



Meeting called to order by Elisa Beachy at 7:11 p.m.

Approval of September Board Meeting Minutes- Moved by
Susie Fogarty and seconded by Scott Kaplan.

Conference Report

Anthony Traykala

- People liked the location for conference
- New format for pre-conference for three-hour sessions worked well
- Registration went well
- Exhibit room went well
- Theme-any ideas for them please email Anthony; Virginia suggested focusing on Florida-politically, economically, and socially, etc.
- We also need a keynote speaker- if you know someone, please let Anthony know.
- Program chair position is open. Anthony is planning on doing it again this year but we are looking to fill this position.
- 375 showed up for conference- 100 more than the previous year. We allowed people to come to pre-con without coming to the conference and we had half day conferences which appealed to people.
- Cherie made a motion to allow people to come to preconference and not register for the conference. Susie Fogarty seconded that motion. All voted in favor
- Susie Fogarty moved that those people only coming to preconference have a separate distinction ie badge/ticket. Sabrina Gates McCarthy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Endowment Report

Kris Scola

- Kris sent around the new brochure for the Endowment Fund.
- There were 8 baskets entered at conference. The year before we had 18 baskets. Kris is going to recommend that we not do the baskets again next year. She feels that they have run their course.
- Conference mentor session was a huge success. 29 students attended that session. CUFA was very helpful in getting students there.

- The most current mini grant was \$843 to Rachel Smith from Orange County. They are going to create unit plans for American History and Digital lessons. which they will aligned to EOC standards and the Marzano teacher evaluation framework. All lesson plans will be on FCSS website. They are going to establish a Google site with lesson plans. We funded for the substitutes for the teachers to get together to create these lessons.
- New project- Historical preservation project-wanted to get District Directors involved in funding projects in their regions. We are looking for local, not for profit museums, historical or heritage societies, galleries, institutions, archives, libraries, exhibits, etc. To apply, a portfolio needs to be created. The portfolios are due May 15, 2015, which is our next meeting date. The endowment board will choose the winners using a rubric on Saturday May 16. District Directors will inform the winners. They would like to present the award at general session with the District Directors and the winners.
- Mark proposed that we not give up the baskets at conference. We should look at the profits it brings in and determine whether it was worth it to continue despite the fact that we have fewer baskets.
- Kris pointed out we only made \$370 off the baskets.

Joanne Wetzel made a motion to make Ralph Egolf Director of Emeritus. Mark Quintana seconded it. All voted in favor.

EOC Testing Info

Randy Felton

- Randy will be retiring in a year. If anyone is interested, please apply.
- Cut scores for the civic assessment are up for a vote.
- The Civic assessment in May will count for a school grade.

State of Social Studies

Cherie Arnette

- Biggest discussion in the supervisors meeting was financial literacy. There is a bill to make it a separate course for high school. They also discussed assessments. The supervisors liked the new hotel.
- Cherie presented a chart of the current positions on the board. She is starting to get empty positions filled.

Budget

Leslie Lee/Ralph Egolf

- We made about the same at conference this year as last year.
- There were some new charges that we haven't had to pay in the past. We had to pay for the Internet and charges for the room.
- Once you back out the membership fee from the conference fee, we are putting on the conference for \$65 per person. The president of NCSS said that our conference was the best one.

- Our operating account balance is \$63,682.00.
- We have \$95,658.49 in our Endowment account.
- We have \$40,000 in reserves in case of an emergency for the conference.
- Management Reserve has \$16,625.70.
- We will have one less meeting this year to cut down on management expenses.
- Virginia pointed out that we have been floating money that is in reserves for the past several years. Leslie mentioned that we need to look for other ways to generate income. She proposed a grant writing committee to work on getting additional income.
- Ralph Egolf made a motion to adjourn to a committee as a whole to discuss the budget. Sabrina Gates-McCarthy seconded it.
- Discussion was held about amount budgeted for the website. We have to find a new vendor for our website.
- Ralph is recommending a budget of \$62,400 for this year. A discussion was had as to what ways we could save money.
- Proposal to change the budget: Endowment cut to \$1000 from \$1500
- NCSS Leadership Conference was cut to \$1000 from \$1500.
- Management reserve transfer is only \$5000.
- Terry proposed that we adjourn from the committee as a whole for the budget. Ralph Egolf seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

New Business

Appointments - Executive Director

Elisa Beachy

- Fran Holleran will be reappointed to Endowment Board and Joanne Wetzel will take Ralph Egolf's place. Tom Glaser and Virginia Parra would like to run for the open position the Endowment Board. We will take a vote tomorrow.
- Motion to appoint Leslie Lee as Executive Director made by Mark Quintana and seconded by Kris Scola. All voted in favor.
- Nomination for Vice President- Terry Alexander was nominated by Cherie Arnette. Dr. Theron Trimble nominated Sabrina Gates-McCarthy for Vice President. Elisa Beachy closed the nominations.
- Cherie Arnette proposed a decrease for the Dr. Terry Trimble award from \$500 to \$300. Dr. Theron Trimble proposed that we decrease the amount down to \$250 and then if they apply for the NCSS teacher of the year award and then they would receive an additional \$250.
- Motion was made (by Cherie) to decrease the Dr. Theron Trimble Award from \$500 to \$250 with the stipulation if they apply for the NCSS teacher of the year award they could receive an additional \$250. Seconded by Virginia Parra.
- New Award for civics?

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

SATURDAY - JANUARY 10, 2015

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

Old Business

Director Protocol

Elisa Beachy

- Please make sure that you make reservations by the due date that is emailed to you.
- Please make sure you let Cherie know whom your alternate is.
- Please get your Director bio to Mark for the newsletter. Please single-space it and one page or less in length.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting to return to the committee as a whole made by Elisa Beachy and seconded by Cherie Arnette.
- Proposal to eliminate \$100 for the Historian from the budget.
- Proposal to eliminate \$1500 for the Executive Board Retreat from the budget. We will do it virtually.
- Proposal to reduce the 2015 conference amount to \$11,600.
- We need to look for money outside our organization for funding for the website.

Motion to table the budget discussion to reconvene to the board meeting made by Joanne Wetzel and seconded by Sharon Ortiz

State of Website

Mark Quintana

- Elevations is an organization for non-profits that are able to subsidize the cost of redesigning the website. The maintenance would be on us with this company. The cost to use would be \$7000. The conference registration would not be available through them.
- Clark Solutions- \$30,000 for website and conference registration.
- Holly proposed using weebly. It costs \$25.00 a month.
- Blue Host was also suggested as a possibly.
- It was proposed that the discussion would be best left up to those who are working on the website and publications committee.

The meeting was broken out into the following committee groups:

1. Website and Publications
2. Human Rights
3. Legislative
4. Local Council Building
5. Internal Professional Development

Meeting was reconvened at 11:11.

Voting was held for the open position on the Endowment Board. The results of the election were to elect Virginia Parra for the position on the Endowment Board.

Total budget amounts to \$56,400.

Scott Kaplan moved to approve the budget as amended and Susie Fogarty seconded it. The Budget was approved.

Mark Quintana reported out the thoughts of the committee on the website. Committee will reconvene on 1/19 to discuss the website further.

Fran Holleran made a motion for support from the board for the publications committee to proceed with a redesign of the website for June within the approved budget. Susie Fogarty seconded it. It was approved.

Human Rights: The committee wants to put resources on the website. They suggested a theme for the conference for next year: One World All Human Ties to Florida.

Legislative: the committee talked about pending legislation.

Dr. Theron Trimble made a motion that the president is authorized to enter into a joint resolution with the Supervisors to endorse an extension of the implementation timeline for the financial literacy course on behalf of FCSS. Cherie Arnette seconded. The motion passed.

Local Council Building: Committee suggested contacting District Supervisors in those areas that don't have local councils to encourage them to help in developing them.

Internal Professional Development: The committee came up with a mission statement to advocate social studies education. Method is to provide board members with information that is accurate and timely. The board members would then disseminate that with their district. The committee

requests time in the next agenda. They will be meeting between the meetings to produce information.

Installation of new members by Susie Fogarty: Chris Spinale, Steve Masyada, Holly Ard and Laureen Neubarth.

The By-laws committee will be meeting briefly after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Attendance for meeting- Friday and Saturday 1/9-1/10

- Holly Ard, Cherie Arnette, Aimee Ballans, Elisa Beachy, John Burnkowski, Maureen Carter, Delia Chacon (1/9), Sally Day (1/9), Ralph Egolf, Kristine Frailing for Mary Beth Falvey, Randy Felton (1/9), Susie Fogarty, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Tim Girard, Tom Glaser, Tanya Hanson (1/10), Fran Holleran, Lori Jones, Scott Kaplan, Leslie Lee, Steve Masyada, Laureen Neubarth, Sharon Ortiz, Virginia Parra, Dr. Mark Quintana, Peggy Renihan, Erin Howe for Ben Saxon, Kristine Scola, Chris Spinale, Gerilyn Carey for Tina Stavrou-Klem, Mikeol Stroh, Regina Stuck, Dr. Theron Trimble, Anthony Tyrkala, Joanne Wetzel

Absent from Meeting- Robin Blalock, Connie Brown, Mark Daniels, Terry Davila-Alexander, Kassie Erensoft, Mary Beth Falvey, Syreeta Jackson Lee, Amanda Lafoe, Bex Saxon, Tina Stavrou-Klem and Tiffany Taylor

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

(PLEASE RESERVE THESE DATES TO AVOID SCHEDULING CONFLICTS)

May 15-16,2015-Staybridge Suites 7450 Augusta National Drive Orlando, FL 32822 (407-438-2121)

October 2-4,2015-FCSS 58th Annual State Conference, Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South,
Orlando, FL (after Exhibit Reception)