

MN DEC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 7, 2014

Board Members Present: Chris Hansen, Aaron Deris, Louise Rath, Jane Gibson,

MDE Members Present: Lisa Backer & Carol Maliszewski

Other MN DEC Members Present: Judy Beaton

There was not a quorum for voting purposes

Review/Approve Minutes from 1-10-13- minutes were reviewed, Chris will bring to next mtg.

Treasurer's Report- Aaron reported the balance as of December 31, 2013- \$34,366.11

Membership Report- Jane reported member is down to just over 80 members in the state. As a proactive measure to possibly gain new members, Jane will speak with a new member to determine reasons for why she joined. Louise & Lisa mentioned having a membership drawing for a buy one get one at the conference- must sign up for the first year and MN DEC would pay for 2nd year. At the next meeting, we will have a discussion in regard to increase membership.

CEC Report- Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children (MNCEC) will be held March 28th, 2014 at the TIES Center

State and National Updates- Lisa provided the following-

- Sue Thomas from compliance and assistance will be joining the MDE ECSE Specialists
 - Role clarification will be coming from the team
- Inspire Action
- National Help Me Grow- tremendous effort as it would be across the state multi agency, multi system for referral for all EC referrals that will be a one stop for all needs (e.g., school, mental health, . . .) for families/guardians
 - Would be moving from 96 points of entry to 1 point of entry
 - The three lead state agencies have agreed to fund one year for TA
 - What it might be hosted
 - What it might look like
 - Funding for the system
- Federal budget finalized.....619 funds lost to sequester were not restored
- ECTA TA- MN was the top choice and awarded for this TA initiative
 - Revise existing PD for the state to reflect new Recommended Practices

Communications Committee- Chris reported-

- Continue to receive requests for newsletters and for getting other information
- Job posting link has been added – there is one currently on the site
 - Discussion- length of time for job posting
 - Agenda item on the Spring Leadership Conference- to alert coordinators
 - We will follow the <http://www1.stcloudstate.edu/joblistings/edpost/employers.asp> layout for job posting
 - This will become a responsibility of the President Elect
- Two requests for mass emails to our members
 - Survey from MACMA
 - Naomi Rahn for connections with the field
 - Policies for emailing members
 - Discussion for what needs to be done
 - We will need a group email list serve
 - Do not send for commercial intent
 - Facilitate for research, connections for professionals
- Winter newsletter was sent out
- Amy Johnson has continued to send out Twitter & Facebook items

OLD BUSINESS

- Non profit status- Aaron will submit this week
- March Practitioners Conference (March 6 & 7)
 - On track with registrants
 - Mpls public schools has not signed up yet
 - Sessions are evenly distributed
 - Increased the room block as first block was met
 - If needed, can increase registrants to 500
 - Louise and Chris continue to meet with the hotel
 - Confirming registration for presenters
 - MDE presenters will need to register but not paying
 - MDE will make nametags and copying
 - Carol Maliszewski will assist with this- Send by February 24
 - Handouts for posting to website
 - Copyright
 - Accessibility issues
 - Chris needs to know board members that will need to have their registration waived- LET HER KNOW by Feb 19
 - Hosts for each session will be determined
 - Evaluations will be sent out electronically
 - Aaron will work on sending this out
 - CEUs will be handed out and Lisa will assist with administrative CEUs

Professional Awards Committee-

- One application submitted

- Deadline was extended

NEW BUSINESS

- Louise has stated she is willing to be the MN DEC representative as the state advisory for the Centers of Excellence- meetings are typically the last Thursday of them month from 12-3.
- MDE Spring Leadership- MNDEC will provide coffee and muffins
 - Louise will bring coffee, sugar, and cream
 - Chris will bring tea, muffins, and cups
- Nominations needed for officers
 - President Elect
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Need for new board members

**NEXT Meeting:
May 2 1-3pm MDE**