

MAEO Board Meeting Minutes September 29, 2016

Present: Deb Baughman, Denise Cadwell, Rob Pawloski, Colleen Deaven, Chris Maes, Mallory Soffin, David Groenenboom, Karen Van Epps, Lisa Boschma, Rhonda Phillips

Absent: Heidi Palatka, Jennifer McKnight, Mike Squires

President Message: Deb shared that she has had contact with our newest board member earlier this summer and both she and another re-elected board member are having some personal issues that may cause them to be unable to serve out their term on the board.. Concern that we need to make our membership strong and continue to add new members as well as provide added value to belonging to MAEO. Deb also shared that the accountability group from MDE is interested in finding some schools to pilot the measures that have been drafted. It would be good for us to be out front in promoting participation as it will apply to all of our schools, allowing for a separate yardstick to measure alternatives versus using the same "fits all" model that has been used since accountability measures were put into place several years ago.

Board members shared "something good that happened this summer".

Approval of July Minutes:

Moved: To accept the minutes as presented. Mallory Soffin

Second: Colleen Deaven

Board Reports:

A. Conference: Reported by Denise. Location will be at Crystal Mountain on April 27th and 28th, 2017. Looking for location mid state for next year. Please submit conference topics to Denise. Ideas may include Dropout prevention, Early College, Emotional Intelligence, Reaching Higher. Key note speaker is needed. Some concern that topics may be repeated for multiple years with the same presenters, we need to be attentive to that.

B. Membership: Denise: membership is increasing. Denise will send a response email to those who join so they will know they are now members.

C. Awards and Scholarships: Denise will make sure that the correct information will get to Denise but would like the applications to come to the PO box. Feb 3rd is the new deadline decided at the July Board meeting. Rob has written two checks for scholarships so far this year.

D. STARS: Fall kick off is November 10th. Very slight change in location. The church we have used in the past is going through remodeling and has a new organizational structure since we were hosted there last year. We will be using the church next door to the west which is also operated by the same group 2/42. .With respect to Legislative Day we will stick with the same format as 2016 with self guided tours by advisors.We are now told that tours of the capital need to be booked a whole year in advance.

E. MEA: The election is a hot topic, refunding the 3% is still being discussed, health insurance and retirement are underfunded and the legislature has not found any way to compensate

F. Treasurer: handed out the treasurer's report. Two scholarships have been cashed
Moved by Mallory and second by Rhonda to approve as presented

Old Business

Website: frustrating for Colleen if dates keep changing. She will keep things vague so that she does not need to make major changes.

There is still a request to get to Colleen a photo and our biography for the web site.

Facebook- Chris Maes reported that there is not much activity. Tweeting when he can.

Newsletter- October release -get things to Colleen Deaven.

MCAE-No report in Heidi's absence

MAEA-Mike Gregory is the president. Flag Football is happening currently and VB tournament in December.

MDE- Rhonda invited MDE representatives to the meeting and they will come when they can fit it in the calendar.

Deb reported that she had just received information that the Age limit for Alternative education may be changing to age 22 per the pupil accounting manual. Rhonda to check if it is optional for schools to not raise their age limits. Some discussion about the pro's and con's of this idea occurred.

NEW BUSINESS

Just program ideas from the table:

- Funeral home for free Grief counseling - Rhonda
- Therapy and counseling from local individuals - Rhonda
- School nurse from the county health department-Deb
- Sex trafficking issues-Karen
- Transgender please make sure you are seeking legal advice regarding names, gender and the pupil accounting information- Karen
- Phillip Knight-Food Pantries in your school buildings. Deb was asked to recruit other schools that may be interested in food pantries.

Mallory Soffin moved to adjourn at 7:10pm.

David Gr second