

WSSA Conference Planning Committee Meeting
11-30-07
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Call to order 8:55am

Present: Jim, Jaci, Sherri, Mark, Edie, Faith, Tim, Marjean, Janet and Cheryl.

Secretary's report: 2 corrections made to the 10-19-07 minutes: Paragraph 6- "Website is looking very good- Marjean (not Janet) used the new..." Paragraph 10- ..."to order 175 blankets" (not 150).

Motion to approve by Jaci, second by Faith.

Treasurer's report: Janet reports sending out deposit of \$1375.00 to secure main speaker Tom Jaydin. Jim made a motion to approve treasurer's report as printed on hand-out, second by Mark.

Correspondence: There was a contact with Jane Carroll from Shawano County. in regards to the flowers for spring conference. We can contact the Flower Bucket and someone attending from Shawano County will bring the flowers down.

Review of Mid-Year Training: 34 paid the registration fee, even a few students attended. Bridges Out of Poverty in the a.m. went very well. The food and service was excellent. P.M. session also was good and Jim Nitz did a very good job as facilitator.

Speakers/Workshops/Contracts:

See handouts. Linda Sweet hand delivered the letters to Secretary Gassman's office. Marjean had contact with Theresa Fosbinder and her department wants all of the 4-5 IM/ESS tracts .Ideas are Benefit Recovery, QC, Longterm Care, Badger Care Plus, Divestment Rules(changing), Food Share Updates, etc...

Tom Jadin is the opening speaker and could also do a session following at 3:30pm. Social Security: Edie is working on this and if the person can not do it, Marjean has someone in mind to present.

Cheryl will check on the address for Golden Press as we have a signed and returned contract from Jackie Millar and she is not charging a fee but wants a \$350 donation to Golden Press to get her book delivered to the are prisons.

Will check with Kevin about a speaker for the single coordinated service plan. Someone thought it was Dan Naylor and Edie knows who he is and could contact as Marjean had sent an e-mail but did not get a response. He apparently is very good.

Talked about doing the Bridges Out of Poverty workshop again, then perhaps having a back-to-back workshop focusing on the move to middle class status. Speakers who presented yesterday are not renewing the Bridges Out of Poverty contract but they may still be doing their own presentation and Sue Nagelkerk also has done budget counseling so that could maybe be a 3rd workshop.

Last year Mary Beth Schuster did a “What Every Social/Human Service & Workforce Development Professional Should know About Child Support” workshop and due to many budgetary changes we should see if she can speak again- Mark knows her and will contact her.

Workforce Development: Tim will talk with Jim Nitz to see if he'd present something on Career Advising. We can also contact Tony Dziedzic.

Cheryl got a suggestion from Christy Mancl and Denise Jeffers who had just attended a great workshop called the Medicine Wheel – somewhat like True Colors. Cheryl will check into this as speakers were from Wisconsin Rapids and will report back next meeting.

Jim suggested contacting Melissa Gilbert to present on Family Care, could combine the IM and the SW side. He also suggested Irene Anderson do a workshop as well.

Linda Sweet gave Marjean a copy of the new DHCAA (Division of Health Care Access and Accountability) staffing roster.

Relaxation: Sue Ann Kline and/or Lisa Hackbarth (the Mary Kay lady).

Jim will contact Herb Kohl, Russ Feingold and Jim Doyle's offices to see if they would be available to speak at maybe the Past President's luncheon or just to come and speak.

We also looked thru the Goodwill booklet for workshops...Resolving Conflict looks interesting and could be attended by anyone.

Marjean could contact Tony Veeder to see if he has anything new to present.

Sherri said she'd be willing to do a workshop with Keelie on “Setting the Tone for Customer Service” or resume writing.

Past President's Lunch: Do we really have to have a speaker? Why not have Jackie Bennett and /or Ron Stober do a short talk on the history of WSSA, then let everyone relax while eating as there is such a short time before the next round of workshops start.

AODA: there was a past speaker at a Madison district conference or mid-year training that was very good. Someone needs to check into whom that was and contact them.

Meet with Renata:

We will do theme night indoors- too chancy doing it outside with weather issues and the location may be hard for some to get too.

Breakfasts on Thursday and Friday- will these be in separate meeting room or in regular restaurant? She'll check into it and get back to us. She can get a separate mtg. room for the business mtg.

May 29 we have 6 meeting rooms reserved for workshops. On Mat 28 we will be using rooms E & F combined for the opening address and keynote speaker – these can then be divided into 2 rooms for workshops.

We let her know we will be meeting again at Chula Vista on 1-11-08 and would like to meet with her.

11am Break to meet with Executive Committee:

Marjean gave overview to exec board as to what we have so far in regards to speakers, etc...

Committee meets again 1-11-08:

Marjean reminded everyone to get contracts out and returned if we get speakers lined up.

Meeting dates for 2008: 1-11-08, 2-2-08, 3-7-08, 4-11-08, ? 5-9-08. All meetings to start at 9:30a.m.

Agenda for next meeting:

Badges, Food/Meals, Costumes for our committee, Mark: decorations, Idol contest, golf outing (Marjean has the name of who to contact).

Flowers: Jaci brought all the artificial flowers that Holly had stored at her house and passed them on to Cheryl. Cheryl will go thru these and see what we can use for Past Presidents lunch – will spruce them up a bit.

There was a reminder that we will be meeting the Tuesday before the conference begins. Motion to adjourn by Jaci, Janet seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Woltman
Secretary