

Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Teleconference

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Attendees: Deborah Mirabal, Pat Foster, Faye Smith, Mary Bendle, Phyllis Antone, Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, Kristi Bentkowski, Teri Stringer, Carol Wedel, Miranda Carmen, Jennifer Hope

Meeting called to order at 10:06 a.m. CST

Approval of Agenda

Pat moved to approve the agenda. Phyllis seconded and the motion passed.

Approval of the January 17, 2007 Minutes

Phyllis moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2006 meeting. Pat seconded and the motion passed.

NM/CO Representative Vacancies

Rita Jojola-Dorame, Head Start Director, Tesuque, was appointed by the New Mexico/Southern Colorado Indian Directors Association to the vacant representative position on the SWC Board. Judith Loretto, Head Start Director, Jicarilla, requested to remain as an alternate. The other alternate position still needs to be filled.

Conference Planning

Conference Update: Kristi and Carol gave updates on conference registration numbers, vendor numbers and general information about where things are with the conference planning. All 28 of the vendor tables have been sold as well as 10 ads in the program. There is some concern over registration numbers since at this time last year we were at 216 and we are only at 95. The pre-intensive numbers are also low. The required 90% of the hotel block has not been met, it is currently at 67%. Kristi explained to the board that they are responsible for lost revenue from unsold rooms in the block under 90%.

Conference Budget: Kathryn presented the Conference budget. The planning number for the conference is 300 participants. The budget is very close this year and board members were encouraged to contact the programs in New Mexico and Arizona to boost attendance.

Welcome and Invocation Speakers: Alvin Declay, Council Member and parent from White Mountain was confirmed for the opening. Wendsler Nosie, Tribal Chairman, San Carlos Apache Tribe was confirmed for the banquet Wednesday. Phyllis will speak with the person from Salt River.

Recognition of Winona and Photo from Phyllis: Kristi found a recent photo of Winona on the web to use in the program. Phyllis will send in the recognition piece by Friday, February 2.

Salt River Veterans Group: This name is ok to use in the program. Phyllis will try to get a post number for the group.

Information on April Myore: Kristi received the bio and photo from Pat. She still needs a keynote title and description for the program. This needs to be in by February 2.

Children's Dancing Confirmations: White Mountain Apache Head Start is confirmed for the opening. Gila River District 6 Head Start Dancers are confirmed for Wednesday during lunch. Faye will check with John at Tohono O'odham.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. CST.