

FRYSCKy, Inc.
Board Meeting
April 29, 2014
Frankfort, KY
Minutes

Members present: Brian Akers, Leslie Hall, Sherry Paul, Sallye Pence, Michael Flynn, Caprecia Sizemore, Doug Jones, Rebial Reynolds, Michelle Hansen, Linda Krutza, Graham Reynolds, Paula Hunter, Teresa Roberts, Rose-Linda Stafford, Teresa Combs, Tammy Stephens, Sharon Collins, Jill Blackman, Barbara Allen, Glenna Gerald, Christy VanDeventer, Michael Jones, and Joan Howard.

Sherry gave opening **prayer**. Brian welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their patience while waiting to enter the building and get settled. Introductions were made and special welcome given to Christy VanDeventer who is our newest board member. She will now be representing Region 6 Heartland.

The **minutes** from the February 26, 2014 were presented by Sallye. A motion was made by Rebial with a second by Sharon to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

The **Financial Report** was presented by Sherry. As of April 28, 2014 there was a cash balance of \$14,633.41. There are also various Certificates of Deposit that total \$1418, merchandise of \$1000, and long term assets of \$114 for total assets of \$51,001.63. The liabilities are accounts payable of \$10,548.68 with retained earnings of \$40,452.95. A copy of the report is on file. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Mike Flynn with a second by Leslie Hall. Motion passed.

The **Membership report** was given by Caprecia. We currently have 643 members. Caprecia said we really need to encourage everyone to join. Our membership is really LOW. In previous years our membership has been 700+. It sends a stronger message when we have more members.... A motion was made by Tammy with a second by Michelle to accept the membership report as presented. Motion passed.

DFRYSC – Heather was unable to attend the meeting and she did not provide a report to Brian or to Doug. It was reported that the free/reduced numbers still have not been released; they are being held in the cabinet budget office. Even the RPMs do not know what the numbers look like. Doug said at this point no one knows the date the budgets for FY2015 will be due. It will be a quick turnaround to get budgets completed once the figures are released.

The Race to the Top funds are coming soon. Info about applying and the budget will be due May 9th. This money is for the Born Learning Academies. It has also been reported that the director position will be filled in the future (no date given) by someone who is not from with-in. There was a lot a discussion about the direction of the program, communication, and the involvement of the Coalition. A suggestion was made to send

a letter from the Coalition to express our wishes for the coming new year, especially since the coordinators are voicing their stress and concern to the Regional Reps and RPMs.

The Governor's Office of Early Childhood is have a conference in Louisville June 15-17. It is being called the "ready kids conference".

KDE – Joan Howard said the Coalition was doing a wonder job. She said the reception we held this year was really good. Joan said she looks forward to being with us at any of our events! She said she now has 2 new programs in addition to FRYSC. She suggested we continue to look for ways to improve communication with our members and board and the Cabinet. Joan was thanked for her many years of service to us.

Public Policy report was given by Mike Flynn. He thanked the committee members for all the work they have been doing. He said there were many hours of meetings, calls, follow up calls, and trips to Frankfort. He asked Regional Reps to go back to their areas and ask all coordinators to follow up with thank you notes to the Legislators. These thank you notes should thank the legislators for the support. Also invite them to the summer programs you are doing in your center and the back to school events. Remember – do not send the thank you note on school or FRYSC letterhead. It needs to be from you personally. Make sure that new coordinators in your region know what they can and cannot do.

Public Policy committee will start meeting again in July to plan for next year. We will be doing lots of educating! A big thanks to Krista Campisano for her work heading up the legislative page days. We had more students serving as pages this year than we have had in the past. She worked very hard doing it – and it is a big job, especially since she had not done it in the past.

Newsletter – The next edition will be coming out soon. Will send it out electronically. The schedule for articles and regions responsible was given out. Topics for Issue #1 newsletter will be Back to School, summer programs, and Transition Programs. The regions responsible are: 1, 2-BR, 2- GR, 8 and 11-N. Issue #2 the Winter newsletter will focus on Fall institute, Family Activities, Community Service Programs and student groups. Articles are due to Michael Jones by January 16, 2015 with a release date in February 2015. Regions responsible are 3, 6-LC, 9, 10-F, 11-S. Issue #3 will be the Spring edition. It will focus on special volunteers (individual, groups, business, non-profit) and Legislative Pages. Articles are due by April 17, 2015 with a release date in May 2015. Regions responsible are 4, 5, 6-H, 7 and 10-E.

The **website** needs updated photos of officers and regional reps. Those photos will be taken at the July meeting. As a reminder – EVEN number regions are up for election this spring for Regional Reps. Make sure the elections are held prior to July 1st. Send the names of the elected Reps and alternates to Brian.

The **Facebook page** continues to gain members. Please contribute information about your program on the FB page. Everyone agreed that they like the posts that Michael Jones is putting on there on a regular basis.

The **Nominating Committee** members, Graham Reynolds and Mike Flynn, make the following recommendations for officers for the next 2 years. The slate is:

- President: Brian Akers
- President Elect: Leslie Hall
- Vice President: Teresa Combs
- Secretary: Sallye Pence
- Treasurer: Sherry Paul
- Membership: Caprecia Sizemore
- Public Policy: Doug Jones, Rebial Reynolds. Mike Flynn will continue in role of Past President and Chair
- Historian: Sandra Ballew-Barnes

A motion came from the committee to approve the slate of officers as presented to take office on July 1, 2014. Barbara seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

The Fall Institute Planning Committee is meeting. They are planning training tracks. Stickers will be used at this conference just like at VOV. The committee will be soliciting workshop topics and speakers. If you know anyone please send your suggestions to Brian or Michael Jones. Fall Institute will be at the Louisville Galt House November 10-12, 2014. There will be a board meeting on November 9th. Dinner will be provided at this meeting. The theme will be the same as this year's Legislative Reception, "*We know your plate is full....*"

The next board meeting will be July 6th at 6 pm. Victory Over Violence (VOV) conference is at the downtown Louisville Marriott Hotel July 7-8, 2014. Silent Auction Items are needed. Each Regional Rep is expected to bring one item worth \$75 or more and another item worth \$50. The RPMs are in charge of securing door prizes for this conference.

We still have **tumblers**. We will give them as speaker gifts at Fall Institute and have them for sale in the Auction room for VOV.

New Business

Michael is working on a place and dates for Fall Institute 2015. He has an offer from Lexington Convention Center for November 10-13, 2015. This is a Tuesday – Thursday. Rooms will be \$120 per night with a guarantee of 700 room nights in order to get the meeting space provided. There was some discussion about the dates falling over Veteran's Day. A motion was made by Rebial to give Michael Jones permission to accept the best offer after seeing what other locations could offer with comparable dates. Sharon seconded. Motion passed.

An update was given that a personal matter involving Michael Jones has been resolved in his favor.

Rebial made a motion to adjourn. Second by Tammy. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Sallye Pence