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MFEC Quarterly Board Meeting
301 S Park Ave, Rm. #342 Helena MT
September 5, 2023, 1-3:30p.m.

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Meeting Minutes

1:07 p.m. Call to Order to Establish Quorum

- Members Present

- Dax Sheppard
- Rhonda Krieger
- Linda Leffler
- Gayla Randel
- Troy Downing
- Guinevere Ayers
- Karissa Trujillo
- Sean Thomas
- Jennell Huff
- Tracey Etherton – guest
 - FCCLA, Montana Director
- Lianna Waller
- Joel Schumacher
- Rosalie Kiernan
- Jacob Griffith
- Chris Romano

1:10 p.m. Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes (**Voting Item**)

- Joel motions, Sean seconds, motion passes

1:15 p.m. Treasurer's Report

- Bank Account Check Register
 - \$29,698.24 unrestricted balance
 - Still don't see mini grants charged, Linda will email Bruce
 - Dax gave some feedback on the MFEC sponsorship of the Personal Financial Challenge

1:30 p.m. General Business

- Conflict of Interest reminder
 - Please sign and send to Karissa
- Skylar Manning Resignation
 - Need to think through recruiting new membership
- FCCLA potential partnership (**Voting Item**)
 - Presentation by Tracey regarding what FCCLA does
 - Discussion about various options for sponsorship

- Plan to review proposal and make vote at December meeting
- Strategic Planning
 - Executive Team report
 - Met earlier in day and are making proposed changes to Bylaws
- Jumpstart teacher scholarships report
 - Allow Executive Team to approve budgetary commitments up to \$600
 - Rhonda motion, Gayla seconds, motion passes
 - Gayla wondering if we have any reciprocity from teachers. Ask teachers to record a quick “what did you learn” video that could be shared throughout OPI.
 - Maybe a panel at the conference – ask them to save the date for it?
 - Also consider Facebook post with winners –Gayla also thinks save the date on conference and repost monthly
- State Employees Charitable Giving Campaign
 - September 27th in the Capitol Rotunda
 - Jennel will be there, Gayla is willing to be there, too
- Conference Save the Dates
 - Working to finalize. More discussion later during committee reports
- April is National Financial Literacy Month
 - Virtual event?
 - Governor’s Proclamation
 - Discussion about timing with Conference, not sure on how quickly this could be launched or perhaps focus at conference on what they can do in April
 - Perhaps update the website with content, social media outreach
 - Conversation shifted to “donate” button on website having specific focus, maybe mini grants

2:10 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Conference Committee Update –March 19

- Divided into sub committees
 - Keynote
 - Breakout Group
 - Marketing
 - Moved to Great Northern
- Discussion about possible speakers – Mike Sheffer with FoolProof
<https://www.foolproofme.org/>

2:45 p.m. Elder Fraud and Financial Exploitation Prevention Committee Update
 Discussion about elder fraud statewide, Commissioner Downing

- WEAAD 2023 recap
 - Members commented that momentum in Montana is building and are all excited to see more and more events happening throughout the state.

- Stockman Bank in Billings hosted the Attorney General and several members of his team along with the director of state investigators.
- Bank of the Rockies hosted their annual media event in Helena as an after-hours event with guest speakers Lt. Governor Juras, Lianna Waller, Commissioner Downing, Commissioner Hall, Nancy Anderson with AARP, and elder fraud survivor Susan Bivens.

K-12 Committee Update

- Not much happening, given the start of school. Continuing to seek and find partnerships and thinking forward on the statewide FE requirements.

3:05 p.m. Outreach Committee Update

- Calendars
 - Around this time is when we solicit sponsorships for calendars, and then find topic that is aligned with that sponsor. Asking how many teachers we would have to send out to, Gayla will get info.
 - LinkedIn Profile (Potential)
 - MFEC Meme Contest

- Committee Chairs – updated committee list needed to update the website

3:15 p.m. Member Go-Around: Share Success/Challenge

- Sean: Everfi restructured so he has new position, inbound support for teachers in 14 states.
- Dax: FIB has really stepped up to support program, early registration is already busy. Stock market game will be hosted again, also strong early registration. This year MCEE has really invested in marketing/branding.
- Rhonda:
- Guinevere: FIB state foundation, safe banking for seniors and then Get Smart about Credit. Had company wide financial education training in August
- Lianna: Trevor Tangen is back (deployed last year) – she is in an acting role, curious if he needs to be voted in (no). He will be at the next mtg. Sent 9 staff to adult protection services conference. In FY21 agency investigated 653 reports of exploitation, FY22 1833, FY23: 1862. Lianna's last mtg.
- Gayla: schools trying to figure out how to implement the FE requirement since it's unfunded. Back to school session about FCS. OPI doesn't provide or promote curriculum. How do we diversify education (parents, for example).
- Karissa: Homework is essentially status quo with class and counseling, wondering about MPSEOC partnership
- Rosie: seeing FE ramp up, but also increasing efforts around youth
- Chris:
- Jake: Continuing to do work. Gov conference on aging in Oct.
- Joel: Five educators are taking a certification course this winter.
- Jennel: Also taking coworkers to Gov's conference on aging
- Linda retiring! Thank you to Linda!
- Adjourned 3:25pm