

WISCONSIN SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION  
Executive Committee Meeting  
September 25, 2009  
Sauk County Meeting Room 213

PRESENT: Dave Turk, Christy Duhr, Sherri Arnold, Dave Zeller, Kevin Loef, Julie VanDahm, Fran Snippen. Absent excused, Jaci Fuller and Holly Jackson.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Fran reported correspondence from Jaci Fuller clarifying status of previous correspondence from AAA and Milwaukee County. Dave Turk assured us they have been addressed. She is also still trying to locate the Honorary Life Pins, if there are any left from previous years. If not, we may need to order new supply. Julie VanDahm will check with Kathy Brown and get back to Jaci. Jaci also has sent magnets and thank you notes to the agency liaisons.

Several members of the executive committee received an e-mail from a Dana Spolarich regarding help she needs with some child welfare issues. Fran responded to her thanking her for visiting the WSSA website and informing her that our association was not the vehicle to address her issues.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Hearing no corrections Christy Duhr moved to accept, seconded by Julie VanDahm to approve, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sherri distributed copies of Executive Committee budget approved at July meeting and signed by Dave Turk, as well as current activities since last meeting. Conference planning budget was also presented. Conference Planning budget for the previous year showed a potential profit of \$2908.31. Kevin Loef moved to retain \$1500 in Conference Planning for coming year and return rest to checking. Christy Duhr seconded. Motion carried CD renewed itself at 1.9% and will be due again in March of 2010. Dave Zeller moved to accept treasurer report, seconded by Julie Van Dahm. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dave received a very nice thank you card from Maureen O'Shea who was the recipient of the Scholarship at last conference. AAA will be doing another mailing to all WSSA members.

REVIEW OF 2009/2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUDGET: This was covered in during treasurer report. All have copies of current approved budget. Sherri will e-mail the reports she provided today to Jaci Fuller and Holly Jackson.

CONFERENCE PLANNING/MID-YEAR there was time we diverted from printed agenda and had Conference planning report. Dave reported that conference will be at Chula Vista. Sherri Arnold and Sarah Christiansen, from Wood Co. Marshfield office will be co-chairs. Chula Vista is allowing a 25% discount to WSSA members who use the facilities from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 30, 2009. This will be included with the Update mailing. Mid-year conference is not included in this as that is already given to us at state rate. Conference Planning has already met twice as there is much to do in short time. Mid-year conference will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

The theme will be “Begin Your Journey” which will lead into May Conference, with a theme of “Survivor.” Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday morning December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. –1 p.m. Ethics and Boundaries is again expected to be provided but may be an updated version.

May Conference at Chula Vista will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
A draft of the budget for conference was provided.

**MEET WITH JUDY SPRING:** At this time Judy Spring, Council on Collaborative Initiative joined us to offer her services to our association in trying to guide us into the future. Her first challenge to us was to ask, “Why should I join WSSA?” She provided an Organizational Health Check Up to be used as a beginning in beginning discussion and as a tool to establish structure and to measure progress as we move along. She provided us with a brief overview of what her services would offer to us. After she left, we discussed the possibility of including a workshop at mid-year conference to begin the process. Kevin Loef made a motion, seconded by Christy Duhr, that we contract with her to provide services to facilitate this at a maximum of \$200.00 for the mid- year workshop. Conference planning will be given this direction.

**AUDITS:** South Central has not closed as yet so audits cannot be completed. Bullseye accounts information will need to be obtained from Denise Jeffers. Julie VanDahm indicated she would contact her. Kevin Loef said South Eastern in the process of changing banks. Christy moved and seconded by Julie VanDahm, that \$50.00 be allowed for audit costs. Motion carried.

**UPDATE:** Deadline for this upcoming issue is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, for printing by November 1, 2009. This should include a Presidents update, recap of Conference and Heads up on Awards. Sherri will also look into possibility of future Updates being sent by e-mail and included in Website.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Dave Zeller will put together an ammendment to address the issue of time the annual business meeting needs to be scheduled at conference to come in line with the shorter conference times. Dave Turk will review the mailing list for Mid Year conference to insure maximum participation at Judy Springs workshop. Mark Schmidt will be placed on the agenda for the December meeting and be invited to meet with us. Minutes of executive committee will be sent to Marjean Sutherland as soon as they have been approved, for inclusion on the website. Meeting dates previously agreed were reviewed and at this time there is not a need to add additional ones, May meeting will be the afternoon of May 25<sup>th</sup> before start of conference

Sherri Arnold moved to adjourn, seconded by Christy Duhr, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Snippen, Secretary