

KFAPA Executive Board Meeting
October 18, 2008
Canton, Kansas

Present: Sandra Hiller (President), Janice Snyder (Secretary), Tracie Wyatt (Treasurer), Richard Basham (Region 1 VP), Eltanis Volen (Region 3 VP), Julie Schoemehl (Region 4 VP), Nancy Weigant (Region 5 VP), Nancy Duling (Resource Development), Dennis Finch (Advocacy/Public Policy)

Agency Representatives: Joyce DeBolt (KDHE), Denise Gibson, (Children's Alliance) Michelle Lamaurene (TFI)

Members Present: Carol Finch

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 by President Sandra Hiller. Introductions were made. President Sandra Hiller ask for approval of the minutes from August 23, 2008 board meeting, motion was made to approve the minutes by Tracie Wyatt and seconded by Nancy Duling.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$2058.37
Deposits	
Memberships	375.00
SRS	1787.18
NFPA(Walk Me Home	<u>133.00</u>
Total	\$4353.55
Expenses	
Gov. Conf	\$150.00
Door prizes	50.00
Web maint.	150.00
S. Hiller	921.69
R. Basham	221.19
J. Snyder	168.30
USPO Box	<u>54.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1715.18</u>
Ending Balance	\$2638.37

Reports from Board

Region 1-Richard Basham reports that he has been working on membership and association recognition.

Region 2-Julie Schoemehl reports that she is hearing a lot of concern about the new KDHE regulations\walk through. Families are complaining about the amount of time that it takes to complete. Also families are concerned with the raising cost of gas and no changes in the reimbursement funds. She reports that she knows of 8 families that did not renew their license due to the changes.

Region 3- Eltanis Volen reports that she has been working with a family that has a child leaving the home. She has been providing a lot of support for that family.

Region 4-no VP

Region 5-Nancy Weigant reported that she ran the booth for the Foster Care Affair, she said there were not a lot of foster families mostly social workers from the agencies, she was concerned because TFI had no booth there. The representative from TFI that was at the meeting stated that they had no one to run the booth due to the fact that they had a agency sponsored activity happening at the same time. It was suggested that maybe a foster family could run the booth for them next time. She thought that was a good idea and would take it back to the agency. She also voiced concern that we are losing foster homes due to the lack of Respite homes. She would like to see more information given to the foster parents when accepting children into their homes to prevent the burn out. She also talked about how we have plans in place for children who are known perpetrators but nothing is in place for the children who are perpetrated. She would like to see safety plans for these children in place. Stated she will be attending the Governor's Conference at the end of October. Sandra Hiller thanked Nancy Weigant for helping to run the booth at the Foster Care Affair and thanked her for putting together the table top display, she said it looked nice.

Advocacy/Public Policy-Dennis Finch reports that he is waiting for the elections to be over before pursuing legislators. He did remind everyone that they should talk to their legislators as well.

Resource Development-Nancy Duling reports that she got the first aid boxes for the Foster Care affair, however they only cost her \$23.00 so she still has \$27.00 left. She was informed to purchase to more for the Governor's Conference. She ordered and received the band aid holders. She had a few for us to review. She said that next time she is going to see if she can have our website in larger print. She was finally able to access the Walk Me Home site to get the manual which she gave hard copies to Sandra Hiller and Eltanis Volen, the rest of the board will get an email with the attachment. Her suggestion is

that we focus our January meeting on the Walk Me Home campaign. Would like to have the walk coincide with the Annual Conference.

Secretary-Janice Snyder reported her computer is not compatible with her current program to do the newsletters and we will need to purchase a program or someone else will need to complete the newsletter. Janice Snyder was ask to do some research and get some price quotes for a new program that would support more that one computer. Janice Snyder also handed out a report summarizing the SRS contract and how the money is being used.

President-Saundra Hiller brought up information that she received regarding budget cuts with SRS. She stated that SRS is looking at children over the age of 16 focusing more on independent living instead of the current practice.

Old Business

- SRS contract-Instructed board members to make sure that they get their travel reimbursement and expense sheets to Janice so she can get the invoice into SRS. Even if board members are going to donate back to KFAPA we need to have an accurate accounting of the regions' activity.
- PR Materials-Saundra Hiller contacted the Hutchinson Correctional Facility about getting T-shirts at a low cost. We would then have to take them somewhere to get screen printed. She also talked to them about notepads with the association name and logo on them, he quoted her a price of \$13.00 for 4,000 pages. At this point the TFI representative shared their PR materials with us (stress balls, pens, calendars, note pads, pill boxes, foot balls)
- Governors Conference-KFAPA has a booth. Looking for help with that. Will have the table top displays as well as the first aid kits to give away as door prizes. Talked about being able to display some pictures or have a computer set up with information available on it. Dennis Finch stated that he has a lot of pictures from previous events and he can help work on a DVD to run on the computer.
- Annual Conference-Working with KFAN to do a joint conference. Would like to see the Walk Me Home walk be incorporated into the conference. Denise Gibson is on the board for KFAN and stated they are having a meeting on Monday night so she will share our ideas with them. KFAN and the KFAPA committee will set up a conference call and start working on the details. (budget, speakers, location, date) Bill Weigant is not able to chair this for KFAPA due to other obligations so Region 1 VP Richard Basham stepped into chair.

New Business

- Denise Gibson with Children's Alliance handed out a Resource Parent Training Needs Assessment for us to review and revise if

needed. The purpose of the handout was to find out what foster parents' needs are. There was a lot of discussion regarding the form with some changes made. (see form in meeting notes) These forms will be handed out at events attending by KFAPA and sponsored by KFAPA to help Children's Alliance identify the trainings that are needed and important to Kansas Foster Families.

- Adoption Incentive Program-SRS is offering to help with the funding of our annual conference through this program. Saundra Hiller also talked about the possibility of getting yard signs through this program. Saundra Hiller also received a letter stating that they are looking at doing some additional training for foster homes with gay and lesbian children. She gave the website www.Socialworkersorg\diversity\outofhome, to sign up if interested. (sign up is before October 24, 2008) Julie Schoemehl and Richard Basham showed interest in this.
- Vice President-Saundra Hiller stated that she has spoken with a member that has showed some interest in the Vice President position and is awaiting her resume to send to the board.

Next meeting is January 17, 2009 in Region 5 with location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

Janice Snyder
Executive Board Secretary