

ICEARY Board Minutes

September 20, 2017

Board members in attendance: Kari Docherty, Karen Tiemann, Harold Sweeney, Gina Simpkins, Crystal Hosselton, Kim Sellers, Mark Klaisner, Kari Glenn, Glen Hoffmann, Lori Bilbrey

Laura Benhoff, Amber Kidd, and Maureen Mulhall (on phone)

Other Attendees: Deanna Oliver and Dan Koessl

- Glen started the meeting at approximately 12:30 pm.
- Introductions of board members and visitors
- Minutes were read and approved. Motion – Kari G, Second – Kim S., Approved
- Committee reports
 - Advocacy – Harold spoke on the challenges with funding this year due to possible budget cuts. Grants are still only half paid from last year.
 - Harold asked to make sure members are being proactive and contacting legislators.
 - Maureen discussed a mental health committee for secondary educators. This is will held on October 2, 2017.
- Communities and Membership
 - Make sure people are bringing in members and paying 2017-18 dues.
 - There are a few issues posting in list serve saying there are permission issues.
 - Discussed having region map on the ICEARY Conference sign up so they know the appropriate region. There was discussion to rename the regions Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern to make things easier.
- Professional Development
 - Paper Tigers viewing for regions. Region 4 is showing on December 14th at Mt. Vernon Township High School. Contact Joni Deems if you would like to have a showing in your area.
 - Julie said that the director meeting went very well.
- Networking
 - Karen thought Julie's director's meeting was very beneficial. Janet K would like to do the same in the northern region. There will be a region 1 meeting after today's board meeting.
- 2018 Conference
 - Kari D discussed the idea for the conference give away shirts. It was discussed that we already had enough sponsors to cover the cost of the shirt and Chad was still looking for more sponsors. We took the sodas off the snacks and one menu item off the social menu to save money this year.
 - To stay with the Happy 20th Birthday, RSSP theme, we are going to have sprinkle cupcakes at the luncheon in place of the usual dessert.

It was approved to give Kari D a \$1000 amount to be used if changes need to be made or additions to rooms, etc without prior board permission.

Glen mentioned having a legislator come to the luncheon to see the student awards.

Glen also mentioned using NAAS (National Association of Alternative Schools) app for the conference. It was a free app and he wanted to look into it.

- Board Elections – Mark K.
Nominations on the table so far are Yvette Hicks for Region 4 Rep and Crystal H as President Elect.
- Glen mentioned that after the response from the board meeting in June we would not be pursuing the National Dropout Prevention Center certification through our conference at this time.
- Student Ambassadors
Amber said that there were approximately 50 students and 12 adults attending the student ambassadors meeting in Springfield. Everything is set up and ready to go. NIU ambassador meeting is being planned for February. No exact date set at this time.
- It was discussed to keep meetings in regions. Everyone like getting the opportunity to visit other areas of the state.
- IARSS and RSSP – discussed any funding changes and issues with the state funding. This year everyone received flat funding across the board. Discussion about how we are being made accountable. (credits earned, graduation rate, grades, etc.)
- Meeting was adjourned. Motion–Gina, Second- Crystal, Adjourned