

FRYSCKy, Inc. Board Meeting
July 13, 2009
Louisville, KY

Members Presents: Brian Akers, Becky Atherton, Sandra Ballew-Barnes, Jill Blackman, Paula Clark, Teresa Combs, Michael Denney, Michelle Dunaway, Sarah Evans, Michael Flynn, Adrian Graham, Kathy Hall, Leslie Hall, Joan Howard, Kelly Jenkins, Doug Jones, Michael Jones, Tana Jones, Sherry Kelly, Betty Marshall, Mary Ann McKenzie, Sallye Pence, Graham Reynolds, Rebial Reynolds, Kay Roe, Tammy Stephens, Kathryn Turner, Arleta Watkins.

Members Absent: Leesa Stivers.

Welcome by President Tana Jones.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by President Tana Jones.

Introductions.

Opening prayer was offered by Tammy Stephens.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 2009 board meeting were presented to the board. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rebial Reynolds. Seconded by Kathy Hall. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Treasurer Sallye Pence presented the financial report to the board. She reported that as of June 30, 2009 a balance of \$ 29,121.13 in the checking account and a balance of \$76,213.03 in the certificate of deposit. Ms. Pence also reported total cash assets of \$ 105,334.16. A motion was made by Sandra Ballew-Barnes to accept the financial report. Betty Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sallye Pence also presented a biennium budget review from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009, as well as a proposed budget for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Rebial Reynolds made a motion to accept the budget review and proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Sarah Evans. Motion carried.

Membership Report: In the absence of Leesa Stivers, the membership report was submitted by Tana Jones. As of July 13, 2009, the Coalition has 134 members for the 2009/2010 year. The membership total for 2008/2009 was 669 paid members which is down from the previous year. Betty Marshall suggested asking people who aren't members why they have not joined. Rebial Reynolds suggested the public relations committee look at that issue.

DFRYSC Update: Michael Denney

- Mr. Denney reported that at this point Governor Beshear has indicated that everything is on the table, with a potential 2.6 % cut in budgets.
- Mr. Denney is pleased with the letter we sent to Governor Beshear regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force.
- Mr. Denney is continuing to look for ways to make the office more efficient. From this point forward, checks will go directly from the Treasurer's Office to the local school districts. Also, the Munis reports submitted to the Division will be electronic copies and will no longer require the Superintendent's signature. Furthermore, the Division has a new initiative to progress toward paperless submissions of forms. Mr. Denney is looking at the OATS System where each district will have a log-in #, etc. Some Regions will pilot this program by Christmas.
- All the "kinks" should be out of Infinite Campus by July 1, 2010, and this should eliminate the annual report. We should be able to track individual student progress and track group activities. There will be the capabilities to pull out any type of a report that we want.
- There is a new 5 million dollar grant in the department for behavioral health for early childhood mental health services.

KDE Update: Joan Howard reported the search for a new commissioner is down to the final four candidates all of whom are from out-of-state. She is glad to see that we got through May and June without another budget cut, but now in the new year we are looking at budget cuts again. She stressed that now is the time to talk to our legislators -- do not wait until January. Currently, KDE is without a secretary.

KY-ASAP: Betty Marshall asked board members if they are seeing the PSA's in our area. She indicated they will also appear in some movie theatres. There are PSA's available to local ASAP board that can be obtained from Mrs. Marshall.

Mini-Scholarship Presentation:

Sandra Ballew-Barnes attended the Southern Minority Leadership Conference where she attended several workshops. Some of the most memorable were a panel of triplets who were born into extreme poverty and are now all three attorneys, and another gentleman from prison settings discussed his rise to success.

Betty Marshall attended a Positive Discipline training in Seattle, Washington. She provided the board members with a hand-out overview of the characteristics of positive discipline.

Committee Meetings**Committee Reports:**

By-Laws Committee: Sherry Kelly gave the report for the by-laws committee. Due to the retirement of Sissy Cawood and the need to have more public policy officers, the by-laws committee proposed a change in Article V, Section 7 to read, “The two elected public policy officers plus two appointed board members, appointed by the committee chair, will work closely with the Division of FRYSC to disseminate information to membership regarding legislative issues of concern to Members of the Coalition. The immediate Past President will serve as chair of the public policy committee.” Sandra Ballew-Barnes made a motion to bring the suggested change before the full membership meeting on Wednesday. Motion seconded by Jill Blackman. Motion Carried.

Public Policy Committee and Public Relations Committee: Rebial Reynolds reported that these two committees will work closely together to monitor legislative issues and to stay in contact with Michael Denney in Frankfort. She indicated duties will become clearer as the session becomes closer. Brian Akers also reported that the committee will discuss strategies to increase membership. They will also be working on Legislative Page Days and the Legislative Reception.

Fundraising Committee: Sandra Ballew-Barnes presented T-Shirts that will be on sale for \$10.00 in the FRYSCy Store during the VOV and during Fall Institute. She also presented the polos that members ordered. Mrs. Ballew-Barnes suggested we put 5 T-Shirts in the silent auction bid; at Fall Institute we continue to have the 50/50 split, opportunities on a gas card and quilt. Kathy Hall made a motion that we put 5 Coalition T-Shirts in the VOV silent auction, offer the 50/50 split, and provide opportunities to win a gas card and quilt at Fall Institute. Seconded by Kelly Jenkins. Motion Carried.

Furthermore, after some discussion, Rebial Reynolds made a motion that the committee check into doing a second edition of the cookbook and possibly some on-line bidding on donated items. The motion was seconded by Kelly Jenkins. Motion carried.

Webpage/Newletter Committee: Sarah Evans reported the following:

Webpage

- **Webpage** will be updated by the end of September.
- Homepage – remove old links; add a welcome from the president.
- About us – add a regional map.
- Facts and Figures – link to state website and provide short explanation.
- Conferences/Trainings – remove all old information; list “coming soon, check back with dates and location.” Add application when available. Suggestions were to include photos and Bridges Over Barriers winners.
- Special Initiatives – DELETE
- Best Practices – DELETE
- Publications -- DELETE
- News/Media Center – current newsletters, minutes, and financial reports.
- Join Us – Include cost & benefits of membership; membership form; members listed and updated quarterly.

- Links – DFRYSC; organizations we financially support or have representation on such as KY-ASAP, After-school network, etc.
- Find Your Legislator – Leave as is.

Newsletters:

- **Newsletters:** 3 newsletters per school year; continue with letter from president.
- **Regional Entries** will highlight activities in the centers & communities.
Guidelines of submission: 1 page on Word file plus 2 – 3 pictures in jpeg.

September 28th Issue --- Deadline August 31st.

Responsible regions 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 East.

December 14th Issue --- Deadline November 16th.

Responsible Regions 2 Barren River, 4, 6 Heartland, 8, and 11 North.

May 10th Issue --- Deadline April 19th.

Responsible Regions: 2 Green River, 10 Fayette, 6 Lake Cumberland, 9, and 11 South.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Issues: Tana Jones reported on Legislative issues. She encouraged us to contact our legislators as often as possible. She presented a letter to and from Governor Beshear's Office, encouraging the selection of David Karem to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force. The board decided to decline participation in the 2010 Legislative Summit. Lastly, the board discussed possible dates for the Legislative Reception. Michael Jones will check on the availability of February 9th, February 16th, or February 23rd.

Kentucky Youth Advocates: Betty Marshall reported that on July 1, 2009 she participated in a conference call for Children's Advocacy Day. The call also included the future of Children's Advocacy Day and how to market it. They discussed having a training day during the week of October 5th as a "Step Up for Kids Day activity" being held in another area of Kentucky that can be tied in with supporting children to prepare for the day in February. Betty recommends we continue with this sponsorship for another year cycle to see how it goes and to continue the sponsorship at the base level. Doug Jones made a motion to continue sponsorship at base level for one year. Rebial Reynolds seconded. Motion Carried.

Fall Institute 2008: Michael Jones reported a profit of \$21,417.00 from the 2008 Fall Institute.

Fall Institute 2009: Michael Jones reported the need for workshop topics and proposals. We have 18 to 20 slots filled and we need about 40. The board also discussed conference prices. Rebial Reynolds made a motion to increase the conference price to \$200.00 with

Coalition membership, \$160.00 for paid members, and \$250.00 for non-members. Sallye Pence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dates: November 2, 3, & 4, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky.
November 10, 11, & 12, 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Above and Beyond Award:

The Above and Beyond Award Recipient for 2009 will be David Karem.

Bridges Over Barriers Awards:

Individual – Adrian Bambini from Hardin County.

Non-Profit – Meade County Public Library – Meade County.

For-Profit – Dundon’s Press LLC – Estill County.

Review of Contracts: After discussion, Rebial Reynolds made a motion to continue the contracts with Michael Jones. Mike Flynn seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Dates and Locations:

September 18, 2009	TBA	Morehead, Ky.
November 1, 2009	TBA	Louisville, Ky.
January or February 2010	TBA	Frankfort, Ky.
April 16, 2010	TBA	Lake Barkley, Ky.
July 2010	TBA	In Conjunction with VOV

November 3rd, 2009 – Full Membership Meeting at Fall Institute.

Closing Prayer was offered by Sherry Kelly.

Adjournment