

CAPFAA Council Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2006

Present: Odette Frankescino, Julie Lei, Joe Martinkovich, Henry Miller, Bernie Shea, Walter Shicko, Patty Delbuono, Richard Bishop, Beth Baker, John Giordano, Sandra Vitale, Flo LaCroix, Lisa Cabral-Krynos.

Meeting started 1:08 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Matching gift for silent auction can't receive because we don't have tax id#. Doing well financially. Monies owed from conference and membership dues. 29 people still owe from winter conference.

Winter Conference-John Giordano

John said still some money out in receivables for conference. Total attendees 234.

Carter Irwin is student from alcapello group.

Total revenue from registration \$ 32, 872. Detailed budget report from conference will be available at February Council meeting.

Rich Bishop asked if any changes need to be made to November minutes. Review of November minutes. Motion made by John to accept. Patty made 2nd motion. Minutes accepted.

Scholarship Committee-Beth Baker

Applications went out as attachments with announcement on CAPFAA list serve.

Scholarship committee will review applications. Everything on track for scholarships.

Beth would like to do an additional fund raiser possibly a wine tasting event. Beth will research legal issues regarding serving alcohol at a function and what CAPFAA's responsibility is.

Would like to increase the public's awareness of CAPFAA and what our function is.

Discussion takes place about insurance and should CAPFAA look into purchasing liability insurance for CAPFAA events.

Training Committee- Patty Delbuono

Tax workshop will be February 16 & 17, 2006 at Rennselear.

CAPFAA February meeting conflicts with tax workshop. February meeting will be held February 24th.

Citizenbank committed \$2,000 for tax workshop. Patty suggested we purchase the workbooks directly from Jim Briggs rather than print them on our own. Collegeboard use to split the cost of the workshop. This year Collegeboard will not participate in the cost of the workshop.

Who will provide Publication 17 for conference attendees? Patty will look into this.

March training -to be held March 30. Quinnipiac -Joint Graduate Committee—

April training- professional development agenda. Will have two sessions:

Panel session- What we do for the students? Things we do in our office to show the students we care.

Customer service session.

Patty stated the Frontliners went well. 33 attendees. Vendors were very generous.

Committee met last Tuesday –October 4th or 5th may be for Fall Training. Patty will see if she holds the Frontliners at Grand Hotel will they work a deal for CAPFAA holding two events there?

Beth is looking to hold CAPFAA Executive Council Retreat tentative to be held 12 & 13 or 26 & 27th. Beth will look into it places and get back to council.

Annual Business Meeting-Walter Schiko and Bernie Shea.

New chairperson for 2006 will be David Butkus. Walter said the lobster traps have been set. Bernie and Walter will be meeting with Mountainside.

Ethics-Henry Miller

Trying to get a speaker to come in and speak at a meeting. Plan is to bring back to executive committee where an appropriate place to hold this event. Timeline possibly in October? If held in October can have a speaker and a panel from each type of school and discuss topics related to ethics –general session.

Strategic Planning Committee-absent

No new information. Would like to have a separate meeting regarding membership structure. Kelly is interested in getting involved. Beth will see if she can get Kelly to work with Mark and Phil. The council needs to make some decisions regarding what the needs of the council are regarding membership. Need to review constitution and see how we want to approach the membership requirements. May want to have any votes made at June Business Meeting.

Discussion took place regarding how to handle membership for CAPFAA. We would like to find out what other states do regarding membership? Any limits to membership? Individual membership or school membership –do other states let people outside of schools join their membership?

Golf Tournament-Joe Martinkovich

All registration and bills paid. Joe needs to reconcile with Flo.

\$3,300 to go toward scholarships this year.

Will not be going back to Laurel View. Joe will reconvene committee to look at new site to hold the tournament –user friendly course.

Newsletter- Julie Lei

Targeting January 27 as release date for January newsletter. Lots of pictures from Winter Conference. Would like to get new articles from different people.

Graduate and Professional Concerns-Odette

Have met 3 times. Would like to establish a listserv. Odette is working with Jim Kuhlen. Approximately 50 people are interested in listserv.

March 30 training at Quinnipiac University. Presenters are from Vermont Law School – the session will consist of debt management and financial literacy program—open to all CAPFAA members.

Next meeting March 10, 2006.

EASFAA Report- Odette Frankescino

Nominations sent out for award nominees. Volunteerism is a big topic at EASFAA.

Looking for people to volunteer. 70 CT members belong to EASFAA.

Odette asked if CAPFAA interested into registering its logo \$275.

Discussion took place does CAPFAA want to register its logo. One time application fee.

Suggestions were made to register the logo. Motion made by Walter to register logo.

John 2nd the motion. The motion was passed. The CAPFAA logo will be trademarked.

Legal language will it be provided from EASFAA? We need to have this information for our website. Copy of letterhead will be needed for Ivette to get information to EASFAA.

Early Awareness-Ivette Rivera-Dryer

Latino conference will be held in the spring.

Possible events to be held through this committee:

College Goal Sunday-NASFAA sponsoring—Ivette will go through pamphlet and review with committee member and discuss for January 2007.

New Haven Career and Financial Aid college fair- need speaker and lenders and schools to participate. Since no money was spent on calendar event Ivette asked that all the funds from the previous event \$1,200 was not spent and would like to donate this to this event.

Fifth graders go to college: Hartford children city and school system have 5th graders go to a college and visit the college and attend sessions. City of Hartford pays for transportation and CAPFAA would be responsible for light breakfast and lunch.

Ivette would like to have CAPFAA sponsor this activity.

March

Latino Conference – 4 scholarships. 300-400 attendees. March 18, 2006

Village Initiative Project- takes at risk minority students to take them to college and expose them to the college experience. Bridgeport area –Ivette will look for someone to take this event over who is closer to Bridgeport.

Social Service Agency to help children add a component of financial aid through CAPFAA –connect CAPFAA with this agency.

Ivette will put together a budget and see if we can complete all of these projects. It is up to head of committee

Guidance Counselor Fair-Lisa

Still waiting for money from two attendees. Lisa will send report to me. All bills paid except CEU's. Andrew and Lisa will be co-chairing event again next year. November 29th only available date at Aqua Turf in November. Pushing it to October 13, 2006. Need \$1,000 deposit. Committee to start 2 months earlier for this event. Lisa will check dates for November 2007.

Old Business:

Patty asked about insurance for CAPFAA? Patty thought Heather was looking into insurance. Patty will check with Heather.

New Business:

Beth said Susan Gerber has committed to serve as chair person for winter conference. Patty and Beth will be attending NASFAA Leadership Training March 5-7th 2006.

February 1, 2006 –Reconciliation Bill –John going to Capital.

Next meeting February 27, 2006.

Meeting adjourned-3:06 p.m.