

NEAN Board Meeting  
November 11, 2009  
1:30 - 3 p.m.  
DeVonne hosted the call

**In Attendance:**

Rick Cheloha  
Judith Martin  
DeVonne Ksiazkiewicz

**Absent:**

Jan Davis  
Mike Kelly  
Corry Fuehrer  
Diane Vesely-Robb

- Do we participate in the NIFA Housing Innovation Marketplace  
We will participate in the Healthy Homes (HUD) conference in March and will pass on this event for this year.
- Update of Energy Affordability Data — use of it  
Jerry Deichert, Center for Public Affairs Research, will provide an annual update of the Nebraska Energy Burden and volunteered to present the information in a PowerPoint format at our April meeting. Discussion was held on what would we like to do with the information once we receive it? Recommendations included: Holding an annual symposium; having a meeting with Jerry and have him give us a presentation; hold a forum. We agreed to brainstorm this at the quarterly meeting.
- Importance of getting 5013c and use of that for Heartland Walk for Warmth in 2011  
Cory reported he had limited progress on 501c.3 – he talked to his personal attorney a month ago and he was going to get some recommendations of who to continue the process with. Cory has not had follow up from that discussion.  
  
Judi indicated the Heartland Walk for Warmth planning team is discussing incorporating the event and has been provided legal counsel (at no charge) to do this. I will look into whether attorney may be willing to help NEAN accomplish the same process.
- Status of getting our own checking account set up so we can let Red Cross take a break.  
Discussion was held and the recommendation was to use either Pinnacle Bank or Wells Fargo as both of these banks seem to be widely available in Nebraska.
- Possibly discuss location of annual meeting in April... maybe discuss options and share at meeting  
Review if we want to continue with the VIEDO Conferences or just use the Live Go To Meeting (Roger Hunt put this suggestion in) as the Live Go To Meetings seem to work well – we could do one or two VIDEO Conference – We could also do the Live Go To Meeting from any location if we wanted to do something special for the Annual Meeting in April. We will discuss at quarterly meeting.
- Who is bringing drinks/rolls? NEAN funds or the others?  
Bobbi from NPPD will arrange for refreshments in Lincoln.  
Roger has contacted Cory for Kearney and Chad for Columbus for refreshments.  
NorthWestern Energy will sponsor the refreshments.
- Next quarterly chair  
Rick Cheloha will be our next quarter's chair person
  - DeVonne will send email to Diane Vesely-Robb to see what her status is with remaining on the Board. We will wait for her response and if needed we will put her position up for election.
  - Committee reports:  
Judi will present committee report and two items will be open for discussion and brainstorming.

01/11/09 – Notes from Cory Fuehrer

Limited progress on 501.c.3. I talked to my personal attorney a month ago and he was going to get me some recommendations of who to continue the process with. I have not followed up with him, though.

We can get a checking account as soon as we would like, since we are recognized as a corporation now.  
Question: Do we want to set one up here, since I will be stepping down from the Secretary/Treasurer position in three months?

I'm open to the annual meeting anywhere. NPPD would be happy to step up and support the meeting by bringing or financing a portion of whatever needs to be covered. Thanks!

Cory

01/11/09 – Notes from Shirley

Shirley will not be able to attend today's meeting. She will give a 20-minute or so (depending on the time available) presentation at our Quarterly meeting Thursday. She will give a Summary on Consumer and Small Retail Business in Nebraska. She will send a PowerPoint that she will be using – who should she send it to?

List of members who have notified us so far that they will be attending the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

1/12/10

By: DeVonne Ksiazkiewicz