

School Nutrition Association of Kansas

Work Session

Minutes – November 11, 2017

Stan Vallis called the session to order. Those in attendance were: Stan Vallis, Tara Cox, Josh Mathiasmeier, Jeannine Flory, Melinda Thomas, Jayci Dalton, Terri Jo Markham, Kaye Kabus, Cindy Jones and Steve Newman.

Concern Fall Conference 2017: The final bill has not been paid while resolution of the food problems is being discussed.

The survey concerning moving to a spring conference was discussed. Fifty percent of the respondents would attend either a spring or fall conference while 25 percent would prefer a spring conference. The other 25 percent would like to stay with a fall conference. There was concern about whether regional workshops would hurt conference number. Regional workshops will be completely different than Conference. They will focus on professional development. Industry likes the idea of a spring conference to share new items. Vendors are committed to being at the conference.

A greater presence as SNA-KS is needed at CNMA. We should have a table with people manning it. We need more advertising with personal testimonials.

Members attending voiced the need for a Leadership training. Start to think of names suggested for attendance.

Regional training specifics were discussed. Suggested financial help would be in the form of a mini grant. Proposals for aid would be submitted and approved. Be sure to keep fun in the regional workshops.

New Food Service Directors could receive a free registration to attend conference to encourage their participation in SNA-KS.

Budget was the next item of discussion. Committees need to ask for allocations for their expenses to be put in the budget. Stan and Stephane are working on the budget. It was suggested that the organization should consider getting a Capital One credit card to earn free flyer miles.

As monies were discussed, it was announced that only \$1200 in booth monies was left to collect for Fall Conference. Also a suggestion was to have a sponsorship list in the conference packet for attendees.

Webinars will be checked into as a way to hold meetings so we can have a quorum to actually conduct business. Maybe for the next meeting in January (on Friday instead of Saturday). Scheduling of meetings was discussed.

PP&L members Cindy and Steve shared SNA's position paper concerns. First concern was about 6 cents for breakfast and commodities (cash in lieu of commodities. Next, stopping the Block funding proposal. The committee will possibly send a survey to membership about local concerns. More information is on the SNA website. Check the SNA website for a chance to win a free trip to LAC. Are there others in Kansas willing to go to LAC to represent our state? Terri Jo Markham was suggested. Cindy explained the process when going to meet with legislators. When we send enough people to split into 2 groups, we provide the opportunity to meet with more legislators. The committee is looking for interested members to join the committee and become vocal advocates of our organization.

SNA-KS is also looking for volunteers to man our booths at KASBO and HOA.

Kansas School Lunch Week will remain the same. Please promote local foods and Farm to Plate.

Bylaws: Section F was reviewed. In 1c, replace 45 days to 2 weeks. In 2 a, strike "in writing" and "60 days." It was also suggested we add webinars and a proxy vote verified by an email.

Concerning membership, Josh Mathiasmeier will create a survey for conference. One question will be: What would get you involved in Sna-Ks? A drawing will be held from the surveys turned in for a \$50 gift card. Sandy Skucius will chair the membership committee through conference, but a new chairperson is needed. Discussions was that personal phone calls during the grace period were instrumental in keeping our numbers up before. Amber Workman is willing to work on these again. A Facebook presence was discussed. It would be possible to do polls there.

Public Policy and Legislation (PP&L) – Discussed using either table tents at Conference or information sheets in the bags received at registration. Jayci will meet with Jennifer Almaraz

about Sna-Ks at HOA meeting. A map will be created for conference with the districts outlined. Hope to attach a picture of Area Representatives to their respective areas.

Budgeting was tabled until the future.

The 2018 Fall Conference will be in Overland Park on October 5, 6, & 7. It will have a futuristic theme with a push towards innovation. As 2019 Conference was mentioned, a change to Spring conference was suggested. Industry would be able to share new products for the coming school year and costs would be less expensive for a spring conference.

Regional Training could be used to transition to spring conferences. In 2019, regional trainings will be necessary. There should be a board presence. Several areas will be targeted to get training workshops possibly modeled after Shaw-Wa's winter workshop.

Kansas School Lunch Week was discussed. Many schools are bored with "Kansas Products" and miss the special themes. Are we going to continue Kansas School Lunch Week?

A box lunch was enjoyed as we continued to work.

Work was begun on Bylaws. As we talk about members, consider Day Cares. Robert Wood will check with KSDE for listings. Section C – strike "email or mail". Art III – Do not Omit. Art IV – needs clarification. Section 4 – Add "Dues must be paid to be an active chapter. Only active chapters can vote at Delegate Assembly. Sec V, Sec A – Number 2 (shall) and make it read one to two representatives. Take out standing committees and insert chapter before affiliates. Sec B – Delegate Assembly and in 3-chapter affiliate. Sec E – President instead of Delegate Assembly Chair and chapter affiliate. Sec F, 1 – President instead of Delegate Assembly Chair. Next meeting start with Section F of Article V.

Work session was closed and dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Flory