

NEAN Executive Board Meeting
March 8, 2010

Members Participating:

Rick Cheloha
Judi Martin
Jan Davis
Mike Kelly
Cory Fuehrer
Roger Hunt

1. Disconnects/Arrears Voluntary Reporting:

No new developments from Scott Huscroft. Group discussed whether or not to post the data summaries on the NEAN website. Energy Assistance committee should formulate a recommendation. Mike Kelly and Jamie Moore should have access to the information.

2. Healthy Homes Summit March 15-16:

Judi Martin will give her presentation March 15. We will have pens as give-aways and new brochures at a NEAN booth. The World-Herald noted NEAN as endorsing the conference

3. Heartland Walk-for-Warmth

NEAN had a booth with pens. This year was much warmer. Start time should be pushed back so participants have better feeling of what it's like to be cold and in the dark, however this creates a greater safety problem.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- Cory Fuehrer stated there are no transactions yet this year.
- Cory will examine options for transferring NEAN's checking to an area bank. Recommendations will be discussed at our next Executive Board Meeting.
- Annual membership dues were discussed. Cory indicated the dues structure would be approved during the annual meeting and he would already have hardcopies of the invoices. The same dues structure from last year would be motioned for approval. Executive Board concurred.

5. Secretary's Report:

- Cory Fuehrer stated that he is nearly ready to submit application to the IRS for the 501(c)(3) recognition. It was motioned, seconded, and approved for Cory to request funds for up to \$900 to cover the IRS user fee for processing.
- Cory expressed concern for time/effort required to cover duties of both NEAN positions. Jan Davis and Judi Martin recommended looking into area bookkeeping that may support some of the clerical responsibilities.

6. Committee Reports:

Energy Education

- DVD is on NEAN website. Roger Hunt noted that an introduction is required.
- Shirley Niemeyer scheduled four webinars to “Train the Trainer” on use of the Head Start materials.
- The Education Committee recommends a suggested donation of \$100 per complete package of Head Start materials from outside entities interested in using the materials. OPPD will facilitate up to five packages, then outside printing company would produce larger volumes

Energy Assistance

- Looking at joint project with Deb Steidley at Access Nebraska – recent survey shows that 87% of Nebraska is not familiar with 211

7. Annual Meeting:

- Lisa Schuler will be contacted to see if meeting can be hosting in Hastings. Cory should be contacted immediately thereafter so that reservation of NPPD’s facilities can be released. (DeVonne will contact Lynn to cancel reservations)
- Nominations for open positions will be discussed at next Executive Board Meeting. Cory will determine which positions are up for re-election and report to the board.
- Mike Kelly will contact the Nebraska Energy Office about attending the annual meeting
- Rick Cheloha will visit with DeVonne Ksiazkiewicz to coordinate details of the meeting

8. Next meeting: Monday, March 22, 2010. 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Cory Fuehrer, NEAN Secretary/Treasurer