

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2014
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, September 23, 2014. Those members present were: Cindy Walton-McCawley, Tami Nix, Nancy Pryor, Margaret Ann Gaffney and Margaret Palmer. Participating by conference call were: Sheila King, Marsha Davis and Lesly Crick. Also present was Jeff Thordahl. Present from the staff was Courtney Waldrup.

President Walton-McCawley called the meeting to order and Pryor opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the July 29, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Financial Report: Nix presented the financials as of August 31, 2014. The Balance Sheet for the month end Checking Account is **\$16,584.06**. The current bank account balance as of September 23, 2014 was **\$15,942.24**. Nix reported she would provide the net gain for the fiscal year end at the next meeting. There was a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Presidents Update: Walton-McCawley welcomed Palmer upon arrival. There was a motion to approve Palmer to the board. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition. There was a motion to appoint Nancy Pryor as the Historian to the board. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition. Walton-McCawley reported Sheldon had pursued Bolin regarding scholarships for the Conference. She reported 400 scholarships would be provided at \$60 each and ABC agreed to sponsor the Keynote speaker in the amount of \$2500. Walton-McCawley reported scholarships would be issued on first come first serve. She also reported that all scholarship recipients would be required to complete a registration as well. Walton-McCawley asked board members to volunteer for open committee chairs. There were no volunteers.

Management Report: Waldrup reported the Fall Leadership registration has been emailed to all members. Waldrup reported first and second membership invoices had been mailed. Waldrup was asked to follow up with any unpaid member by email and by phone.

Legislative Update: Thordahl joined the meeting to provide the Legislative Update. Thordahl reported the moving pieces in leadership would require us to start over. Thordahl reported a lunch had been setup with Brian White in two weeks at which time they will reaffirm his commitment to the bill. There was a discussion on the focus of front line abuse and neglect and that DSS will receive additional funding. There was a discussion on the Joint Committee on Children that Erickson serves on. Thordahl indicated this may be a new vehicle to have this committee understand the issues and take this to the general assembly. Members who serve on the committee were named to include: Mia McLeod, Brad Hutto and Darrell Jackson. Thordahl was asked if the original bill H3532 would be reintroduced. Thordahl reported the general consensus of the SCAECE Board at the July meeting was to reintroduce bill H3532 and asked if the board wanted him to proceed in this direction. There was a motion to amend the current bill to add a section to have DSS change the renewal of centers already licensed for licensing to every three years from every two years. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The motion passed without any opposition. It was reported the unannounced visits was reduced to once a year in Bill H4665.

Thordahl provided a copy of the original bill and amendments. Waldrup was asked to scan and distribute.

Walton-McCawley reported Sheldon and Brashier were currently serving on the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Promotional Regulatory. Walton-McCawley stated she was comfortable receiving emails regarding DSS regulations that she would report to Sheldon & Brashier to empower them forward. Waldrup was asked to find out from Sheldon when the Advisory Committee Meetings were for board or other members to attend.

Fall Leadership Conference: Nix reported the Fall Leadership conference would take place on November 8th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Nix reported the Keynote Speaker would be Greg Mayo and he would be presenting on Motivational Leadership. Nix reported this would be unlike any training SCAECE has produced before and encouraged everyone to send their upper management, directors or assistant directors. Nix reported there were limited spots available and asked everyone to register soon. There was a discussion and it was decided the board members would provide bottle water and granola bars for the meeting.

Conference Committee: Walton-McCawley reported the Conference would take place on February 7, 2015 and had been approved by CCCCD. A discussion on the ABC session followed. Walton-McCawley reported that ABC was aware they needed to revamp the standards, but advised they would be more difficult once revamped. Walton-McCawley reported they were working on a Best Practices by age and indicated that now was the opportunity to provide input. Walton-McCawley advised board members to be in contact with whoever heads up their region in regards to these changes.

New Business:

Committees: Palmer indicated she was interested in serving on the Regulatory Committee.

Board Meetings: Walton-McCawley discussed the idea of inviting Rabbi Meyer to the next board meeting. All board members were in favor of her extending the invitation.

Newsletter: Waldrup reported the old newsletters had been removed from the website because they were outdated and requested permission to create a newsletter. The board members were in favor of this and asked Waldrup to proceed.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Waldrup