

Kansas Foster and Adoptive Parent Association  
Quarterly Board Meeting-Minutes  
December 11, 2010, 10:00 a.m.  
Via Teleconference

Present: Diane Briscoe, Joyce DeBolt, Nancy Duling, Denise Gibson, Sandra Hiller, Bill Reynolds, Julie Schoemehl, and Stacey Ulrich

Absent: Richard Basham, Dana Decker, Dennis and Carol Finch

Welcome-

Julie Schoemehl, KFAPA President, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and welcomed the members.

Approval of Minutes-

Sandra Hiller made a motion to accept the September 25, 2010, minutes after the correction to include Denise Gibson to the attendance list. Julie Schoemehl seconded the motion and upon voting, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-

Sandra Hiller, Treasurer, had forwarded the Quarterly expenses and activity for September, October and November, 2010, to the executive committee. There is an outstanding expense of reimbursements from October and November. These expenses should total several hundred dollars. The Governor's Conference is the majority of the expenses. SRS has been billed for \$927.39 including expenses for July – September. We have not received the reimbursement. The IRS report has been filed and accepted already for the year, the Secretary of State report has been filed. The SRS reports are up to date. Activity reports for October and November have been received for Julie Schoeheml and Sandra Hiller.

She reported that the November 30, 2010, balance was \$7,850.4241. She reminded the attendees that everyone should forward their National Foster Parent Association dues of \$35. Also the reimbursement from the National Orphan Train Museum has been received for the walk which totaled over \$1,300. Nancy Duling made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Julie Schoemehl seconded the motion and upon voting, passed unanimously.

Vice President Reports-

Region 1, Richard Basham, no report

Region 2, Julie Schoemehl

Julie reported that she had been working with families and has made five presentations to recruiting families in the region. She attended the Governor's Conference in Wichita. Julie also attended a presentation by the North American Council on Adoptable Children by Josh Kroll.

His website address is [www.naca.org](http://www.naca.org). There will be a national convention in Denver on August 3-6, 2011.

Region 3, Dennis and Carol Finch, no report

Region 4, Dianne Briscoe, no report

Region 5, Dana Decker, no report

#### Other Business-

Joyce DeBolt offered to send information about a presentation that was made at an Ohio convention. It was regarding the Casey Foundation awarding an organization to complete a study on balancing normalcy with safety related to family foster home regulations. Tiffany Conway Perrin, Senior Policy analyst with CLASP. The title of the workshop Tiffany presented on was: Observations and Opportunities: the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. The workshop was an overview of the new law and focused on the provisions related to licensing relative foster parents as well as how those licensing provisions may interact with the other important provisions each state is implementing and are looking to obtain information from other states. Her contact information is:

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Governor's Conference- There will be a meeting in January to review the evaluations. Julie will now be the representative for KFAPA to represent the Governor's Conference committee. The 2011 conference will be hosted in November 2-4, Ramada Inn, Topeka, Kansas.

There was a discussion to propose that KFAPA offer a workshop during the Governor's Conference for the workers' to understand what it is like from our side of the table. It was suggested to do a panel with foster and adoptive parents. Bill Reynolds suggested to add a kinship placement to the panel.

**Action Item-**submit proposal for a KFAPA presentation at the Governor's Conference, proposals will be accepted beginning in January, 2011, to Kansas Children's Service League.

Fundraiser- Julie and Nancy met with Wichita Junior League President, Shari Male Powers, to discuss a partnership fundraiser. Shari suggested contacting the United Ways for possible funding. There were several grant sites mentioned as the Casey Foundation and the National Foundation Resource Center to contact for funding.

Julie reported that KU has received a \$12 million grant for a SED study. Tom McDonald is overseeing the grant. It was recommended to contact Tom and introduce the KFAPA organization as an opportunity to be involved with the grant.

Denise Gibson reported that the Children's Alliance was working a Federal matching grant to teach foster parents how to talk about healthy, sexuality development with a child in care. There will be opportunities for volunteer time.

**Action Items:** Contact Tom McDonald for KU grant opportunity, Julie  
Contact Denise Gibson and meet regarding federal matching grant,  
Follow up with Casey Foundation for grant opportunities

Logo- Julie discussed the issues that have come up with the business cards and that for a printer to format the logo, it is around \$50 to \$75. Stacey has offered to put the logo into a tif or jpeg format to help with copying the logo.

**Action Item-**resolve issues with logo, Julie and Stacey

KFAPA Membership Brochure- The membership brochure needs to be updated and reviewed. Also it was suggested for the vice presidents to copy the brochure, so they can distribute the brochures to gain additional members. Stacey and Nancy will work on updating the brochure. Any changes will be communicated to the webmaster, Julie Faust.

**Action Item-**review membership brochure, Stacey and Nancy

Membership- It was discussed how we could increase our membership. There is a mailing list of 3,300 that could be potential members to KFAPA. Julie would like to create a mailing to introduce ourselves for potential memberships. It was reported that Debbie Hatfield had communicated that KFAPA could have access to the mailing list. Julie will follow up with the mailing list. Julie would like to ask the sponsoring agencies to cover the membership expense. Julie also challenged the vice presidents to secure 10 new members.

**Action Item** Contact KDHE about mailing list with Cory Edwards, Julie  
Create mailing to potential 3,300 potential members  
Vice President secure 10 new members during this quarter

Policies and Procedures- Julie will contact Jaynie Garcia at KFAN and also other state Foster Parent Association to request copies of their policies and procedures.

**Action Item-**Julie will contact the different agencies.

Home Studies-Several KFAPA board members have been contacted by families about the conflicting policies for the family's home study when moving forward in the adoption process.. conflicting agencies

**Action Item**-Julie will send an email to Patricia Long regarding issue.

Adjournment-

Our next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.