

Illinois Coalition for Educating At Risk Youth Board Meeting
March 10, 2010
Bloomington, IL

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Parker at 5:50 p.m. and introductions were made. Member and guest list is attached.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 10-1-10 Board meeting were distributed. Dorothy Roesch motioned to accept the minutes. Donna seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Minutes from the 11-17 09-10 Teleconference Meeting were distributed. Deb Harriman asked that her name be added to those in attendance. The correction was noted. The motion to approve the minutes, with corrections was made by Phyllis. The motion was seconded by Pat.

Treasurer's Report

Harold distributed the treasurer's report. Current balance is \$69,304.07. Harold asked that members pay bills with their credit cards and then send bills to him for reimbursement. Deb motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. JoEllen seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Committees

Legislative

Deb Harriman discussed legislative give aways. The group decided to distribute newsletter to legislators in lieu of give aways. It was suggested that the newsletter include student success stories, interviews from parents on the importance of our programs and comments from home school administrators about how schools would be impacted if we did not have TAOEP programs.

Julie suggested that we recognize a legislator as a special "Friend of ICEARY." Deb would like to nominate Representative Eddy. We will consider recognizing him next year at our Annual Conference.

Members discussed the Governor's Budget Address. Maureen reported to Deb that the Governor would like to see a 1% income tax increase, which would go to education only. The Governor is currently proposing a 1.3 billion dollar cut to education.

Members discussed Senate Bill 2489. This bill would mandate that students who have been suspended from their home high schools, be given the opportunity to attend a safe school. Pat motioned that we appoint Deb to serve on the task force dealing with this issue. Jenny seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Deb will be retiring in June 2011 and she suggested that we find someone to replace her before that time. Paul volunteered to be Co-Chair with Deb and then Chairman when she retires.

Deb stated that we need a legislative committee member for the Chicago area and for Region 6. Althea volunteered to be the Region 6 Representative.

Members discussed developing a job description for our lobbyist. Pat will work on developing this and an annual evaluation form.

Communications

The newsletter is posted on our website. Members were encouraged to share the newsletter with legislators.

Program and Training

Joni reported that few trainings have been planned since fall, due to lack of funding.

Conference

Members had positive things to say about the new location and we will pursue using the Bloomington location for next year.

Membership

Pat reported that we have 258 members.

Finance

See notes in regards to treasurer's report.

Regional Reports

1. No Report
2. Bonnie reported that their meeting was scheduled for November 4 and that the turnout was disappointing.
3. Members met in October and participated in a presentation on school refusal.
4. Sixty people attended their meeting in October.
5. Bruce Talbot presented and a legislator spoke to the group.
6. A meeting was held at the regional safe school in Region 6.
7. Their speaker this fall presented on motivating children who live in poverty.
8. They held a presentation on sexting. Elaine hosted a presentation on 40 Assets.

Old business

We need a Regional 1 Representative.

New Business

The group agreed to allow job listing to be added to our website.

Elaine tendered her resignation as President, effective immediately.

ISBE Report

Sally reported that ISBE has a new administrator in their division. She cannot update us on funding for next year, but will keep us informed when she knows something.

Open Remarks

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively set for June.

Dorothy motioned that we adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Reinhart seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Althea Pendergast
ICEARY Secretary