

**South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2015**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Jeff Thordahl's office**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Those members present were: Margaret Anne Gaffney, Cindy Walton-McCawley, Tricia Sheldon, and Nancy Pryor, Carolyn Watt, Ed Brashier. Participating by conference call: Michelle Salcedo, Nan Rikard and Marsha Davis. Also present was lobbyist, Jeff Thordahl. Present from the staff was Jamie Mansperger.

President Walton-McCawley called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** There was a motion to accept the November 11, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

**Financial Report:** The financials as of December 31, 2014 were presented. The Balance Sheet for December 2014, reports the month end checking account balance of **\$11,923.78**. The current bank account balance as of January 15, 2015 is **\$12,301.05**. There was a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

The Fall Conference had 54 pre-registered attendees, two sponsors and four exhibitors. The Fall Conference should produce a small net profit, estimated at about **\$1,704.96**.

**Presidents Update:** After a brief review of the meeting between Walton-McCawley, Sheldon and Thordahl, a motion was made that Thordahl will provide a monthly report of the meetings, phone calls, and actions he has taken to move SCAECE's legislative agenda forward. In addition, he will provide a monthly update of bills that could affect licensed child care centers that have been pre-filed, filed, are in sub-committee, are coming up for discussion, are moving up and forward or have been defeated. All of this information will be shared with all member centers in an email blast, included in the next month's agenda meeting packets and added to the website, with a note to join. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition. It was suggested that email addresses of the Greenville and Anderson Child Care Association's email addresses eventually be added to this email distribution list.

Salcedo suggested that a document is created to explain the current benefits of being a member of SCAECE. Mansperger will re-type the outdated benefits document as a draft and forward to Walton-McCawley.

**Legislative Update:** Thordahl reviewed status of Brian White, and other current bills. He stated that sub-committees would be announced soon. He asked which members would participate in the House and Senate members' offices on January 20<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>. Sheldon, Walton-McCawley, Salcedo and Rikard stated that they would attend. (First floor of the Blatt building, 1:15 pm till 4:00).

Talking points:

- The 4 hour loophole and
- the summer camp stacking of three week sessions loophole,
- therefore lack of trained staff, no State oversight and no ratio requirements

Rikard stated that she would plan a sit-down with Rita Alison regarding the summer camps Senate bill 191.

There was discussion that the bill needs to be presented with an “attention getter” such as a photo of children, logo, letterhead, etc. Walton-McCawley and Sheldon will draft.

**Conference Report:** Walton-McCawley asked for volunteers that would serve as proctors during the annual conference. Salcedo stated that she could provide five proctors.

Walton-McCawley asked Thordahl if he would address the attendees during the two lunches, 11:45 and 12:45 and he confirmed that he would be available.

Walton-McCawley stated that Adlerian will provide registration assistance and that there will be a designated line for substitutes.

Rikard and Hoover will assist the vendors.

Mansperger will send the potential vendor list to Brashier and Rikard.

Walton-McCawley stated the keynote would get a complimentary exhibitors table. She stated that there would be door prizes given at this year’s conference. She reviewed the Medallion Center’s room grids.

**Management Report:** The winter newsletter draft has been sent to the board.

**Membership Report:** A spreadsheet was included in the meeting packet including 2013 un-renewed for 2015, 2014 un-renewed for 2015 and 2015 paid.

**New Business:** The board requested that the board meeting minutes, henceforth, be prepared and sent within 2-3 days of the board meeting to the entire board, without prior review and approval.

It was decided that board meetings will continue to meet on Tuesday.

SCAECE board has again been invited to the SC Lady Gamecocks Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health and Fitness game scheduled for February 15. Pryor, Sheldon and Nix attended this same event last year.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12: 00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Mansperger