

INSSWA Board Minutes

June 12, 2010

The following Board members were in attendance: Cynthia Evans, Beth Hoban, Dee Kempson, Pam Lawrence Puls, Linda Temme, Tammy Skinner, Kim Wynkoop, Megan Thomas, Regena Williams and Traci Larrison.

The meeting was called to order at 10:11am. The March 13, 2010 minutes were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report from 7/1/09 -5/16/10 was emailed to members before the meeting, however not all members could open the attachment. The current income to date is \$23,421.12 and expenses \$22,180.56. Current balance is \$14,065.44. Certificate of Deposit is \$15,611.78. A new category for the Midwest Conference has been added with \$5000.00. We will delete Mentoring from report and Spring Conference as an item.

It was decided to move \$10,000.00 of the \$14,065.44 into a savings account where that money can earn interest and easily be transferred back into checking when needed.

There was discussion about the Marion Conference and membership. Kim sent over 70 emails to school social workers and counselors inviting them to the conference. It was decided that those people who attended would receive membership until August, CEU's and information about joining INSSWA.

There was discussion about Regional Reps receiving mileage for INSSWA business. The budget is \$300 and reps can receive \$.30 a mile. It is for that use if they want.

Another letter was received from IRS asking us to make a change so fiscal and financial year are the same. We will follow IRS directions.

Membership Committee: Linda thanked Kim for her hard work in recruiting for the Marion Conference and membership. Amber Wetzel is rep for Southwest. South Central is open.

There was discussion about the regions, should we change or keep them the same. It was recommended that regions could work together more and not change them. Also, speak with the reps to see how they feel about the regions and if they need to be changed. It was also discussed that we need to educate the reps on how to enlist members.

Total membership is 217, down from last year. When asked why members were not renewing, 90% stated financial reasons. We are hopeful membership will go up after the drive. It was decided to extend the deadline for membership to August 31. The membership year will be September 1-August 31. The membership application will be

mailed out in mid July. It was also decided you will pay more at the conference if haven't joined.

DOE Report: We can renew our school license with our SW license, as of right now. This will be added to our website, as well as, the School Social Work Manual and the Superintendent Packet.

Conference Committee: The Spring Conference was a success, with 90 people attending. We will probably not get the handouts that were discussed at the conference. Recommended using them for Midwest and have a backup plan if something would come up at the last minute and they would not be able to present.

Fall Conference planning is going well. Keynote is Maxine Bryant and we have 8 out of 9 breakout sessions secure. Joti Weaver is doing the brochure, Megan, registration. The committee is still finalizing the hotel. Fees will be \$90 for members, \$105-110 for non members and a \$25 late fee. The next committee meeting is July 14, 2010.

IPS will cover the cost of printing the brochure for the fall INSSWA Conference. Handouts for the conference will go on the website.

Website: Deidre Knopp is taking over management of the website. Jill Snyder's significant other, Steve, will become the new webmaster. We may have a separate page for the Midwest Conference.

Scholarship Committee: There have been two applications for scholarships to attend the SSWA Conference.

There was discussion about the amount of scholarship, who can apply and how often. It was decided to adjust the amount every year depending on where Midwest is to determine amount. Board members can apply especially if we have no other applicants and finally, priority will be given to members who have not received a scholarship within the past three years.

Traci Larrison will be attending the SSW Summer Leadership in July. Expenses are estimated at \$1100-1200.

Midwest Report: Regena just attended her first meeting. All reported problems with membership, financial concerns and layoffs. Judy Shine asked people to join new school social worker association, ACSSW. The decisive answer was no. Previous conference person is going to forward all information for the committee to review.

There was discussion who should attend the conference in Minnesota in October. The conference is \$225 and hotel \$125 with taxes. Sharing of rooms will occur. It was decided that Cynthia, Pam, Regena and Linda or Jane will attend. Linda will also see if IPS will cover any of the costs of the conference.

School Social Worker of the Year: Lucy DiMichele! There was discussion about personally making the announcement, which everyone liked. Cynthia will follow up to see if possible and let us know the date and time so others can join her if possible.

Beth will work to make principals aware of this nomination as it was felt that many do not know about it or how to nominate their social worker.

Nomination Committee: Secretary and Treasurer Position and two Board positions are up for re-election. Linda Kates, Tammy Skinner, Terry Miller and Traci Larrison were nominated.

Communication Committee: There have been some email issues, however those all seem to have been worked out. If you know of any please let Megan know. There was discussion about the newsletter delivered electronically only. It was decided that the newsletter would be quarterly and electronic, starting with the next one.

Beth would like the Superintendent list to be able to correspond with them. Dee will check on that.

There was discussion about the SSW packet, as it is expensive to mail out. It cost \$1200-1300 to mail out, \$5.53 a member. It was agreed that we send the poster, nomination, president's letter and a letter for the principal. We will give the gift at the Fall Conference, which will enable us to have a better gift.

Legislative Committee: DOE will be developing a Teen Dating Violence Program as directed by Congress.

Bylaw Committee: Beth will have changes and rough draft to members by September. We will not need a clause to grandfather BSW's, future members will have to be MSW's. We will need to state that all new members as of August 1, 2010 will need to meet these requirements. There was a discussion about raising Charter Member dues and it was decided not to do that.

Megan Thomas will host the next INSSWA Board meeting on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

Submitted by Traci Larrison