

Nevada FCCLA Board of Directors Minutes
March 6, 2008
Circus Circus Hotel - Reno, NV

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Karen Chessell at 2:05 p.m.

Board of Directors in Attendance

Karen Chessell, State Advisor
Linda Stroup, State Meeting Coordinator
Elsie Capdeville, District I Representative
Sara Anthony, District II Representative
Carol Mathews, District III Representative
Ella Trujillo, Alumni Representative (as passed in the Bylaws)

Visitors in Attendance

Timothy Marx, Cathi Pyle, Phyllis Langlois, Chris Foisy, Nancy Hamilton

II. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes

The motion, by Elsie Capdeville, to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on July 17, 2007. Seconded by Ella Trujillo. Motion passed.

B. Nominations for Secretary

The Board of Directors is in need of a secretary to record the minutes. The motion, by Linda Stroup, to nominate Timothy Marx as the new secretary. Seconded by Elsie Capdeville. Motion passed.

C. Nominations for New District Representatives

District I – Due to Elsie's retirement at the end of the 2007 – 2008 academic year, the position for District I Representative is open. The motion, by Carol Mathews, to nominate Timothy Marx as the new District I Representative. Seconded by Elsie Capdeville. Motion passed.

District III – Due to Carol's retirement at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year, the position for District III Representative is open. The motion, by Carol Mathews, to nominate Phyllis Langlois as the new District III Representative. Seconded by Elsie Capdeville. Motion passed.

D. Financial Statement and Budget / Certificate of Deposit Update

As of March 4, 2008, the total assets of the Nevada Association are \$21,316.84. There are approximately \$6,000.00 in outstanding bills that need to be paid yet regarding the 2008 State Leadership Meeting. The projected cost of Circus Circus is \$15,000.00. The bulk of the conference is not reimbursed from the state. The Perkins monies are used by Linda and \$1,500.00 is used for the website. Whatever costs are not covered by the registration, comes from the state budget.

Regarding the Certificate of Deposit, the 6-month rates are the best. Karen is trying to keep \$1,000.00 in the checking account for things that come up.

The scholarship was increased from \$300.00 to \$500.00. There were eight seniors who applied for it.

The money from the raffle goes into the Certificate of Deposit.

E. 2007 – 2008 FCCLA Highlights

F. Procession of Raffle without Large Items

We might think about getting donations for the state conference.

G. 2008 – 2009 Calendar

H. Current Bylaw Changes

All six of the bylaw changes that were proposed at the 2008 State Leadership Meeting were passed by the voting delegates.

I. Review of 2008 State Leadership Meeting

Culinary Arts

The judges were complimentary this year and offered the students constructive criticism for the student to improve upon.

Next year (2009) the possibility of using the kitchen at the Elko Convention Center is up for discussion. This will be discussed more in-depth at a later date. Also, the idea of creating a team of advisors, specifically involved with the Culinary Arts event, will be created and they will be responsible for creating a list of equipment that students should bring to the event.

Apparel/Fiber Arts

There are three categories: quilts, apparel, and non-apparel.

The judging of this even went well and the students were able to represent their projects.

The State Officers did an excellent job organizing the fashion show.

There is concern among advisors how to get the students involved regarding the Chapter Banner and Chapter T-Shirt event.

A recommendation was made that a name can be attached those chapter projects – one medal and certificate would be awarded with a maximum of three members.

Another recommendation was made to rename the Chapter T-Shirt event to Designed T-Shirt event to make it more general and feel more like an event for the students to receive recognition.

It was suggested that a picture of how to construct the frame for the Chapter Banner be placed on the website.

It was suggested that we set up a viewing area for the events with displays so that all the members can view the projects that were carried out in the state of Nevada. There would need to be some adult volunteers to monitor this event. It could be placed near the judge's lounge.

Dress Code

There is a concern among a few advisors that today's FCCLA members are not following the current dress code established by national headquarters. It was suggested that an advisor or state officer be at the door of the events "checking" members as they enter to ensure they are dressed appropriately.

It was suggested that the t-shirt the members receive in their registration be required if they wish to attend the dance. This suggestion appeared to be unanimous among the board members.

Alumi Involvement

There was a concern, specifically with one of the chapters, that there were alumni associated with their chapter but they did not pay to attend the conference. It was a unanimous feeling among the board members that if alumni choose to attend the State Leadership Meeting they need to wear a name badge and that they pay just like the regular chapter members. There was also a unanimous feeling among the board members that if alumni choose to attend, they need to have a specific purpose.

Hotel

It was nice this year that the venue included the lodging, conference rooms, activities for the students, and plenty of meal options for the conference delegates.

The buffet was EXCELLENT!

J. Registration Concerns

Karen is particularly concerned about this part of the conference. She currently compiles all the data herself, which takes approximately seven hours. The concern is that when a chapter makes one slight change, it takes a considerable amount of time to go through and change the numbers for everything, not just the number attending.

The Early Bird Registration deadlines posed to be more of a problem than a solution to the registration problem this year. It was suggested that we leave it as one deadline, January 25th, the date when all the conference materials need to be postmarked.

Linda Stroup said she would compile a packet of forms that could be distributed. **(I apologize that I did not catch what the forms would be regarding.)**

In short, a CONSCIOUS effort needs to be made on the advisors' part to make sure forms next year are postmarked January 25th and that everything is correct the first time around.

K. Culinary Arts Competition (comments)

It was a much more positive experience this year for the members competing.

Timothy said he would try to write down the process that seemed to work this year and provide Karen and Linda with a copy of it.

L. Additional Conference Fee for Non-Designated Hotel Delegates

There was not much time to discuss this suggestion. No final decision was reached and it is still up for further discussion at a later date.

It was at this point, as long as we were running out of time, we decided to table the rest of the agenda until a later date.

M. State Leadership Meeting Configuration

N. MySpace Policy and FCCLA Members

O. Future State Dues

III. Legislative Update

A. Perkins IV

B. State Career and Technical Education Funds (CTE)

Due to financial restraints at the federal and state levels, the State of Nevada lost \$4 million in funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) for next year.

It was suggested that we have the students in our classes write to our state legislators so they are able to see the benefits the funding provides students. By doing so, we hope that they might establish some personal connections and create the hope to keep some of our funding.

IV. New Business

The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Directors will be held at 2:00 p.m. on July 22, 2008, at the Horizon Hotel, Stateline, NV.

V. Adjournment

The motion, by Karen Chessell, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Cathi Pyle. Motion passed.