**AKSNA MINUTES**

 ALASKA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

May 17, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting Called to order at 2:06 pm.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM/ROLL CALL-Sandra Ponte, Debbie Soto, Susan Pougher, Trevor Bridgewater, Tracy Hulett, Gavin Northey, Josephine Dawson, Rachel Spencer, Susan Lampert, Tiffany Kurani, Adrianne Schwartz and Amber Colvin present. Quorum established.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Rachel Spencer noted that section of the minutes under communication said needed correction. Motion made to amend minutes. Gavin Northey seconded motion to approve amended minutes.
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Gavin Northey motioned to adopt agenda and Rachel Spencer seconded.
5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT-Nothing to report at this time.

1. TREASURER’S REPORT Gavin Northey reports that as of 30th of April we have had approximately $4000 in revenue. We are sitting at negative thirty-six thousand for the year. Currently there is not really anything pertinent on statement of cash flow to report but anyone can contact Gavin Northey with questions. New officers begin in July. Gavin Northey was able to set up mailbox and will send out the address. We now have permanent mailbox at UPS store.
   1. Budget- Gavin Northey made a motion to approve the budget as attached. We could vote to change it if needed, later. We will start the fiscal year at $60,000. We will hit $34,000 in cash as low in December. Rachel Spencer voiced concerns over keynote speaker costs. Maybe we can look into getting sponsor for keynote speaker. Gavin Northey would start working on that over the summer. You can have someone sponsor the Mush on News as well. You just add a logo and email address to reach them. Two things that would be good for sponsorship would be the keynote speaker and the banquet. Josephine Dawson reports the budget includes fees for the Egan Center. There is a sponsorship by CDC grant for $5000 for conference. Generally, the conference pays for itself, and AKNSNA makes enough in registrations to pay for keynote speaker. Susan Pougher moves to approve the budget, and Trevor Bridgewater seconded the motion. Motion passed to approve the budget.
   2. Revenue ideas, sponsorships - More discussion of this under new business.
2. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. Public Policy and Legislation-Rachel Spencer reports she received information on area eligibility from Lisa Johnson. Everyone who participated in this waiver in the previous school year is allowed to participate again this school year. Rachel Spencer will forward this email over. Josephine Dawson discussed this memo and provided clarification. Rachel Spencer wanted to get some input on what AKSNA would like to see in legislation. Gavin Northey mentioned reimbursement rates are important. SNA has pushed commodities cash in lieu for breakfast in the past. CACFP meals in Anchorage gets 30 cents cash in lieu instead of commodities. Gavin Northey would like to see this for breakfast. What is some of the data and logic behind what we are pushing for reimbursement rates? You typically run a higher administrative cost for a summer program. Recommendation made to promote reimbursement rates that are all the same level (CACFP, NSLP, SFSP). The SFSP reimbursement rate would be great for all programs. Susan Pougher says we can gather information from various school districts on this. Food and freight costs are both up significantly. Rachel Spencer states that maybe it would be a good idea to send a survey on the last 3 school years to have some data to back it up. Rachel Spencer will talk with Adrianne Schwartz on this.
   2. Member Services-Adrianne Schwartz reports membership is down. Anchorage will update by next month and numbers will go up. Our membership should be up to 97 when those go through. Adrianne Schwartz encouraged brainstorming for ideas for incentives for memberships. Adrianne Schwartz and Gavin Northey will be attending ALASBO in December and will be setting up a booth there. They would like to talk more about a zoom meet and greet with our board to promote membership.
   3. Communications
      1. Mush On News-Debbie Soto states the next edition is on the radar and she hoping to get it out soon. She will need a report from the President and State for that. Debbie Soto asks that if you have something to share, please send it.
      2. Web Page – Gavin Northey reports there is no news on the web page at this time.
      3. Facebook- Josephine Dawson reports there currently nothing new to report. Josephine Dawson saw Trevor Bridgewater’s picture from visit to Alaska gateway and requested permission to repost to repost this. Trevor Bridgewater agreed to this.
   4. Conference Committee- Keynote speaker for the conference will be DeWayne Rawls. He is a very passionate speaker. Barry Sackin will be the speaker coming to talk about procurement rules. This will be a great opportunity for us all to learn more about procurement. The conference content that is more heavily tailored to managers is scheduled in morning, and front-line staff content is scheduled in the afternoons. This should make the conference more accessible to a larger number of participants and should ensure content is appropriate to the audience. Trevor Bridgewater will look at field trip options over the summer. It might be fun to go to Sysco to see warehouse facilities. Also, US foods offered to do tour. Tiffany Kurani would find it interesting to see other kitchens. It can be challenging to get anyone to engage on same day as vendor show. BP center is reserved for the conference, email just came through. The cost is super cheap (something like $200 to reserve.) Conference costs will be lower now. We need to come up with the banquet location. Let Gavin Northey know of any ideas you might have. Transportation needs to be included/considered for off-site location.
   5. Contract ED Committee-Table this discussion for now.
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Select seniors for senior gift. Floyd Wilson and Tiffany Kurani’s daughter. Gavin Northey to put up pictures and information on AKSNA website for this.
4. NEW BUSINESS – Gavin Northey makes motion to replace the raffle with innovations contest. We are looking for innovative solution to address problems and improve program presentation or participation. This would replace ANC scholarship raffle. Winner of the innovations contest would be awarded ANC scholarship. Josephine Dawson makes a motion to transition our scholarship program to innovation winner program. Sandra Ponte seconds motion. We should set a. dollar amount for meals ($600 might be a reasonable amount.) All in favor of this motion. Motion passes. Sandra Ponte mentioned she has an item of new business. She mentioned the end of year review for the plan of action is due June 15th.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER  - Gavin Northey will send a reminder this summer to everyone on how to get onto the website and post everything for the consent agenda. Gavin Northey will get Trevor Bridgewater set up with Zoom meeting. Zoom meeting is budgeted. It might make more sense to hold meetings September through May during the year. Meet and greet would be great in August or September. This might be something to keep in mind for the first meeting.
6. Next meeting – No June meeting. Next meeting will occur September 20th, 2022.
7. ADJOURNMENT  at 3:17pm.