



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 14, 2008, 5:00 pm

Location: Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, Auburn, WA

Board members present:

Non-Fiduciary	Kim Bennett (phone)	Dave Zehner	Lora Dear
	Margie Staulcup	DeDe White	Dave Zehner
Fiduciary	Don Lincoln	Beth Adams	Marsha Medgard
	Venus Talarico		

Board members excused: Trisha Blomquist Dawn Cherney Karin Schuyleman
Barbara Little Betty Nomura Pat Sullivan
Vyrn Muir Ralph Talarico

Guests present: None

Staff members present: Dianne Heide Denese Bohanna Jennifer Cooper

Call to order –Secretary Margie Staulcup called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

Quorum – There was a quorum.

Approval of April 9 Minutes

Motion 1 Margie moved to approve the April 9 minutes as written. Second by Venus.
The motion passed.

FPC Summer Conference

Dianne reported that there were still open spots for the FPC Summer Conference in Ocean Shores. This is a great opportunity to get some new information that will help guide the Board in it's work PLUS stay in the wonderful Shilo Inn with view rooms, king beds and a balcony! The registration fee covers hotel, most meals and all training materials. Don reported that he had discussed with the Finance Committee his believe that no volunteer should incur expenses while doing the work of the Board. The group decided that Board members would be reimbursed at the state rate for mileage to and from Ocean Shores and for the cost of any meal not provided up to the limit of state per diem rates. Dianne had done the math and informed the Board that if every Board member going drove separately there would not be enough in the mileage budget so carpooling is encourage whenever possible.

The final list of Board members attending included: Betty, Lora, Venus, Ralph and Marsha. Dianne and Denese will also attend.

S&A Audit Update

Denese reported that the Audit was moving forward and they were currently working on interviews which were resulting in some good feedback. The process was slowed down after the January sessions so the Praxis team was only in South King County for three days instead of five in April. This means they will make a second trip to South King County for June 23 – 25. This will result in an increase of approximately \$3,500 in the cost for Praxis consultation. Denese had anticipated some additional funding coming from King County but had just learned that this was not going to happen. Dianne reported that there was still some uncommitted money that the Board could access if needed.

At this time the group is concentrating on meeting with individual Batterer's Intervention Providers (BIP's) in an effort to find out more about the "magical art" of working with perpetrators. The resulting conversations are providing lots of new ideas. Venus and Jennifer are working on a survey that can be used with BIP's. They believe that using an anonymous form might allow BIP's to be more frank in their answers.

Staff Evaluations

Don reminded Board members that he must have the evaluations returned by end of meeting. He will review the evaluations and create reports to discuss with each staffer individually. While talking with staff he will get input on contract changes they think are needed and then discuss options with the Personnel Committee (a committee formed by the members of the Executive and Finance Committees). Since contracts expire on June 30 this is a timely issue and all Board members were asked to help by returning the evaluations. The final staff contracts for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 will be approved at the July 9 Board meeting.

SKCCN Board Retreat

Board members were reminded that a full day retreat was planned for June 7 at the Kent Resource Center from 9 am to 4 pm. The purpose of the retreat is to discuss current knowledge about resiliency and make decisions on Board goals for 2008-09. In addition the Board will continue it's discussion of the mission and goals of the Association. All Board members were strongly encouraged to attend.

SKCCN Membership

Dianne reported that Vyrn Muir had missed four meetings of the Board. According to the bylaws Board members who miss four meetings in one year are removed from the Board unless their absences were excused by the Executive Committee. Normally Dianne reports when a member has missed three meetings so, if appropriate, those absence can be excused in advance but she missed this at last Executive Committee meeting. She reported that Vyrn had missed 2 meetings while caring for his sick brother and 1 due to vacation – she did not know the reason for the 4th absence. She asked the Board to excuse Vyrn's absences at this time and to not remove Vyrn from the Board list.

Motion 2 Margie moved to excuse Vyrn Muir's absences in August, September and November of 2007 for the reasons noted by staff. Second by Lora. The motion passed.

Nomination of Officers for 2008-09

Margie reported that she had spoken with as many Board members as possible in the past few weeks. The following Board members had agreed to run for officer positions:

Chair	Don Lincoln
Vice Chair	Lora Dear
Treasurer	Trisha Blomquist
Secretary	Beth Adams Venus Talrico

Margie then asked for nominations from the floor for each position – none were made.

The Board cancelled their regular Board meeting for June and will instead hold a full day retreat. In response to this problem the members of the Nominations Committee suggested that elections take place at the Board retreat. Dianne reported she did not think this would be legal since elections must be held at an Open Public Meeting and the Board retreat was not an open meeting. It was decided to postpone elections to the July 9 meeting. This raised an issue because the term of officers ends June 30 so there would be no SKCCN leadership in place for almost two weeks. It was decided to extend officer terms until July 30, 2008.

Motion 3 Marsha moved to extend the term for 2007-08 officers until July 30, 2008. Second by Lora. The motion passed.

Raffle Update

Dianne reported that raffle tickets were printed and ready for sale but there was a snag with the permitting process. First, it had not occurred to Dianne when the Board decided to do a raffle that permits would even be needed – minor flaw in the plan. When she started researching she discovered that it was going to be necessary to not only get the permit but State of Washington and City of Kent business licenses. These were all steps that needed to be taken anyway if the SKCCN wants to truly start using their non-profit arm. She applied for and got the needed licenses but the Washington State Gambling Commission was asking for a change in the SKCCNA bylaws. According to RCW's a non-profit organization putting on a raffle must have a minimum of 15 members who elect leadership. According to the SKCCNA bylaws the Board must have a minimum of 9 and maximum of 23

Board members. The Gambling Commission felt this meant that SKCCNA leadership could be elected by fewer than 15 members. Dianne held the belief that Board members are appointed by specific entities: city reps are appointed by the mayors of the 17 South King County Cities, school reps by the Supers of the 8 school districts, law enforcement by the Chief of Police, etc. which represented much more than 15 people "appointing" leadership. Don spoke with the supervisor in Olympia but they disagreed and required the bylaw change before they could approve the permit.

Don was very clear with the Board that if they decided they wanted to make this change it must be in the sincere believe that it is the correct thing to do and that the Board would commit to making sure the SKCCN had 15 members at all times. He asked if the Board felt it was possible to make this assurance. Dianne was asked what would happen if membership dipped below the 15. Dianne's opinion was that it would not affect funding from the State of Washington Family Policy Council because that money did not require that the SKCCN have 501 status for funding. It would mean that the Association could not conduct any business until the Board had a full contingent of 15 members.

The Board considered the information and decided that this was a commitment they needed to make. They felt it was an opportunity to take needed next steps. More involvement was going to be needed if they wanted to meet the larger goals that were possible through the Association. It is time to grow and build more visibility for the non-profit arm.

Motion 4

Dave moved to change Article 5, Section 5.1 to read:

Section 1. Board of Directors: Governance of the association shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of not less than fifteen or more than twenty-three voting members. **effective immediately.** Second by Margie. The motion passed.

Committee and Staff Reports

All reports were provided in writing.

Meeting adjourned – 6:50

Minutes Approved:

Signed

Date