

CLINTON/JACKSON EMPOWERMENT BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2009

DeWitt, Iowa

Board Members Present: Jack Willey, Lori Frick, Pat Hendrickson, Tom Parker, Scott Hobart, Linda Hledik, Rev. Lynn Thiede, Pat Henricksen, Linda Nudd, Sr. Shirley Steines, Cheryl Curl, and Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator

Board Members Excused: Jill Davisson, Tara Michel, Charleen Smith

Quorum having been established, Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Review of 5-18-09 and 6-22-09 Minutes

Lori Frick made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Cheryl Curl seconded. Motion carried.

2009 Budget Expenditure Review

Jenny presented the budget, indicating that a bill in the amount of \$12,000 for playground expenses was late in arriving. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes. Pat Hendrickson moved that we accept this unspent \$12,000. Scott Hobart seconded. Motion carried.

2010 State Empowerment Budget Approval

Our empowerment budget was approved by the State. Five departments signed off on our allocation. A copy is attached to these minutes.

2010 Contracts

Board Members reviewed a document listing the 2010 contracts. Jenny updated them on contracts that have been released and those that have not been.

Executive Committee Report

Sr. Shirley and Linda Nudd were excused from the meeting for the following item due to their involvement in the request. The RFPs for Preschool Associates were reviewed by the Executive Committee. In order to fund all requests as submitted, the total cost would be \$261,461.39. The Executive Committee has recommended that only the associates' salaries be funded with no benefits. This brings the total to \$126,594.12. Discussion followed regarding the inexperience of the preschools in applying for grants. Several RFPs were not written in an acceptable manner. It was suggested that in the future a mandatory bidders conference should be held.

Pat Henricksen moved that the Executive Committee's recommendation to fund the preschool associates in the amount of \$126,594.12 be accepted. Cheryl Curl seconded. Sr. Shirley and Linda Nudd abstained. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee will meet again August 10. All bills should be finalized. Jenny will present the

figures at that time.

Jenny reported on her meeting regarding the Lean Design Event. She has spoken with staff at Cedar and Jones Counties. Cedar wants to stand alone. Jenny indicated there are statewide concerns about this new plan. The rural counties are particularly concerned due to perhaps losing local control and less financial availability. However, State does want to take dollars out of Empowerment. Jenny will write a letter to our Senators and Representatives, inviting them to our September meeting. Jack Willey mentioned that he has already spoken with Roger Stewart regarding our concerns. Jenny will pull some statistics regarding our local Empowerment involvement and she may request testimonials from those who benefit from our funding. The State is requesting involvement in providing answers to some of the problems and indicated their desire to hear from local Board members.

First Years Funding Update

Our Board member, Pat Henricksen, is involved with this organization. They are seeking public and private matching funds. Pat and Jenny have contact the Empowerment Technical Assistance team to see if our Board can work with our area Foundation to obtain match.

Other Business

Jenny read a letter from Linda Nudd regarding a speaker they would like to schedule for their school district. Her name is Allison Beytien and she specializes in making presentations about autism. A date and time has been targeted for Wednesday, September 16, at 1:30. Linda feels this is an excellent training opportunity. Parents are also welcome. Pat Hendrickson moved we approve funding for this program. Lynn Thiede seconded. Motion carried.

Jenny will follow-up on the pediatric trauma units.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Jack adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Davidson
Recording Secretary