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PAACE Board Meeting, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, Pittsburgh

Attendance: Barbara Van Horn, Jeff Woodyard, Karen Mundie, Joan Leopold, Josette Fuls, Trenton R. Ferro, Dave Fluke, Carol Klauss, Gary Dean, Rich Comings, Pauline Grodecki, Mary Jendrey, Debbie Thompson

Executive Director's Report

- Peggy Green used the Board's thank-you gift to purchase some plants to be used in her new occupation, full-time, world-class gardener.
- We continue to get inquiries about the PAACE Journal.

PDE Reports:

- Cheryl Harmon's Advance position remains unfilled and is being advertised. The Advance Resource Center is a part of the State Library System.

Officers' Reports

First Vice President's Report: Midwinter Conference

- Greg Marcello of LERN will be the key note speaker for Midwinter. He was recommended by the Higher Ed Division. A bio will appear in the upcoming PAACE News.
- PennDot is the Honorary Chair. PennDot has been involved in continuing education for its workforce for many years. It received a national continuing education grant. PennDot pioneered training for the CDL and currently provides a mobile library and a "virtual university" option for its employees. Secretary of Transportation Bradley Mallory will represent PennDot.
- The call for presenters has been extended to October 31. Fifty-seven applications have already been received and a number of others are known to be on their way.
- Programs are encouraged to set up informational displays. Though there is a charge for vendors (\$375), there is no charge for programs. Helen Guisler of the TIU is responsible for this area of the Marketplace. We would like to have more retail vendors participating in the marketplace. Anyone aware of interested vendors should have them contact Mary Kay Peterson who is in charge of the Marketplace for vendors.
- Karen Warner is in charge of registration and will need volunteers to man the desk.
- Carol Molek Shefrin will be handling pre conferences; Tom Siefried, the Outstanding Student.

Note from the Executive Director: The conference registration will come out in the November newsletter. This year rooms will be a bit cheaper (ranging from \$91 for a single to \$109 for four persons). Pay particular attention to the Newsletter which will contain 1. the second call for papers 2. the conference registration and 3. the nomination form for Outstanding Adult Educator.

At this time the Board discussed the possibility of giving (and perhaps selling) tokens of our year 2000 conference to the membership. We will be reviewing prices and give the Board

recommendations at the November meeting.

President's Report: Barb Van Horn asked if there were any further news about AAACE. Gary Dean reported that a transition team is in place. AAACE was forced to "disband" in order to get out of agreements with its management firm. However, AAACE will continue to exist in some form.

JoAnn Weinberger called in to answer questions about the Welfare Coalition. Board questions had to do with the political agenda of the Coalition and whether it is a single-issue coalition. JoAnn explained that the coalition includes a wide variety of organizations with no consistent political agendas, and that it is indeed a single issue coalition centering only around HB 1266. Since the position of the Coalition on HB 1266 is the same as PAACE's, it was suggested that there can be no conflict of interest or philosophy. Dave Fluke noted that it is our own legislative committee that recommends that we join. Barb Van Horn moved that PAACE as an organization join the Welfare Coalition in support of HB 1266. Josette seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Corrections were made to the September minutes. Jeff Woodyard moved that the amended minutes be approved, and this was seconded by Josette Fuls. The motion was carried.

Jeff Woodyard suggested that the former presidents of PAACE be surveyed to get their sense of where PAACE should be concentrating its efforts. Barb Van Horn said that she would try to schedule a meeting of past president's to look at the future of PAACE.

The November PAACE Board meeting will be at the PDE (12th Floor).

Second Vice-President's Report: Karen Mundie distributed an updated version of the Strategic Plan for review. This version will also be distributed to the committee chairs and revised as necessary.

In September, the Board had discussed the possibility of personally inviting interested PAACE members to Board meetings in order to help our members understand what the Board does --and ultimately to develop ownership and leadership in PAACE. We had liked the suggestion, and as a first implementation, a number of PAACE members were invited to this meeting. Karen introduced three visitors to the Board: Pauline Grodecki, Mary Jendrey, and Debbie Thompson.

Treasurer's Report: Though the treasurer's was ill, she had forwarded a printout of September's expenses for approval. Barbara Van Horn moved that the expenditures be approved. This was seconded by Josette Fuls, and the expenditures were unanimously approved. Dave Fluke noted that the expenditures for PR included the Member Services Brochure, badges for Board members, and a poster and easel for Mike Sobkowki.

Immediate Past President's Report: No report. The Board President mentioned that the

second meeting on establishing a fiscal plan was not yet scheduled but would be soon.

Division Directors' Reports

Continuing Higher Education (CEA/PA): CEA is hosting a Technology Conference in Millersville on October 22. The PAACE Board President is presenting a document to CEA of PA designed to improve communications. Jeff Woodyard will be attending CEA Board meetings whenever possible.

TLC (by email): Family Literacy and regular training requests are still being taken. However, the calendar is filling up quickly. It is suggested that training requests be submitted as soon as possible.

TLC's November meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PDE in Harrisburg, Heritage B. Cheryl Keenan will address the membership regarding changes in the language of Act 143.

ABSE: No report.

ESL: ESL division met in Lancaster to discuss their division's participation in Midwinter. Four applications have been submitted with another two expected. Carol asked whether fees could be waived for special presenters, especially those coming in just to present and are not attending the entire conference. The executive director noted that although we encourage all presenters to register for and attend the conference, we do not require registration for presenters who not attend conference sessions. The ESL display this year will include outstanding ESL lesson plans from practitioners across the state.

Family Literacy: Members of the family division are being inundated with training through the PDE so the division itself is not very active at this time. The PDE emphasis on family literacy is resulting in a good deal of cross activity amongst the divisions especially the family literacy, TLC, and ESL (family-based programs) divisions. Barb Van Horn noted that Don Paquette is encouraging programs in counties that do not have a family literacy program to apply for one. The next Newsletter will list counties that are already represented so programs will know where there is a vacancy.

Workforce Education: PA WIN will begin activities in the next few months. This PDE funded program will take on an advocacy and marketing role for ABLE funded programs. The idea is to show the ability of our programs to provide quality service to incumbent workers. This project will include training for ABLE providers in developing and marketing workplace programs and training designed specifically for the individuals who will become developers.

Regional Representatives: No representatives were present.

