

MEEA Board Meeting March 27, 2019

Call to Order 3:30

Roll Call – Meredith, Laura, Jennifer, Hannah, Jan, Lesli, Sarah, Karen

Approved Minutes from February– Including correcting names. Jan moved, Laura seconded, passed unanimously

Member introductions including goals

Jenny- Grow reach, expand to schools, more for informal members, include agriculture and food based systems.

Jan- Raise a chunk of the budget, help with fundraising, work on Green Schools certificate.

Hannah- Bring more agriculture background

Karen- Experience working with a nonprofit, help with school based objectives, represent rural communities

Sarah- Bring more tech to MEEA and EE and expand in the KC area

Laura- Bring more EC, Nature Play and Nature-Based preschool connections

Meredith- Parent and family involvement and connecting students to sustainability

Board Basics

Wednesdays are best

Schedule month to month

April 24th 3:30 – 5:00

Members will 2 articles or lessons per year (500-750 words w/ links to resources)

Lesli will send google form to start planning *ACTION ITEM

Members will table at 1-2 events per year (events to focus on teachers & good return on investment)

Lesli will send google form w/ calendar to start planning *ACTION ITEM

Tabling / Outreach task force formed- Jan, Laura & Hannah

Board retreats will be reinstated, 1-2 times per year for informal Strat planning

Doodle poll will be sent out (don't think anyone committed to doing this) *ACTION ITEM

Will set up at next meeting

Financial report (Jan)-

Please review regularly and thoroughly

Board of directors are legally liable for organizations finances (but we do have insurance)

Can ask any questions about finances at board meetings or e-mail Jan directly

Approved Finance report - Meredith moved and Karen seconded, passed unanimously

All are on board with MEEA joining the Sustainability Institute

NAAEE- Jenny, Sarah, Steve (MDC), Tracy, and a Kaiser teacher will be going

Lesli update on her projects

April Membership drive is online now through Earth Day

There will be a summer solstice peer to peer day of giving on 6/21 with a recommended donation of \$21

Would be across state

Committee would all share that day to magnify impact

Possible summer solstice viewing parties around the state.

Leslie will send link *ACTION ITEM

Dale Duphor (Sp) Hosting honeysuckle removal

Social media options

MEELAB

Fundraising committee formed- Jan, Meredith, Sarah

Conference update (Laura)

November 2nd, at the Zoo

Title shift back to MEEA

Icebreaker TBD

Sunday optional field trips across area (advanced sign up required)

Looking at adding a student strand

Theme- Care-Understand-Act

Presenter diversity important

Have Universities advertise to preservice teachers

Would like streaming options for some sessions

Possible film screening at icebreaker "Water School" Netflix or "Arcade Project" Amazon Prime

Monthly committee meetings will be the 4th week of the month

Next meeting 4/30 3:30 – 5:00 at the Zoo in the Learning Center

Homework- look for Keynote ideas that are local (only \$200 fee available)

Conference discussion

All agreed to increase fee to \$50

Financial need check box category will be added to the form, instead of scholarship option

Review of software needs

Sumac is best option at \$45 a month, all agreed to move forward with trial

Meeting adjourned 5:10