

SDALL Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2010
The Right Turn, Inc. Pierre

1. Welcome and Introductions

President Renee Peterson welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Board members present: Renee Peterson, Doris Patten, Becki Lemke, Sue Carlisle, Kim Olson, Stephenie Rittberger and Susan Gunn. Also attending: Marcia Hess and Jessie Elder, DOL interim contact.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Renee at 3:12 PM.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved with additions.

4. Approval of the Minutes from 1/13/10

Motion by Doris and second by Becki to approve the minutes with the correction noted by Marcia. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

Doris presented the report. There will be a need to transfer funds into checking. This will be done in July with a CD. Motion by Susan and second by Sue to approve the report. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports

A. AEL Updates – Marcia

Funding has been significantly reduced which has resulted in two AEL programs being cut: VOA and SGU. OLC did not submit an application for FY '11. AEL numbers could easily drop 500 students.

Marcia encouraged SDALL to advertise services to non AEL programs and GED examiners. She encouraged SDALL, programs and teachers to support each other and the new state staff that will be hired.

It is conceivable that reauthorization will not be dealt with until after the elections.

Marcia's and Jean's positions are being advertised by DOL.

Programs are in good shape. LACES will continue.

DOL is attempting to get contracts out for SI speakers. SI will be held July 20-22 in Huron. Focus will be Writing, Math, ESL and STAR. Local programs will need to volunteer to cover open slots.

B. Membership

There are 39 members in SDALL. Name badges were distributed.

C. Publications

Kim will visit with DOL about getting their events listed on the SDALL website.

Everlearning looks good. Updated submission scheduled was distributed.

D. Scholarships

1. COABE

Kim and Beth attend COABE. Kim encouraged more directors to attend. Kim came home with a new vision as to the direction she wants to take her programs. She will develop a marketing plan based on training she received at COABE and put this plan on the SDALL website.

2. Math Course

Missy Slaathaug received this scholarship. She is not a math person but loves this online course.

7. Old Business

A. Closer Connections Wrap-up

All accounts are settled.

B. Goals and Objectives updates/revisions

1. SDALL will create and market a scholarship plan

Stephenie and Renee developed the plan and will continue working on this ongoing project.

2. SDALL will develop a Professional Development Plan

PD survey has been completed. Sylvia, Carla and Doris are on this committee. Work will be continued after new PD person has been hired by DOL.

3. SDALL will create a marketing plan that addresses connections with stakeholders.

Kim and Sue C. are working on this.

8. New Business

A. Membership: recruiting, collecting dues, tracking, communication/group emails

It was agreed that SDALL would be responsible for collecting its own membership dues as to avoid confusion. Jessie is working on the teacher data base. Renee will email all directors and GED examiners to get permission to add their staff names to SDALL mailing lists.

B. Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Slate of Officers, etc & C.

Professional Development Opportunity

Renee will talk to DOL and propose that SDALL hold its annual meeting at SI. Board meeting will be held the evening of July 19th. The Annual Meeting will be held the evening of July 21st. Details will be worked out later. Slate of officers will be proposed by Kim Olson, Past President. Vacancies need to be filled for East River Rep, West River Rep, Secretary and Treasurer.

Discussion was held regarding the Fall Conference. Due to decreased budgets/travel funds, it was suggested that a LINKS class on Differentiated Instruction be offered. This semester long class would replace the Fall Conference with scholarships offered to participate.

It was suggested that there be a June 1 – July 15 advertising blitz encouraging membership in SDALL. Included would be a list of professional development and scholarship opportunities that would be available to members.

Becki was appointed to be Awards Chairman. It was decided that the Educator of the Year will receive a \$500 grant to be used toward training or conference attendance. It must be expended in the program year it was awarded.

9. Next Meeting

There will be a phone conference on Monday May 24th at 2:00 PM CT to finalize budget and membership/PD training blitz. Slate of officers will be presented. Renee will arrange the call.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Becki and second by Sue C. to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55.