

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2014
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Those members present were: Cindy Walton-McCawley, Tricia Sheldon, and Nancy Pryor. Participating by conference call were: Sheila King, 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 October 14, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Financial Report: The financials as of October 31, 2014 were presented. The Balance Sheet for October 2014, reports the month end checking account balance of **\$21,591.99**. The current bank account balance as of November 10, 2014 is **\$16,464.63**. 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 **\$500-\$750**.

A final financial report will be provided with the November financial statement.

Presidents Update: Walton-McCawley stated the next newsletter release is aiming for January, 2015. She reminded the board if they had copy they would like to include, to email it to Mansperger.

She asked that since the February, 2015 conference has registered been with DSS that the registration brochure goes out via email and hard copy.

Walton-McCawley asked Mansperger to add the updated Bill H3532 to the January newsletter.

She asked those present to email the board the information they are gathering from meetings/public hearings (of what is being discussed around the State).

Walton-McCawley asked for suggestions of any changes in verbiage on Bill H3532; discussion ensued. Thordahl stated he could make the minor changes and resend updated version.

A motion was made that the SCAECE legislative committee draft and examine a position letter to the Governor's Advisory Committee (DSS and Advisory Board) regarding the following topics: SCAECE supports banishment of corporal punishment and request to freeze ratios at current levels (don't reduce). The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Sheldon suggested a sit-down with DSS attorneys to confirm that the language in the letter is correct; that the attorneys interpret SCAECE's intent.

Legislative Update: Thordahl had previously distributed, via email, the document titled: *Dates and action we have to be attuned to for the reintroduction of H3532*, and a copy of the Bill 3532. Thordahl reviewed the Bill and discussion ensued to tweak the wording a bit.

Thordahl suggested that each board member visit two House and Senate members' offices on January 20th and January 27th. It was also suggested that a save-the-date card email out for this assignment. Mansperger will create a draft and send to Walton-McCawley for review.

Management Report: The January newsletter is in the process of being developed. This is a reminder that Brashier and Sheldon indicated that they would provide content for the newsletter.

Membership Report: SCAECE new member, *HOPE Academy*, Columbia, Mara Dunkin.

Walton-McCawley presented Sheldon with the president's plaque thanking her for dedicated service to the SCAECE from 2011-2014.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Mansperger