

MCEMSA Board Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2011~ Redland MS, Derwood, MD

Present: Daria Taylor, Jeanette Marin, JoAnn Floyd, June O'Connor, Anita Anderson, Sarah Way, Melissa Brown, Cynthia Perley, Jennifer Lauchlan, Sidra Van Norden, Brenda Young, Karina Hirschhorn

The following agenda items were discussed:

MCEA Information: Melissa Brown has volunteered to share MCEA information and opportunities for advocacy with the MCEMSA membership. She will be given the distribution list to distribute this information and will add a disclaimer explaining that she is just disseminating the information, and that any specific questions or concerns should be directed to building EFRs.

Treasurer's Report: Maureen emailed copies of the treasurer's report and sent word that she thought we were in "good shape." The decrease in membership was noted. It was determined that we will have a renewed membership drive as soon as Michelle Hunsicker-Blair has the online membership option up and running.

Advocacy Projects: Michelle Hunsicker-Blair will be sending Jeanette the results of the Positive Messages survey and Jeanette will forward them to the Board. An ad hoc committee was formed to move forward with this project via email. Members include: Daria Taylor, Karina Hirschhorn, Jen Lauchlan, and Brenda Young. Jeanette reported that the Advocacy Video has been on hold. Daria suggested that the current footage be reviewed to identify what additional filming is needed, and what should be kept from the current footage. Thus the filming could be completed during the school year and this would allow for editing and finalization over the summer. Anita and Karina agreed to work on this project. Sidra has offered her husband's support and Maureen Larson was volunteered in absentia.

Nook Night at Barnes and Noble Jeanette shared their offer to host a MCEMSA event introducing us to their e-book reader, the Nook. Participants will be allowed to use one on loan for approximately two weeks. It was decided that this would take the place of the Tech Night scheduled for March 28 at CTI. The Board meeting will remain at Pat Martinsen's house immediately following the event.