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