

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2016
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Haynesworth Sinkler and Boyd
22nd Floor Conference Room 4

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Friday, October 14, 2016. Those members present were: Amber Bishop, Tami Nix, Nancy Pryor, Ed Brashier, Tammy Compton, Cindy Walton-McCawley, Tricia Sheldon and Carolyn Watt. Participating via conference call was: Mara Dunkin. Present from the staff were Courtney Waldrup and Lynsey Cichon.

Call to Order: President Amber Bishop called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

Approval Minutes of July 2016 Meeting: There was a motion to accept the July 2016 board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Financial Report: Waldrup reviewed financials, starting with the assets of the association. Waldrup stated the **August 2016** Balance Sheet reports a month end checking account balance of **\$7,448.78**. The current bank account balance as of October 12, 2016 is **\$5,603.05**. The last checks that were written were for the lobbyist, management fee, Medallion Center deposit for the Annual Conference and the deposit for the Annual Conference keynote speaker.

Budget for 2016-2017: It was reviewed that there was \$11,660 budgeted for board member contributions for 2016-2017 budget. La Petite, at this time will be paying a dues amount of \$925.

Vice President Vacancy: Mara Dunkin and the board decided it best if Dunkin remained as Vice President.

Legislative Report: Tricia Sheldon reported that the regulations are currently being reviewed by DSS and a noticed was published in the register. All of the regulation changes that were recommended have not been sent to the administrative law. The next step will be for the review by DSS to be released and see how many meetings will follow; DSS will have to go through changes - regulation by regulation. After the review Sheldon stated that there will be an open comment session to attend. Jeff Thordahl reported that we are closer than ever with the bill. The ratio number will remain the same in the regulations. If this ratio remains the same, this could be something that SCAECE turns into a tangible statistic to show potential members that SCAECE is an association that has benefited from their lobbying efforts and investment. There was expressed concern about how much longer the house bill 3767 will take to get passed. The board and Thordahl discussed a change in their approach to their lobbying efforts. There was discussion of the Georgia, North Carolina and Florida child care models. In Georgia and Florida there are quality standards and tests to see if programs (centers) are able to stay open. The North Carolina model does a grading of teachers and students and is believed to be well-rounded in their assessment. There was a motion for the board to change their lobbying approach and, “focus efforts to re-introduce the house bill 3767 and start exploring universal program for public and private world.” Discussion followed. The motion was changed to, “re-introduce house bill 3767 and start research and explore the public and the private partnership.” The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Tami Nix and Thordahl are currently trying to set up a meeting with Murrell Smith to go over the fiscal impact study.

Conference Update: The Annual Conference announcement to vendors has gone out twice. Bishop reported that she has been working with Cichon on the conference grid to send to CCCCDC for approval. Board members will send out the vendor registration to anyone that they know may want to be a vendor. Management said, on the next announcement to vendors, they would state that the only opportunity to be a vendor/sponsor with SCAECE will be at the Annual Conference this year since there will not be a Fall Leadership Conference. Vickie Hoover has agreed to participate on the Conference Committee to assist with vendors/exhibitors and hospitality. The Medallion Center and keynote, Bill Corbett contracts have been signed.

Re-Establish Committees: Nix said that she will be the marketing chair for marketing committee and handle the Facebook page and the SCAECE website. Bishop, Ed Brashier, and Tammy Compton said that they will begin going after smaller centers to build membership.

Newsletter: No report was given.

Management Report: Waldrup went over the management report and stated that both dues notices have gone out.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynsey Cichon & Courtney Waldrup