Heidi will email a copy of final to Jennifer to proof. Heidi would like to have all board members email a number of copies that they will need to distribute to their regions.

Conference update on website: Heidi will be updating the site with current conference information.

Kim mentioned that The Holiday Inn would like us to commit to 2012. The board recommended that we wait to see how this year goes.

Political Action Committee:

No report

Membership Committee:

No report

Regional Reports:

Michelle Bahr reported Region 2 - Is having a meeting Oct. 7th in Merrill

Old Business:

- Website: The website is set up to be board – managed. A suggestion was made to pass on the responsibility of web management to the President-Elect. In the meantime Heidi will manage the current site. Thanks Heidi for all of the work on the website.
- To Dos: Jennifer needs to email Betsy past minutes. Marty will add Betsy to Google account to upload some files. Filing system needs to be set up – will be added to next agenda.
- Pass board members were invited to attend and some are interested. Hopefully they will attend.

New Business:

Board is looking for a board member to attend the National NAREN Conference. Is anyone interested in going? Jennifer and Randy may be interested in going. They will check with their districts and let Heidi know.

Heidi was wondering if it is appropriate to request the budget for NAREN in an effort to understand and be able to justify where our members' money is being spent.

Heidi would like to challenge board members to personally contact 5 people that might be potential members for Narenwich. Continue to draw awareness for the organization through conferences and presentations.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Next Meeting November 13, Wisconsin Dells, Wintergreen Resort