

## **AR-CEC Board Meeting**

**June 2, 2015 (Part 1-2014-2015)**

**Attendees:** Courtney Williams, President; Leslie Rush, SCEC Faculty Advisor and Conference Liaison; Rosetta Sparks, Ambassador; Momma J, Special Guest; Elizabeth Churchman, Elected Rep; Susie Baker, Awards Chair; Kim Davis, President-Elect and Vice President; Melanie Crider, Communications Chair; Amber Quilman, Appointed Rep; Patty Kohler, Secretary; Megan Rinearson, Membership Chair; Rhonda Daniel, CAN Rep. Gwen Neal, Scholarship Chair; RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Historian; Jeryca Einhorn, Treasurer-Elect.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Courtney Williams at 8:45.

### **Old Business:**

- **National CEC Attendees:** Representatives indicated that the national office is operating with a skeletal staff. There was a financial audit in 2014 which is available on request. Most discussion was about increasing membership.
- **Para-professional Conference Update:** The paraprofessional conference will be held at ASU Student Union on July 9-10. All Day 1 speakers will receive an honorary stipend of \$200 plus mileage per diem. Speakers who request additional pay will be offered the honorarium. No speakers will receive additional monies.
- **Welcome Rosetta Ambassador:** Rosetta Sparks is new ambassador to CEC.
- **Ask All Divisions to Sponsor a Scholarship:** see comments below in President's report.

### **Officer Reports:**

- **President Courtney-** Courtney asked for volunteers to ask subdivisions if they would contribute to scholarship funds. Suzie and Ruth will contact DADD for contribution. Melanie will contact DEC for contributions. Elizabeth will contact CCBD. Kim contacted CASE for contribution. Angela indicated that she would contribute same as last year.
- **President Elect Kim-**see comments about para-professional conference above
- **Past President Stephanie-**not present
- **Secretary Patty-**no report
- **Treasurer Joyce-**not present, but Jeryca made report on Joyce's behalf. Currently, balance is \$108,777.35. See report. RoseMerry noted that there was a significant difference between the 2014 and 2015 balance. It is believed that the 2015 conference will generate enough revenue to make up some of the difference. Expenses for the LR conference are anticipated to be significantly less. Leslie suggested that we use a more detailed financial report. A question regarding discrepancies in "net income" was posed. Courtney requested an explanation.

Explanation: due to increase in conference expenses and increase in scholarships awarded, there was an expense of \$17, 560.88.

- **Historian RoseMerry-** no report
- **Rep to Rep-**Both Amber and Elizabeth provide information earlier. See notes.
- **Scholarship Gwen-**four applicants. Based on the credentials, it is believed that all four should be funded. The Scholarship Committee will review these later today. Courtney suggested that applications be all communicated electronically. She also wanted to have all CEC information scanned to eliminate boxes of information. Leslie suggested Dropbox for storage. Courtney asked about scanning current information first and asked for volunteers to assist by weeding out duplicate information from boxes. Volunteers are Meagan, Elizabeth, RoseMerry, Rosetta, Gwen, and Kim. Will investigate the possibility of getting a scanner. RoseMerry will provide the protocol for sorting to everyone who has volunteered. Gwen moved that we purchase a larger space through Dropbox. Kim seconded. Motion carried.
- **Awards Suzie-** Suzie has four teacher grants to be reviewed and awards for everything except business, general education, and student achievement. Suzie moved that extension be made to accept award nominations until June 30. Patty seconded. Motion carried.
- **SCEC Leslie-**see report. Made donation to Evans family for Kaleb Evans who has survived 41 surgeries. Three attended national CEC conference. Executive meeting was held on May 30, 2015. Currently collecting donations for silent auction. Tee shirts are being designed for state CEC. ARSCEC requests to host a pre-conference. Budget indicates \$5648.41 current balance.
- **ARCASE Angela-**absent and no report. Will do a preconference
- **DADD Ruth-**absent. Report presented by Courtney- see report. Making plans for preconference, Fall, 2015. Note: One more spot for preconference. Kim will ask Angela if CASE will propose a preconference.
- **Membership Megan-**no report
- **CAN Rhonda-**no report
- **Communications Melanie-** no report
- **DADD Ruth-**not present. Report provided by Courtney.
- **DEC , DCDT, CCBD-**no report

### **New Business:**

**Election Results:** Election Results were shared. Patty Kohler is elected secretary and Jerica Einhorn is elected treasurer. Courtney Williams is elected vice president.

**President Elect**-Courtney asked for someone to volunteer to serve as President-Elect for a one year term. Nomination forms for special election will go out tomorrow and timeframe will be two weeks. Interested persons were encouraged to complete the form.

**Officer Notebooks**-Courtney asked who needed a hard copy. Gwen wanted one. Courtney will provide this to Gwen.

**Conference Update**- Wednesday October 28-30, 2015 and June 14-16, 2016.

**Conference Rate**- For 2014, the rate was \$119.00 and student rate was \$45.00. For 2015-member rate will be \$115 and non-member rate will be \$150.00. Board members will pay \$45.00. Accepted presenters will pay \$60.00. Elizabeth moved that these rates be accepted. Rosetta seconded. Motion carried. Courtney is looking for LR vendors.

**2015 Conference Thoughts (Keynote speakers/local speakers/new reusable signs)**- Jenny Lu will speak Wednesday night. For Thursday, lunch will be on own. Thursday night will be The Networking Social. There will be a costume contest. Awards will be given for costumes-most creative, spookiest etc. This will be a relaxed atmosphere. Keynote speakers: Theo Pikes, Patty Kohler and Candice Barnes on Civility, Compassion, and Courage strategies. Can reuse signs from previous conference. Rosetta will pass out awards and will be on awards committee. She will also work at Membership Booth. Meagan, Amber, and Elizabeth will be at the Membership Booth too. Rosetta will also help with karaoke. Rosetta asked for emails from members so she could get ideas from board. She prefers to work on specific projects.

**Next Meeting**-September 1, 2015 at same place-9:30 at Leslie's office. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patty Kohler, Secretary**