

Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs, Inc.
Board of Director Meeting
March 20 and 21, 2004
Doubletree Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

Saturday, March 20, 2004

The Board, at 9:00 a.m., joined the NIHSDA Board for a conference call with Greg Smith, lobbyist for NIHSDA. Greg spent approximately an hour updating the boards on the reauthorization of the Head Start Act. (See NIHSDA Board minutes for details)

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. with the following members present:

Jackie Bird, Chairperson
Myrna Dingman, Vice-Chairperson
Linda Ferguson
Mary Bendle
Phyllis Antone

Others present:
Kathryn Helsel, TFA/MCS
Kristi Bentkowski, TFA/MCS
Carol Wedel, TFA/MCS

Minutes of the previous meeting, February 11, 2004 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Kathryn Helsel. Myrna moved to accept the report, Mary seconded, motion passed.

2004 Conference Update:

Kathryn presented the planned, actual to date and possible difference. We are coming into the Conference with about 130 people over what had been planned., which has really skewed the budget. However this is good and we've made what we could in numbers of tote bags, programs, etc. Myrna moved and Mary seconded that the Conference budget with additional information, be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Carol covered in detail the registration process and the Board's involvement. Kristi presented information about the workshops and presenters. Kristi also updated the Board on the work of the Conference committees.

Phyllis recommended that returning from the Sheraton the Board stop and select a gift for Dona Clapp, who was being recognized during the Conference. This recommendation was approved.

The meeting moved to the Sheraton Old Town where the Board toured the property for a possible site for the 2005 NACFC. Lunch was provided by the hotel.

The Board returned to the DoubleTree where the meeting continued with further explanation of the Conference flow.

At 4:05 p.m. Myrna moved and Mary seconded that the Board reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Motion passed.

Sunday, March 21, 2004

Kathryn reviewed the 2004 TFA/MCS Conference contract. The current contract is for a three year period for Conference and Management Support for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005.

It was determined by the Board that at its next face-to-face meeting the SWC By-Laws be reviewed in detail.

The Board then entertained a request from Ramah that they be reimbursed for 19 people who had registered and paid but would not be attending due to the school board canceling all travel. Motion to not reimburse Ramah was made, seconded and passed.

The Memorandum of Partnership, which was signed in July 2000, was reviewed prior to the joint meeting with the NIHSDA Board and representatives from the Northwest Indian Head Start Coalition. It was determined in this joint meeting that a few modifications needed to be made, but that all associations felt that it needed to remain in place. The MOP was reviewed in 2002 and requires that it be reviewed again in 2004. At the conclusion of the joint meeting, Jackie, Chairperson of the SWC, and Susan Carlson, President NWIHSC, would meet with their boards and get concurrence to continue the MOP.

Back in the SWC meeting the Board concurred that continuing the MOP was appropriate and approved the SWC's continued involvement.

The meeting scheduled with Georgey Sparks was cancelled due to a missed flight. The Board was advised that there would be a brief meeting each evening in the Zuni room to review how the day had transpired and make any adjustments in the agenda as appropriate. It was also announced that there would be a Conference wrap-up meeting immediately following the luncheon on Thursday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

The meeting was reconvened for a short Conference wrap-up. Kathryn, Kristi and Carol provided the Board with attendance numbers, and comments on what they had been hearing during the week.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Sheraton Old Town be used as the 2005 Conference hotel.

Meeting adjourned.