Minutes February 17, 2023

Present: Sarah Albahadily, Carina Amrine, Paloma Cisneros, Jana Cornelius, Misty Glynn, Stephanie Hinton, Tammy Lawson, Lindsay Insomya, Mansur Choudry, Susan Tabor

Absent: Amanda Waters, Caitlin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 9:05. Quorum was achieved.

Carina Amrine moved, Sarah Albahadily seconded the motion that the January 20, 2023, minutes be approved, motion carried.

The financial reports were presented, and very few transactions occurred during the month of January. Motion was not made to approve, this will be corrected in March meeting.

Lindsay Insomya moved, Carina Amrine seconded the motion to ask Saunders and Associates to conduct the 2022 audit. Motion carried.

Susan Tabor reported she is working on getting WOYC presentations listed with the CECPD as well as creating the courses in Constant Contact. She is hoping to complete this by early next week. Sarah Albahadily can put together a flyer for social media and requested the information be sent to her when all is ready. Mansur Choudry can fill in if a substitute is required.

Carina Amrine and Paloma Cisneros presented information about the Fall Conference. They have placed a soft hold on space at Oklahoma City Community College for the conference and it is scheduled for September 30, the last Saturday in September. They have asked Allison Garrett, the Higher Education Chancellor, to serve as the morning keynote. She is very supportive of the Scholars for Excellence program and will know in March if she will be available. The large conference room is reserved, and they are waiting on fall scheduling to complete in March before they can reserve breakouts rooms. They are optimistic the space and morning sessions will be offered at no charge.

“Dr. Mike” was proposed as the closing keynote speaker. He has twenty-two years early childhood education experience as a Pre-K, kindergarten and special education teacher, early childhood administrator, university professor, consultant, and curriculum developer. He has keynoted state and national early childhood conferences and conducted professional dev for childcare providers, Head Start, Pre/-K and kindergarten teachers across twenty-five states. Title of the keynote would be “Music, Movement and Motion – Building Muscles in Young Brains,” and would be offered tri-lingually to include sign language. The requested fee is $4000 which would include travel expenses. Board members requested the conference chairs see if this price is negotiable. The 2023 budget included $2500 for speakers.

The conference will be registered with the CECPD as a six-hour training and can therefore offer one hour break-out sessions. Conference chairs plan to offer a Spanish track in the one-hour sessions during the break-out sessions and local people sharing their accomplishments. Paloma Cisneros is collecting stories from accredited centers (of any type) from around the state This will be made into a ppt /video for viewing during lunch.

Conference chairs are proposing using stickers for name tag, approximately four hundred in total. They are considering using a QR code for the programs, but it was pointed out that sponsor like printed programs to ensure their sponsorship is worthwhile. They hope to include lunch on-site within the registration fee, although they are hoping to secure donated lunches, with the offer of a free vendor type booth. They are also hoping to get t-shirts donated. The goal is to clear $4000.

Proposed sponsorship prices are as follows:

Bronze - $150

Silver - $275

Gold - $550

Platinum - $775

Proposed Vendor prices are as follows:

Table w two chairs $125

Two tables w up to 4 chairs $250

Jana Cornelius moved the adjournment, Lindsay Insomya seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:07.