

**Kansas Foster and Adoptive Parent Association  
Minutes - Quarterly Board Meeting, Saturday, April 17, 2010**

Present: Sandra Hiller, Richard Basham, Jessica Young  
Attendance by phone: Stacey Ulrich, Nancy Duling, Julie Schoemehl, Denise Gibson,  
Joyce DeBolt

**Call to Order**

The Kansas Foster and Adoptive Quarterly board meeting was called to order by President Sandra Hiller at 1:05 p.m. from the TFI office in Independence, Kansas.

**Secretary Report**

Nancy Duling gave a status report on the Walk Me Home event planning.

- There was a committee meeting in Concordia on March 13 attended by KFAPA Board members Nancy Duling, Julie Schoemehl and Sandra Hiller.
- The committee will be having weekly conference calls to discuss progress in the planning.
- The NOTC (National Orphan Train Complex) members of the committee have done a lot of networking in the community already, getting their EMT/first aid set up, the route planned out, the local law enforcement educated about the event, etc.
- Youthville has agreed to provide bottled water for the event. KCSL's Kicks for Kids will have some information there.
- Sponsorship packets were emailed to the KFAPA vice presidents. Everyone is encouraged to get their teams posted on the WalMeHome.org website.
- Richard and Sandra have already posted their teams.
- Sandra suggested that everyone have registration forms on their person, and ask everywhere they go throughout their daily routine to sponsor them.
- We have received \$200 in corporate sponsorship funds already, from EJ Trucking of Canton and from Kansas CASA.
- Julie has plans to go to Concordia on April 23 to meet with the committee and work on corporate sponsorships.
- We have to obtain our corporate sponsorships by May 1 in order to have time to get the shirts printed with the sponsors on the back.
- We will have a committee conference call on Tuesday and proceed from there.

<b><u>Treasurer's Report:</u></b>	Balance	Deposits	WD	
January 1, 2010:	5847.84	\$ 95.00		\$ 0
February 1, 2010:	5942.84	\$ 0		\$ 0
March 1, 2010:	5942.84	\$2834.94		\$1545.68
April 1, 2010	7032.10			

All reimbursement have been made up to February 28, 2010. A part of the balance is left over money from the 2009 Conference that we plan to use for the Parent Summit.

Report was verbally accepted as presented.

**Region 1 Report:** Vice President Richard Basham said he has contacted TFI about being a sponsor for the Walk. He attended a Parent Enrichment Conference in Topeka. Richard stated he has created his Region 1 Walk team on the website and is looking for sponsors.

**Region 2 Report:** Vice President Julie Schoemehl reported that she attended the OJA conference. She has also attended monthly foster parent support group meetings. No issues have come up. She is helping with the Walk planning and she is also running for the office of President of KFAPA for the next term.

**Region 3 Report:** President Sandra Hiller reported that she spoke with Eltanis last week. Eltanis has had some significant challenges in her personal life the past several months, including the death of a sister and the loss of a very valued pet. She is not running for re-election, as she feels she needs some time to stabilize after a difficult year. Sandra encouraged the board to think of Eltanis and send her a card. Sandra reported that Carol and Dennis Finch were nominated and accepted the nomination to run for Vice President of Region 3.

**Region 4 Report:** No report. (Dianne Briscoe was out of the country and unable to phone in.)

**Region 5 Report:** No report. Dana Decker is the Vice President for Region 5 and will run for re-election.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Computers:** President Sandra Hiller reported that Nancy Duling has one of the lap top computers. We have two others, currently stored at the President's office. The board officers who require computers are the secretary and treasurer. Sandra announced that she will be running for treasurer, but she has a personal lap-top. After discussion, it was decided that one of the lap tops should be used as an archive, to keep records on and updated regularly, so that in case of computer "deaths", we would not lose our information.

**Policies and Procedures:** Because of the focus on the Walk and Parent Summit, Sandra reported that she has not presented a final copy to be voted on. It was moved by Richard Basham and seconded by Julie Schoemehl that we postpone the policies and procedures matter until the July meeting. And with no discussion, the motion was approved.

**Website:** We have made no changes to the website except for updated. We will put the Walk info on the home page and Parent Summit information as it develops. Julie Schoemehl stated she would like to have PayPal option on-line, and she will provide a report on that at the July meeting. Sandra asked the board to think about other changes they would like to see on the website, and whether anyone on the board would like to be responsible for the website, although the webmaster we have does a very good job and she is very creative. It does take a commitment of time, the information has to be posted in a timely fashion, but it would save us some money.

**PR Materials:** President Sandra Hiller and Secretary Nancy Duling will be hosted a table at Foster Care Affair this Friday in Wichita, 300 are expected. We have hand sanitizers and note pads still that we will use for that. We can have some of those things at the Walk as well. Once we use up these materials, we will need to consider what other types of items we would like to distribute at the various functions that we attend.

**Parent Summit:** President Sandra Hiller reported that notices have been sent to the agencies about the Summit and the response has been very positive. The date that seems most workable is the second Saturday in July, and the location will be Salina. We could have our July board meeting at the same date, as we will need everyone present to help with this event. Denise Gibson suggested asking SFCS about using their west campus facility, and Joyce DeBolt suggested that the Carver Center on Elm St. in Salina is also an option. Stacey Ulrich volunteered to check on the availability of those places and report to Sandra. We are still sending the notice to agencies, and it was suggested that Lake Mary Center and TARC be contacted. The input has been very helpful from the agencies.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Elections:** The ballot for this year's elections is as follows:

President: Julie Schoemehl

Treasurer: Sandra Hiller

Reg 1 Vice President: Richard Basham

Reg 3 Vice President: Carol & Dennis Finch

Reg 5 Vice President; Dana Decker

Sandra pointed out that Reg 2 will have a VP position open after the election, and we need to be looking for someone to fill that position. The election meeting will be held in June, and Denise Gibson volunteered to use the Children's Alliance office in Topeka, or we discussed having a family camp-out outside of Lawrence at the Walnut Grove. Sandra will check to see if the Walnut Grove is available that weekend.

**Upcoming Events:** President Sandra Hiller reported that there is a conference in Salina on October 7, 2010 by L&L Training and Consultation of Great Bend with the topic of "Empowerment vs Entitlement". The conference is for parents, grandparents, foster/adoptive parents, case workers, anyone living or working with children (for more info: [www.lltc.web.officelive.com](http://www.lltc.web.officelive.com)). They have asked for our help with that conference and board members were asked to put that date on their calendars.

There being no other old or new business presented to the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.