

August 27, 2007

Executive Meeting Conference Call

Participants: Jan Davis (Director, Aquila); Linda Eidem (Director, NorthWestern Energy); Cory Fuehrer (Secretary/Treasurer (NPPD); Mike Kelly (Vice-Chair, Health & Human Services); Judi Martin (Chair, OPPD); Sheila Nelson (Records Keeper, Aquila)

Next NEAN Meeting: Thursday, September 13, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- **Host – NPPD, York**
907 W. 25 St.
York, NE 68467
Corey's Office: 402-362-7390
Corey's Cell: 402-340-2455
Lunch will be provided

- Cory will provide laptop and projection for website discussion

- Conf Call Information
 - o Call in number: 866-331-0889
 - o Participant code – 809420

Agenda Items for Next NEAN Meeting

- New Members
- Executive Committee Conference Call on August 27, 2007
- NEAN website discussion
- Committee reports

Membership Committee

Membership Applicants Accepted by Executive Committee

- Nebraska Head Start Association
 - o Want to be advisory member
 - o Want to be part of Energy Education Committee
- Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska
 - o Want to be part of Energy Education Committee and Energy Assistance Committee
 - o Located in Lincoln and Hastings

Energy Assistance Committee

Visit with Congressman Lee Terry

- Judi met with Congressman Terry on August 27 and discussed NEAN purpose and activities
- Positive meeting
- Congressman Terry suggested a Volunteer Network Weatherization Campaign, similar to "Step-Out"

Audio Conference

- Chartwell Audio conference on "Low-Income Billing and Payment Programs"
 - o Highlight innovative initiatives taken by utilities in the face of low-income guidelines to assist low-income customers – any interest?

- September 12, 2007
- 2-3:30 p.m. (EST)
- \$240 per connection

Data Collection

- Meeting on September 10 –Aquila, MUD, OPPD, NPPD
- Location: OPPD
- Discussion on Data Collection Protocol – include 2-3 people from each company who are knowledgeable regarding the subject
 - How to gather data
 - How to move forward
 - Agree on terms, descriptions, etc.
 - United Way will be the third party to receive the data
 - NPPD – problem identifying reconnects
 - Aquila may have to join in at a later date

Energy Burden

- Symposium will be held in 2008

Heartland Walk for Warmth

- Planning is going well

Energy Education Committee

- Working with Head Start to distribute kits to low-income families
- Will discuss further at meeting September 28 in Columbus
- Any additional forums?
- Train the Trainer?
- DVDs
 - Who will produce/script/star in?
- Fall back plans

Website

- Discuss what we want on the NEAN website
- Ideas mentioned
 - NEAN calendar for year
 - Will discuss further at September 13 meeting
 - By-laws
 - Minutes from Committees
 - Link to Energy Saving Tips
 - On the Bring Reports, etc.
 - Resources – Index
 - Members provide discs with information they want loaded on website
 - Keep public side and membership side separate

Administrative Committee

By-Laws

- Clarified that advisory member does not have voting rights
- Will be at least another two weeks before Jan can start on by-laws again
- Sheila is providing meeting agendas and minutes to Mari who is posting them to the NEAN website