

## MEEA Board Meeting April 24, 2019

1. Call to Order 3:33\_\_\_\_\_
2. Roll Call – Laura, Jennifer, Hannah, Lesli, Sarah, Karen
3. Minutes from March
  - Sarah\_\_\_ moved to approve, Hannah\_\_\_\_\_ seconded, motion carried
4. Board Retreat Discussion
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 3:00
  - Cabin outside of Columbia
  - Directions to follow (**ACTION ITEM Lesli**)
  - There are options to stay the night Friday. If people are interested contact Lesli.
  - Tentative Agenda
    1. Board member expectations
    2. Board best practices
    3. Starting mini-trainings at meetings
    4. New program ideas
    5. Social media moving forward
  - New MEEA program ideas (**ACTION ITEM AII**)
  - Other items to add to the retreat agenda (**ACTION ITEM AII**)
5. Financial Report March
  - Hannah moved to approve, Sarah seconded, motion carried
  - Jan recommended closing Conservation CU account and moving money to US bank account
    1. Sarah moved to approve, Laura seconded, motion carried
  - Unexpected gain of \$3000 in interest from Community Foundation of the Ozarks
6. Software Update
  - Via e-mail Lesli requested and Jan moved to approve, hiring Andrew Covey to help with IT support, Meredith seconded, the motion carried at board meeting to pay for the support that was provided.
  - Lesli and Andrew worked with Sumac and determined that it was not the best option
  - We will continue to use Wufoo, Dreamweaver, Mail Chimp, and Excel
  - We will add Fundrazr, which requires no subscription for the Summer Solstice fundraiser
  - G-Suite is getting set up, MEEA e-mail addresses will be available to the board
  - Taskforce was formed to look into to future software options- Lesli & Hannah
  - *More details available of the google drive documents Lesli has posted*
7. NAAEE- Leadership Clinic
  - We were accepted!
  - Participants need to register by May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Travel agent will reach out after that to arrange plans
8. Lesli project updates
  - Working on upcoming MEELAB meeting

- Columbia sustainability partnership meeting went well, public school district may be interested in working together
- *More details available of the google drive documents Lesli has posted*

#### 9. Fundraising Committee

- Created MEEA Champion list
  1. Post list to google drive (**ACTION ITEM Lesli**)
  2. Put names next to people you know and/or are willing to contact on list (**ACTION ITEM All**)
  3. Jan will contact the rest
- Solstice Fundraiser
  1. Goal 100 people donating \$21 each
  2. Need to decide what money raised will be going to, for marketing purposes
  3. Not using Stewards of Missouri name
  4. May highlight members doing good work in the community

#### 10. Conference update

- Next meeting in 4/30

#### 11. Membership Drive

- 26 new members as of 4/21
- Share Facebook posts
- Remind folks to open e-mails, and that we are going through a transition
- Recruit at least one new member by May 11<sup>th</sup> (**ACTION ITEM All**)

#### 12. Grants

- MO Foundation for Health
  1. Positive meeting, they are looking to blend EE and public health
  2. Could be funding available to work with schools
  3. Could connect Green Schools with underserved/rural/urban schools
  4. "Health & Wellness" is a green ribbon pillar, would be good to highlight those doing more than basics on this one
  5. Could be great partnership/grant potential
- LAD Foundation
  1. Organizations mission is to protect Ozark forests
  2. Bush Honey Suckle Trial curriculum/kit grant possibility
    1. Lesli would work with Dale & Jean & Kat
    2. Focus audience would be Ozark teachers
    3. Could highlight quiz feature on website
  3. Hannah moved to approve moving forward on this, Sarah seconded, motion carried
  4. Will submit letter of interest by 4/26 (**ACTION ITEM Lesli**)
- *More details available of the google drive documents Lesli has posted*

#### 13. Outreach

- Formal Educators are priority

- Jan will post a doc to Google Drive where board members can identify the best regional events to table at **(ACTION ITEM Jan)**
- Identify and add to Jan's google doc **(ACTION ITEM All)**

14. New volunteer bookkeeper

- Lesli has posted credentials previously
- Jennifer and Jan will meet with perspective volunteer
- Board will discuss at May meeting

15. Next meeting

- May 29<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 5:00

16. Meeting Adjourned

- 5:14