

Start time: 5:06 pm

Present:

Leslie

Sarah

Jenny

Hannah

Jan

Karen

Laura

## 1. Budget Discussion

Conference revenue was good, even though we handed out free registrations-

- 2 on sliding scale for 20
- 4 for 30
- 18 paid presenter fee
- 28 paid the regular fee
- 44 were comped (sponsors are included here)

Need to raise the \$15,288

MFH grant is paying a 25% portion of Lesli's salary- she on a .75 time position now

Can we send 2 people from MEEA to the conference? The conference is in Arizona. It sounds like MFH funds will cover a few conferences too.

Printing costs will increase (line item 510)

Conference costs don't include time

Certification time is what Jan does @ \$25 hour, setting up new files

Grants might have to increase because they are coming in late.

Quiz software is expensive and there are other options but adding questions to other software would take time.

Must be a good return on investment for fundraising expenses.

Sales would include selling tshirts or mugs is time consuming and you don't make a lot of money

### Governance

Board- mileage and food (should cover our quarterly meetings if no one puts in for mileage)

Non payroll numbers will be recalculated

Changes:

Increase printing costs to \$1200

Increase mileage costs - track as in kind- it will be big

Non payroll numbers will be recalculated

Add Non profit quarterly subscription- Non Profit Professionals of St. Louis- Association of Fundraising Professionals- \$95

Add \$500 in Governance for PD (Lesli or the Board wordpress training)

Jan will revise budget and we will vote by email.

2. EPA GRANT Discussion --KS would administer the grant, but we would need to secure hired staff to take administer the certification for MO. We could use the same platform as KS, but we'd be in charge of our own platform. Probably not a good fit for a VISTA. I **cannot** take on this added task, and I would need board assistance with recruiting someone for this. **Hard deadline to let Laura Downey know we are in: Dec. 13. So, let's add this as 2nd agenda item for the 12/11 board mtg. Feel free to comment here though, to expedite the conversation on the 11th.**

Laura sent a draft of the grant application that she is working on.

- Suite of microcredentials using a platform called moodle- multiple courses to complete a credential.
- Self paced or as a cohort.
- Do the first round as a cohort
- Several states are working on the community engagement microcredential
- Teachers/MGS/Partners could complete the microcredentials
- Duplicate and modify it for us
- Recruit and hire someone to administer the certification
- There are several NAAEE affiliates that are doing the same thing
- Region 7 grant from the EPA that are distributed to organizations
- Have someone administer a microcredential in community engagement- for example build a recycling program, measure water quality
- .25 or .50 time position?
- Useful for Laura if we participate because that would mean 2 states in Region 7
- Leslie sent us an email from Laura regarding the proposal

Karen moved to go for it

Hannah and Sarah seconded

All in favor

3. BOARD RETREAT--Jan. 18-19

Looking at airbnb in Columbia

Meet on both Sat and Sun

Stay over Saturday night

Lesli will look into places we can meet on Saturday.

We can finish looking at accomodations via email