

**WEAFCS Executive Board Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2008
Wisline 11:00 A.M.- Noon**

I Call meeting to Order

Time: 11:00 am

II Appoint Parliamentarian

Kathy Metzenbauer volunteered to serve as Parliamentarian.

III Roll Call was taken by Teri Zuege-Halvorsen with twelve members present. Present: Mary Novak, Kathy Metzenbauer, Bev Doll, Cyndy Jacoby, Luane Meyer, Ruth Schriefer, Jennifer Caravella, Gail Peavey, Pat Rychter, Donna Peterson, Marilyn Kooiker, and Teri Zuege-Halvorsen. Excused: Molly Spaulding, Nancy Crevier and Jane Jensen. State Family Living Program Director, Laurie Boyce was also excused. Absent: Judy Knudsen.

IV Review Agenda – The following items were added to the agenda under New Business:

- Discuss increasing monetary amounts for state awards
- Information on PILD

V Minutes of the June 23rd, 2008 Meeting

Motion to accept minutes was made by Marilyn Kookier, seconded by Pat Rychter. Motion carried.

Jennifer Caravella & Bev Doll volunteered to review the minutes from today.

VI Correspondence - None at this time.

VII Treasurer's Report – Bev Doll

WEAFCS TREASURE'S REPORT- October 2008

Received from Port Wash State Bank \$6653.56

Opened Checking (Heartland Credit Union) - \$500.00 (6/08)

Opened Savings (Heartland Credit Union) - \$6153.56 (6/08)

Received from Port Wash State Bank \$14,471.03

Organizational Checking **\$154.41**

Expenses (Heartland CU)

Check #1000 - \$5.59 to Fond Du Lac UW - Extension (Photos – JCEP display) 8/08

Check #1001 - \$250.00 to Mary Norak (Galaxy Conference) 9/08

Check #1002 - \$250.00 to Linda Olson (NEAFCS Voting Delegate) 10/08

Check #1003 - \$250.00 to Karen Dickrell (NEAFCS Voting Delegate) 10/08

Deposits

Opening balance - \$500.00 (6/5/08)
 Transfer from savings - \$300.00 (10/2/08)
 Deposit – Membership Dues (Cutts ‘09) - \$110.00 (10/2/08)

Interest bearing Savings.....\$20,626.78

Opening balance – (PWSB- 6/5/08)..... \$6,153.56
 Interest – (6/30/08)..... \$2.19
 Deposit – (PWSB - 7/7/08).....\$14,471.03

Certificates of Deposit (Port Wash State Bank)

Matures 10/23/08.....\$2535.45

Total Assets.....\$23,316.64

VIII Committee & Officer Reports

A Awards & Recognition – Cyndy Jacoby, Luane Meyer:

The team of Kristin Bruder, Joan Sprain, Lori Zierl, and Dianne Weber received a 1st place award on their entry, Are You Ready? College Transition at the Galaxy III Conference in September. Press releases were sent to each educator to be used with their local media sources. An article was submitted to the Communiqué with information on the national recognition, Central Region NEAFCS winners, web sites where members can find information on preparing award applications, and encouraging members to apply for Distinguished Service and Continued Excellence awards along with the names of recent recipients. Updates on award information for the website has been submitted.

Karen Joos attended the committee meeting at Galaxy and brought back suggestions from the national level. These suggestions and reminders will be included in any promotional articles for award applications to insure that applications are submitted according to the guidelines.

A wisline will be scheduled for November or December 2008 to move forward with the 2009 award application process. There has been a suggestion to consider raising the monetary award for recipients. We would like to ask the board for thoughts on this suggestion.

B Member Resources – Ruth Schriefer:

The Member Resources Committee met via WisLine on October 7. The membership types/dues by-law change passed so we now have a category for associate members. We also reviewed the WEAFCs Guidelines for the Member Resources Committee and will be continuing the discussion on the “computerized biographical sketches” that are supposed to accompany the dues forms. We had an overview of the NEAFCS Member Resources sub-committees and how the Wisconsin members can contribute to those committees. Look for upcoming Communiqué articles regarding National Committee opportunities and new and renewal memberships. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3 via WisLine.

C Professional Development – Teri Zuege-Halvorsen:

The Professional Development Committee met by wisline September 25, 2008. The committee reviewed the goals and has decided to update them. The final version of the goals will be reported on at the next meeting. The group is in process of working with Laurie Boyce and Liz DeVos to have current professional development opportunities (state and national) posted on the Professional Development section of the Family Living website. The group would also like to link it with the WEAFCs website for easier access. The committee is looking at options regarding book reviews at the district level and use of a professional development log that will be made available to colleagues. More information will be available after the next meeting. Updates were provided to the committee about 1) JCEP planning 2) professional development meeting at Galaxy conference. The JCEP Conference will be held March 31 – April 2, in Madison, WI at the Sheraton Hotel. Also, the next 2009 NEAFCS Conference will be held September 15 - 18 in Birmingham, AL. This will be NEAFCS 75th Anniversary Celebration.

D Public Policy Education – Jennifer Caravella, Gail Peavey:

Currently, Jennifer Caravella and Gail Peavey are co-chairs of the WEAFCs Public Policy Committee. The most recent public policy sponsored event was a wisline held on September 25, 2008 at which Rosemary Potter from UW-Extension's Government Relations office spoke. This wisline was very well received with 22 individuals actively participating and another five who requested a copy of the wisline. Both participants and Ms. Potter requested that we have another similar wisline later in the year. The committee will arrange for this.

The next public policy committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday Nov. 20, 2008, at which time future committee wislines and events will be planned.

E Vice President/Editor – Molly Spaulding: No report as Molly is on leave.

Nancy Crevier volunteered to have the Marinette support staff put the Communiqué together.

Please send your Communiqué Newsletter Articles by Wed. Oct. 15 to:

Jennifer Madden

Her address is jmadden@marinettecounty.com

Thank you Jennifer and to Nancy Crevier for helping to make these arrangements.

F Historian – Jane Jensen: No report

G District Concerns –

Pat Rychter (C) None to report

Donna Peterson (S), None to report – please add discussion about district representative ability to vote to agenda

Ruth Schriefer (S) None to report

Marilyn Kooiker (N) Personnel changes in the north include Toni Rogers, Iron County FLA/WNEP Coordinator (takes Lucia Patritto's position). Kathy Miller, Bayfield County, is now Interim Northern District Director (50%) taking John Preissing's place who has accepted a position in Rome, Italy. Kathy Miller is also keeping her Bayfield County Family Living Educator/Department Head and Family Living Liaison (Western District) positions. Kathy Miller's back-up in Bayfield County is Heidi Ungrodt.

Luane Meyer (W) None

Judy Knudsen (E) Absent

H Bylaws Committee – Update:

The group has not been able to meet and asked for an extension to review bylaws and guidelines for changes. The issue of district representatives not having a vote was discussed at this time. Previously, Kathy M. was asked to check the bylaws and found that district representatives do not have a vote. Most members were unaware of this and discussion focused on next steps. Ruth S. made a motion to have the bylaws committee review this so that district representatives will have a vote. The motion was seconded by Bev Doll. The motion passed unanimously. Please make any suggestions, changes or updates to the bylaws to Kathy M.

IX Unfinished Business

A WEAFCS Website

There have been many changes to the website. Molly is the point person for the changes. There are still a few adjustments that need to be made.

X New Business

A Honoring WNEP Colleagues

Mary asked the board if we would like to honor WNEP colleagues for their Regents award. It was suggested that recognition would be appreciated and that it would help connect them to WEAFCS better. District representatives will receive a congratulatory statement from Mary N. via email which they will share at their district meetings as a statement of congratulations from the association.

B NEAFCS 75th Anniversary Celebration 2009

The NEAFCS 75th Anniversary Celebration will be put in the Communiqué.

C Living Well

This agenda item was postponed to a future meeting.

D Monetary amounts for state awards

Most awards are \$50 and the first timer award is \$250 (which goes towards attendance at the national conference). We want to encourage members to apply for the awards. Application can be time consuming. The national website now includes suggestions and tips on how to apply properly and what the screening committees are looking for when they review submissions. There are 8 state awards and 6 program awards. This issue can be presented to the association for a vote next year if changes are to be made. Questions that need to be answered include a) How long have the awards been at their current monetary rate? b) Do we have the money to support increases in the awards? c) If we do increase the awards – what should the amounts be? There was also some discussion concerning how the memorial awards are listed in the current budget.

E. PILD

Each year the president of the association goes to PILD in Washington DC. The trip cost is covered by the association. Another person from the WEAFCS Board is able to attend as well and the trip cost is covered by the Dean's office. Any member interested in being the second board member to attend should contact Mary.

XI Announcements

A Galaxy III & NEAFCS News

Mary Novak reported 2300 people from across the country and the four program areas attended the conference. There were 3 poster sessions and 6 tracks of concurrent sessions made for a multitude of professional development opportunities. Many of the poster sessions highlighted cross programming projects. She encourages people to attend a galaxy session if they have not had the chance.

B Message from Family Living Program

Laurie Boyce will have announcements in FL Connection.

C Next Meeting will be Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 from 11 AM – Noon

Mary N. announced that Jenny Wehmeier has been elected to the national association nominating committee. Mary encouraged us to offer her our congratulations!

XII Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Metzenbauer, seconded by Ruth Schriefer.
Motion carried. Time: 12:02 pm

Respectfully submitted
Teri Zuege-Halvorsen
Secretary Pro-tem