FRYSCKy, Inc. Board Meeting February 17, 2016 Frankfort, KY Minutes

Members present: Brian Akers, Leslie Hall, Paula Hunter, Sherry Paul, Sallye Pence, Mike Flynn, Caprecia Sizemore, Doug Jones, Sandra Ballew-Barnes, Michelle Hansen, Linda Krutza, Starla Cravens, Krista Campisano, Graham Reynolds, Scott Turner, Rose Linda Stafford, Priscilla Schwartz, Tammy Stephens, Sharon Collins, TC Johnson, Machelle Durham, Mary Ann Jennings, Michael Jones, Melissa Goins, Morgan Lovitt.

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 am with a prayer was given by Brian. It was announced that 52 legislators attended the reception the evening before.

The minutes were presented by Sallye Pence. Graham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Tammy. Motion passed.

Financial report was presented by Sherry. The report states that as of February 13, 2016 we have the following:

Cash \$67,488.52 \$ 5,044.62 CD6826 CD6862 \$ 5,158.25 CD8925 \$10,638.19 CD2850 \$25,000.00 CD6302 519.51 \$ 7,547.09 CD5863 Accounts Receivable \$14,295.00 Long Term Assets \$ 4,063.00 **Total Assets** \$142,474.18

Accounts Payable \$19,000.00 Temporary Restricted \$3,330.03

Retained Earnings \$120,144.15

Total Liabilities/Net Assets \$142,474.18

She said if there were questions about it to ask Michael Jones. Motion to accept the report as presented made by Paula with Sharon as a second. Motion passed.

Sherry Paul offered copy of the FRYSCKy check register for anyone who wanted to review it.

Caprecia gave the membership report. She said that as of February 15, 2016 there are 750 members. She said that region 10East has 100% membership.

DFRYSC Report: Melissa Goins said that she and Brian met with Deputy Secretary Tim Feely. He has just started his job but was familiar with FRYSCs and asked good questions. She said the new cabinet Secretary has a background in health and planned to hire to deputy secretaries; one is Tim Feely. She has meeting with Education Commissioner Pruitt on Monday, February 22, 2016. She said he has heard our voices. A meeting with him had been requested but was not scheduled until after all our phone calls to his office. He has looked into who we are after all the calls. Commissioner Pruitt is going to hold 11 town hall meetings across the state and would like FRYSC to help get people there. Dates to be released soon. Melissa encouraged us to get people to attend these meetings. The current focus is the budget. The Cabinet Secretary is presenting to the budget committee on 2/18 and Melissa will be going. The timeline for current cuts was discussed. She said that no executive order has been made and the Commissioner will be the one to make cuts. No one has an answer about when or if the cuts will be made this year.

KDE report: Community Ed will have director Training April 20 - 21. 21^{st} Century grants will be announced in March. On June 3^{rd} the Commissioner will have a Parent Advisory meeting. Answers to budget questions will come for the commissioner and the finance director.

Children's Health Pact: Mike Flynn did not have a new report.

KY-ASAP: Report by Paula Hunter. HB 299 is being introduced to restrict vapor products being purchased by anyone under age 21. There are several other bills and issues that they are working on with legislators but nothing has passed yet.

Public Policy: Mike Flynn reported that they have been attending lots of meetings with legislators and committee meetings. The call to actions need to happen because other things we are doing might not work this year. We need to make sure the messages we send are clear. He reminded everyone that things "turn quickly" and we need to be prepared to act quickly. The budget is currently in the House and we look good but will need calls when it goes to the Senate. He said that Facebook and email need to be secondary to phone calls. The priority must be the phone calls. The Rally at the Capital is March 10th. Right now there are 170 adults and 175 students registered. Please come to this 25th anniversary celebration rally! Legislative reception went well. Number of legislators attending was down a little. The late session start may have affected our attendance. Please send a thank you note if your legislators attended.

Doug Jones reported on the FRYSC survey. He said there were over 25,000 responses. 95.76% said they supported sustaining or increasing funding for FRYSC. He said we need to get a hashtag so we can "trend".

National Educators Tour: Doug Jones said that Dr. Hornback, Southern Educators Association, and Communities in Schools came for another visit. They had a film crew and filmed in Lexington. They asked questions about sustaining for 25 years.

They interviewed Representative Rocky Adkins and Senator Jones, the minority leader of Senate. Rocky told they group that legislators are in our schools and know us. Maryland is now introducing legislation to create a program like ours. The report was created into a book which was given out last night at the reception to legislators. The Governor and Cabinet Secretary will also be given the book.

Legislative Page report made by Krista. There will be at least 151 student pages this year. Possibly 2 more to be added. She is asking for list from Regional Reps of who has been turned in to her. Legislators are looking forward to having a FRYSCKy Legislative Page. She said she still has a problem with students showing up who have not been set up by her. She asked that information about dates and regions not be posted on FB. She reminded Regional Reps that they need to check and double check the information on the application to ensure it is correct. She thanked everyone for the work they have done, especially Mary Ann. Everyone thanked Krista for all her work on this project.

Leslie reported that the newsletters are coming out soon. Thanks for sending in articles. The website is also up to date. Please remind coordinators in your regions to send articles to Michael Jones with the subject line "newsletter".

Sherry wants to form a committee to look at the process and guidelines for minigrants. Sharon, Michelle, Rose Linda, Tammy and Sandra volunteered to serve on the committee.

A question was raised about membership. If someone leaves does the membership transfer to the new coordinator? After discussion it was decided to have the sustainability committee look at the policy and by-laws to make any recommendations for changes. They will bring suggestions to the April board meeting.

A thank you letter from Joan Howard was read and distributed. She was greatly appreciative of the Above and Beyond Award that she received at Fall Institute. It was good to see her at the Legislative Reception also.

Name badges will be ordered for board members in July after elections have taken place.

Mini-grant. A mini-grant was awarded to Mike Flynn after approval by the Executive Board. Mike gave a report of the conference he attended. He went to the Youth Leadership Conference in Washington DC with a group do students. He attended sessions designed for the adult leaders while students attended sessions for their age groups. He came back with ideas for great programs. One idea was Remind 101. He has a word of the week set by student council. The word is sent out on Remind 101 in a text message. Students are asked to use the word in conversations. Parents are also signing up to get the word of the week. The words are chosen from the ACT practice books. He also went to a session on culture and climate at school. He is going to use some of the ideas from this session at his school. One idea is to do short celebrations during 1st period of life events for

teachers – such as having student council members give a newly engaged teacher a "ring pop". He was thankful for the mini-grant which allowed him to attend this conference.

2016 Fall Institute: It will be October 24-26 in Louisville. They are working on presenters for the conference. A committee has been formed with members from across the state. Leslie will send out a list of committee members.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee will work to select a slate of officers for the next 2 years. Committee is chaired by Graham Reynolds with TC, Sandra, and Leslie on the committee.

Next meeting: our next meeting will be April 15, 2016 in Bowling Green at the Community Education Center. It is at 1227 Westen Street near the Hobby Lobby. Michael Jones will work on rooms. The meeting will start at 10:00 am Bowling Green time.

It is time for elections for regional reps who are in even numbered districts. That will be Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. New Regional Reps will take office July 1, 2016.

There will be a Coalition meeting on July 17th at the Hyatt in Lexington prior to victory over Violence conference.

The Legislative Reception was discussed. It was decided that a "tips" sheet needs to be created to send to coordinators prior to the reception. We need to remember that the legislators are our invited guests. The food is mostly for them – not us!

Motion to adjourn was made. Graham provided a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sallye Pence, Secretary