

## **NARENWICH Board of Directors Meeting**

*September 24, 2010*

*10:00 – 2:00*

*Stevens Point, WI Holiday Inn Conference Center*

### **Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Becky Gross, Heidi Thuli, Kim Hoffmann, Betsy Haltinner, Michelle Bahr, Marty Gholston, Sally Schultz, Randy Hughes, and Beth Lewis.

WELCOME BECKY GROSS – Becky introduced herself; currently working with the GEDO 2 program in Oconomowoc. Board members also introduced themselves.

### **Reports**

Secretary – Betsy read the minutes from the April 30, 2009 meeting. Minutes were approved without changes.

Treasurer – Marty shared the current financial situation. Our current total accounts balance is \$22,347.88. Treasurer's report was approved.

Past President – Sally shared the current board positions that will be open this year. The following offices are open Treasurer, Secretary, and President Elect. The region positions that are open are regions 1, 2, and 4. Interested people in running for these offices include; Marty for President-Elect, Betsy for Secretary, Betsy for Region 1, and Michelle Region 2.

Sally would also like to move the conference address to her home address to avoid some conference registration issues.

President – Heidi shared that she will be unable to attend the Annual NAREN Conference this year. According to policy the next person in line to attend is the President Elect – Jennifer. Heidi will inform her. Randy shared that there may not be a conference this year. Randy will call Tony for more information.

President-Elect – no report at this time.

DPI Liaison – Beth Lewis attended and shared information from Wisconsin DPI. Report attached.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Conference Committee

Keynote for 2011 Conference – Kim contacted Kirsten Olson and she is available and happy to present. There is a clause in the contract that would require us to buy 50 books in addition to her fee of \$3000.00 +plus expenses. A discussion occurred about whether

or not we should sign and secure her as the keynote. A motion was made to go ahead and secure Kirsten Olson. Motion passed.

#### Sectional Ideas and Proposals –

A discussion occurred about possible additional sectional speakers. Heidi asked all board members to try to secure at least 2 potential presentations for the conference. The call for presentations is available on our website. Please point people in that direction. Hope Survey – Heidi mentioned that the Hope Survey could be a possible break out.

We would like to attract new vendors. If you know any vendors that would be good assets to the conference please let Michelle Bahr.

Narenwich would like to invite elected officials to our conference. Heidi wants formal (pretty) invitations to this event. Michelle agreed to take this on. Michelle will contact Melissa to see if she would like to help with this effort.

#### Political Action Committee

Randy shared the letter that was created to address the funding alternative education. Heidi made a suggestion to focus more on Wisconsin first and then move to the national. Suggestions were made for improvements. A suggestion was also made to send the document to state newspapers. A discussion occurred about what are we asking elected officials to do. It was also suggested to somehow add a piece about NARENWICH and possible other alternative education organizations.

Randy also shared the progress on certifying agencies for the 952 license. The list is complete and will be available to members very soon.

Randy shared that he is currently sitting on the Legislative Committee and is working on establishing a possible position for our political action members on this committee.

Membership Committee – no report at this time.

Regional Reports – A discussion occurred about how to get information out to alternative education teachers that are alone in their districts. Suggestions were made to try to connect with some of these new programs and new teachers. Betsy will send Beth copies of our old brochure to send to new programs.

#### **Old Business**

Online Discussion Tool – Michelle shared information that she collected about social networking. Issues were shared concerning monitoring information that is posted and the ability to control it. There really is no way to control it other than posting a disclaimer. No action was recommended at this time.

#### **New Business**

September Newsletter Ideas – Conference keynote, conference information, election information, update on political support letter, information on the awards, introduction of Becky Gross – Region 6.

**Other**

Randy proposed that we begin offering small grants for programs. A discussion occurred about this possibility. This will be added as a November action item.

**Time for Committee Work & Other Tasks**

Next Meeting: Friday, November 12, 2010 – WI Dells

Meeting Adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Haltinner, Secretary