

September 24, 2007

Executive Meeting Conference Call

Participants: Linda Eidem (Director – NorthWestern Energy), Cory Fuehrer (Secretary/Treasurer (NPPD), Mike Kelly (Vice Chair –HHSS), Judi Martin (Chair – OPPD), Sheila Nelson (Records Keeper – Aquila)

Rick Cheloha (Energy Education) Rick Cheloha participated in the call to talk about the Education Committee, the kits that will be given to Head Start participants and the booklets.

Jan Davis (Director – Aquila) Vacation

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

- **Host – Aquila**
501 W. Sixth St., Papillion, NE 68046
Sheila's Office: 402-221-2159
Jan's Cell: 402-616-6940
Lunch will be provided
- **Conference Call Information**
Call in number: 1 866 234 4460
Participant Code – *6807591*

Agenda Items for Next NEAN Meeting

- Strategic Planning Process
- Head Start Program
- Energy Burden Study Update
- Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

- No disbursements
- Received: \$300 – SourceGas
- Balance as of August 31, 2007: \$2709.20
- Will invoice: Catholic Social Services; Central Nebraska Community Services; Nebraska Head Start Association
- Initial membership letters and/or follow-up to Blue Valley Community Action; Southern Public Power District; United Way
- Approved membership (Rick Hemphill) based on his company's meters

Website Services

- Need to reimburse Dawson Public Power District for sales tax balance \$8.40 for website work

Energy Education Committee

- Surveys
 - Do we want to continue with “Pre” and “Post” surveys, as we did at the Forums
 - Should we revise – if so – to what extent?
 - Judi will follow-up with Jerry Diechert
- Funds pledged by Aquila, NorthWestern Energy and SourceGas in the amount of \$500 each for educational materials. How do we want to use those funds?
 - Aquila will purchase \$500 of Energy-Savers booklets (Spanish)
 - NorthWestern Energy will order \$500 of Energy Savers booklets (English)
 - SourceGas – will hold in reserve for now

- Head Start
 - o What can we do and how much time do we want to spend on DVD project?
 - o NPPD audio/visual department can assist
 - o Paul Johnson (Aquila) added to Curriculum sub –committee
 - o October 5 Curriculum sub-committee meeting
 - o Sheila called and left message with Bill asking about status of Midland Lutheran College
 - o Head Start will determine best way to work with their clients – one-on-one with the help of facilitator’s curriculum materials

Energy Assistance Committee

- Mike will send note to Ardi asking if she wants to have her team meet prior to the NEAN meeting October 11.
- Data Collection
 - o Meeting September 10 –Aquila, M.U.D., OPPD, NPPD
 - o Location: OPPD
 - o Discussion on Data Collection Protocol – include two to three 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

Membership Committee

- Linda will head it and work with Char and Ronda
- Suggest we look into adding “propane” industry representative to NEAN team. Linda will check into possible organizations, i.e. Propane Gas Association of Nebraska, 1320 Lincoln Mall, Lincoln, NE 68508

Future NEAN Meetings

- Mary Simmons has agreed to facilitate strategy meeting in November
- Suggest we bypass the Executive Committee report, except for a few highpoints
- Will continue to send out link for Executive Committee reports
- Rotate chair for each meeting was a suggestion
 - o Welcome
 - o Introductions
 - o Executive Committee meeting highpoints
 - o Request committee reports
- For next meeting, Judi will ask Jan to do the welcome and initiate the introductions. Judi will call on the Executive Committee members to call on their respective committees.

Heartland Walk for Warmth

- Catholic Social Services wants to support the walk in Hastings
 - o Will share press releases and additional support materials
 - o Will keep it simple for this year – not as structured as in Omaha
 - o Any contacts with Hastings Utilities?
- Will request Governor to issue proclamation
- Kearney may do something, or may wait until next year