



FCSS BOARD MEETING

Friday, September 12, 2014

- Meeting called to order by Elisa Beachy at 7:08 p.m.
- Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes- Moved by Susie Fogarty and seconded by Randy Felton

EOC Review Report

- Randy Felton discussed the meeting that was held this summer with regard to cut scores for civics. The achievement levels were provided to everyone.

Treasury Report

- Given by Leslie Lee. A cash flow report was distributed.

Budget/Executive Director Report- Ralph Egolf

Activity-

- Joanne Wetzl instructed the council to break into groups to work on the things that we do well and then things we need to work on and solutions. Groups then reported out their ideas.
- **Things we do well:** conferences-well planned, good professional develop, good value, networking, variety, Endowment-opportunity for teachers outreach to pre-service teachers (we are larger than national) Awards- recognition of its members excellent award chairs, Professional looking website, base knowledge of its members, advocate for social studies, regional conferences
- **Things to improve upon:** membership-January meeting-every board member brings a membership form with them, try for conference; obstacles: finances waive fee for presenters or presenters are sponsored, cost of substitute or reduction in cost of registration for presenters; classroom teachers and members of FCSS and do two sessions; Conference-add more session for high school teachers, send conference matrix to membership and then board members can forward to at least

10 teachers with a personal invitation; Communicate to as many teachers as we can; Help district directors with multiple districts- training/mentoring district directors; Form committee (social media);

- **Areas of improvements/Solutions:** Redefining board meetings/utilize these meetings to be actively involved; Deadlines for district directors to accomplish tasks; FCSS-reinvent itself to grow membership redefine membership

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Conference Committee Report -Leslie Lee

- Session matrix is made and online. It will be changing and it will be a full schedule in the end.
- We have signed a contract with Embassy Suites for the next two years. There has been a change of dates for 2015. Leslie will send out the new date.
- We have a speaker for the conference- Rebecca Staton-Reinstein. She wrote a book on the founding fathers and the constitution convention.
- We need TOY and other awards to be sent in to Cherie Arnette.

Endowment Report & Baskets for Conference- Kris Scola

- Themes Kris has already, *Its 5 O'clock Somewhere*, *Mom I'm Bored*, *Snow Day in the South*, *FSU*, *Chopped Mystery*, *Wine Basket*, *Island Escape*, *Life's A Gas*, and *Teaching Global Peace and Human Rights*
- Kris needs people to man the baskets- sign up sheet went around.
- T-Shirts- new logo for Endowment- Superman t-shirt. Will be asking Endowment board to approve them.

Legislative Report- Cherie Arnette

- Cherie Arnette and Terry Davilla-Alexander attended the leadership conference through NCSS.
- What are our next goals in terms of legislation?

Website/Newsletter Update- Mark Quintana

- We have more visitors to our website.
- We have resources links on the web page
- Mark showed on the website where the archives for newsletters can be found under publications
- Please submit what is going on in your local councils.
- If you have a website for your local council, please forward the link to Mark Quintana.

FCSS Cares Committee Joanne Wetzel

- Committee is growing.
- They are compiling resources for teachers to access information about human rights.
- There will be a presentation on the Peace Corp in Nigeria at conference.
- The Committee is giving a basket for Endowment- Teaching Global Peace and Human Rights

New Business

- Discussion - New AP US History Exam _____, Kris Scola- Good bit of controversy about the new test. Should the board weigh in on the new AP test as an organization? John Burkowski believes that FCSS should take a position of support the new standards. John Burkowski and Deila Chacon will work on a position paper.
- Candidates for Board 2014: Cherie Arnette; District 5: open District 8: open; District 11: open; District 12 is open, District 13: Holly Ard, District 15: Mikeol Stroh, Private School at Large: Terry Davilla-Alexander. They will be installed at the banquet at conference. The open positions need to be appointed the President.
- Elisa Beachy is appointing Sabrina Gates McCarthy to the position High School-At-Large position. She will be installed in October 2014. She will have the position for three years.
- Kassie Erenstoft has been appointed by Elisa Beachy to fill the open District 9 position vacated by Robert McLauren. Supervisor at Large is now an open position.
- Candidates for Board 2015-Cherie Arnette- District 1: Robin Blalock, District 6 Erin Howe, District 7: Tina Stavrou-Klem, District 9: Kassie Erenstoft, District 11

is open, District 16: Lori Neubarth, District 17: Roberto Fernandez, District 18: John Burkowski, District 18: Jody Campbell or Tanya Hanson. There will have to be a vote between Jody Campbell and Tanya Hanson.

- The nominees will be installed at the 2015 conference.
- There will a revision of by-laws in November. It will be a lengthy process. Sabrina Gates McCarthy expressed her concerns over the by-law committee being made up of mostly former directors. She suggested that the committee should first meet at the conference. She volunteered to be on the committee.
- New Hotel Site for Meetings in 2015-Ralph Egolf- Staybridge Suites 7450 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, FL 32822 (407) 438-2121. Breakfast will be free. We don't have to pay for meeting rooms. The only charge to the council is \$35 for a clean up fee. We will have to fill up the rooms. The cost is \$99 for the night. There is a shuttle to the airport.

Announcements:

- Provide Cherie with an alternate for your position asap. Please contact Elisa Beachy if you are going to be absent.
- If you want to help with the publications or website.

Old Business

- Harvey E. Oyer III -. Discussion of book, *The Last Egret*

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Attendance for meeting- Friday and Saturday 9/12-9/13

EO-Holly Ard, Cherie Arnette, Aimee Ballans, Elisa Beachy, Robin Blalock, Connie Brown, John Burkowski, Maureen Carter, Delia Chacon (9/12), Terry Davila-Alexander, Ralph Egolf, Kassie Erenstoft, Mary Ellen Falvey, Randy Felton (9/12), Susie Fogarty, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Tim Girard, Tom Glaser, Tanya Hanson, Fran Holleran (9/13), Lori Jones, Scott Kaplan, Leslie Lee, Laureen Neubarth, Sharon Ortiz, Janie Phelps, Dr. Mark Quintana, Peggy Renihan, Ben Saxon, Kristine Scola, Tina Stavrou-Klem, Regina Stuck, Joanne Wetzel

Absent from Meeting- Chris Brown, Doug Dobson, Tom Girard, Fran Holleran, Syreeta Jackson Lee, Amanda Lafoe, Mikeol Stroh, Tiffany Taylor, Dr. Theron Trimble and Anthony Tyrkala