

FCCLA Board of Directors Minutes
March 8, 2007
Henderson, Nevada

Members Present: Carol Matthews, Elsie CapDeville, Barbara Hereford, Linda Stroup, Karen Chessell, Nancy H.

Visitors Present: Phyllis L., Nancy Ball

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Karen Chessell.

I. Certificate of Deposit

Karen gave options for renewing the Certificate of Deposit. There could be several that roll over at different times, or have one larger one. Phyllis wanted to know where the higher percentage of interest could be earned.

The second question Karen had about the CD is do we want to leave the interest (approx \$19.20 per month) in the bank to increase the principle or have a check for that amount sent to us per month.

Phyllis ask if there was anything other than a CD that would earn more interest that would work better for us.

A decision needs to be made so Karen will renew the CD, as is. We will leave the interest in the bank and Karen will check into other options besides CD's and report back to the Board.

II. Judges for the State Conference

Linda told the Board how hard getting judges is for one person. It is too big a job and we need a new way to find judges.

It was suggested to have a local advisor as head of a team to find judges. Barbara Hereford explained that that is how the process is handled in Elko. The Elko High School Advisory Board for FCCLA works as a team to find and obtain judges. In Las Vegas a paid position to do this same thing was offered and no local advisor accepted the job.

Other possible ideas include:

Each advisor is responsible for finding judges for one complete contest.

Each advisor is responsible for finding a number of judges (approximately 5) these could be for different contests

Ways to Look for Judges:

Phyllis suggested looking to Retirement Communities starting with the activity planner.

Nancy H. Suggested asking judges who judged this year if they would be interested in being called the next time we are in this location.

Start and e-mail base for each area. It is important to start early looking for contacts. In the fall the first contacts should be made.

Alumni of FCCLA could be a way to help find judges

Carol M. suggested looking to friends and relatives

Phyllis suggested contacting parents at the beginning of the year with a letter asking if they would be interested.

Nancy Ball volunteered to write a sample letter to the parents for distribution this fall. The letter will be ready for approval at the July meeting in Tahoe.

The Red Hat Ladies club was suggested for volunteers.

There were many ideas of how to find judges – everyone agreed that there should be a timeline established to help with the huge process. Someone needs to be committed as the head of this committee regardless of how the judges would be chosen.

The issue of finding judges was then tabled till the next meeting.

III. Registration for State Conference

Karen explained how putting together the conference takes time and the registration dates need to be examined.

The information packet for the State Conference is mailed out December 1.

As registration stands now the chapters need to register by January 25. Some don't include everything with the registration and this slows down the process.

Carol M suggested that Nevada go to a registration schedule like Utah uses now. An example would be:

	Date	Fee
Early Fee	January 11	\$70
Regular Fee	January 18 - 24	\$75
Late Fee	After Jan 25	\$85
No registration within 10 days of the conference.		

Karen will make a check list of all materials that would have to be submitted by these dates to qualify for the registration fee.

IV. Location of State Conference 2008

There are two main options:

1. Circus Circus – this is self contained and has a café on premises.
2. Holiday Inn – this is also self contained and has a café on premises.

Karen will have a price comparison at the summer meeting.

V. Raffle

There have been some concerns raised about the raffle:

A dollar from all registrations goes toward the raffle. There needs to be a clearer explanation of where the money is going from the raffles.

The Districts can decide themselves if they are going to have a raffle at their meetings. If they are then one dollar from each registration goes to the state.

Having a large prize eats up the profits, so at the next state meeting there will be no large prize – just smaller prizes that have been donated by the chapters. Instead of one big raffle at the banquet have tickets drawn through out the conference to build interest. Tickets will remain in the drawing the remainder of the conference after being bought.

VI. Challenges of the South

Karen told the board that it is much more expensive to have the conference in the south instead of Reno or Elko. Transportation for students seemed to be a big problem. What if anything can be done?

VII. Culinary Arts

In Vegas the Art Institute is available
In Reno TMCC is available
In Elko there is no culinary kitchen available for our use.

Phyllis did not think the kitchens in Elko were a problem but does see that equipment at all locations needs to be more uniform. Every group is responsible for providing their own knives. She suggested putting other equipment in boxes and having it inventoried before and after each group. This would be time consuming and has other draw backs.

How many minutes should be allowed between teams?

Culinary judges are needed for every two teams and as many teams as possible should start at the same time.

VIII. Legislative Update

Karen reported that the third year of Perkins is about to end. She urged us to talk to our CTE Coordinator. There may be Perkins funding for Nationals.

IX. New Business

Carol M. moved to increase the scholarship from 300 dollars to 500 dollars. Elsie C. seconded it. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously (4 – 0). The change will take affect in 2008

Carol M. told the board that the Lincoln High School faculty complained about students missing so much school – could a weekend day be spent as a travel day?

Elsie suggested a Tuesday start date and a Thursday Luncheon – Karen said this is not feasible due to hotel rates and conference room deals.

It was discussed that the conference could begin on Sunday or end on Saturday – nothing new or concrete could be decided. The issue was tabled.

Karen explained the two major changes for this conference to make it run more smoothly:

1. Sean did all the work with staging the State Officers and making sure that scripts were ready. Some advisors liked this and others did not saying that they kids were just acting as puppets.
2. A manpower employee was hired to do calculations and other odd jobs. Some advisors questioned if this was a good use of money when advisors had been used in the past as volunteer workers.

Linda raised the question of what to do when a state officer is not fulfilling their duties. We have had officers in the past that needed to be removed from office. We need to have a policy for removing them and what if any financial reimbursements can be expected.

Linda also brought up the issue of My Space pages. Should access to State Officer My Space pages be available for the State Directors approval? It is important to represent FCCLA in a positive manner. After discussion the issue was tabled.

X. Adjournment

Elsie C. moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm, Carol M seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Hereford, acting secretary.