

MEEOA March 9, 2015 Meeting

In Attendance:

Kelly Illseman
Anthony Staffierre
Casey Henderson
Dave Meguire
Karen Keim
Teri Morse
Christy Le
Chris Turner
Daniel Barton

Call to Order

Action: Approval of Agenda

Kelly move to accept agenda, and Daniel second, agenda approved.

Secretary's Report

Action: Acceptance of Feb 2015 Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee check-in

President -Kelly -Looking forward to Policy Seminar, has been coordinating with Bill Powers has been a huge help with transportation and planning details for Dinner ect. Leadership summit is Sat and Sunday looking forward to what COE has to tell them to bring to representatives on Tuesday.

NEOA basket: still need items for this

President-Elect - Teri

Still trying to find president elect for next year has a few in mind but nothing in the works yet.

Lena Michaud is interested in membership chair and that is great! Also looking for planning committee chair for the Conference.

Past-President - Chris

Nominations & Elections – Chris has Nothing more to add on this for now

During the Hall of Flags Lori heard of this: LD 215- sponsored by Alford of Cumberland to fund \$250,000 to fund JMG program maybe foster children and at risk students and the argument is if there are Sate funds available for retaining kids in college that IS what TRIO programs do. Lori is at the Start House today at the hearing for this and will report back about this bill.

Dan said Lori's ask of MEEOA is a potential press release of our take of this bill and reaction potential.

Karen worked on a piece a couple years ago 2007-2008 that the State recognized that TRIO works and that we should be the one's called upon to help with these issues if

funds are available. It wasn't an open bid, it was just for JMG, but why duplicate what TRIO already does now!

Membership - Becky (not in attendance)

Casey has the #'s of membership reported there are 59- individual 54 paid
17 Programs 15-paid Total 76 memberships 69 paid

Treasurer – Dan

The restorative Justice program that Ginny did was pretty much right on target he will be e-mailing that form out. Sent Kelly and Teri expense sheet for Policy seminar and asked to please try to stay in budget. Trying to get Teri on the bank account asap since it takes alot of time to get that accomplished. He needs to complete some forms then Teri can go to her local TD Bank and get added to the account sooner then later. Working on secretary of State report. We took in less then \$50,000 so that we stay in compliance. All expenses have hit for the yearbook and we were way under that budget! In contact with the Hall Of Flags billing and should be wrapping that up soon.

Development - Alan/Dave

\$2250 and there is still \$1000 out to bill for Husson.

Fair Share - Dave

No reports out since our last meeting and no idea where we are at right now. Karen just got an update on Friday she will be forwarding that on to Dave

Government Relations – Dave

Policy seminar has already been talked about
There is a fundraiser going on at Policy
Congressman Cole from Oklahoma is a strong supporter please consider this fundraiser or send in a contribution to support this effort, is aiming towards \$10,000 goal.

Alumni – Michelle (not in attendance)

Casey gave an update: 22 alumni in the DB currently

TRIO Days / Hall of Flags – Anthony

It has come and gone but the memories linger! Still waiting on final numbers because of weather and the storm there were some last minute cancelations from Mass. There were some Great presenters, workshops, Christy Daggett was a great Speaker and raised aspiration amongst students in attendance. Lynn Ploof-Davis did a great job with the entertainment. The Scholar's Ball was a tremendous success. Had a bus break down and that was a bit crazy. Thanked everyone that helped out it was a great success! Is already talking with Vermont who will host next year.

Hall of Flags was a success but would suggest to NOT schedule them 10-days apart. The House was not in session even though he had checked and double checked due to weather they ended up NOT being in session. The students did a great job, they were very tremendous, Kelly did speak, a TRIO alum also talked and said students do

matter, Senator Millet out of Southern Maine, she gave us more info then expected, she encouraged us to come back in April during some hearings. It was very exciting to meet some new professionals and the event went so well.

Webmaster – Casey

Doing quite a bit of work for NEOA not much is new with the website. He did set up a photo album with pics from Hall of Flags

Factbook – Steve (not in attendance)

Kelly updated: Steve did a great job putting this together. It was a great addition to the Hall of Flags

Public Relations – Karen

No press coverage even though requested at Hall of Flags or TRIO days, did an experiment and sent some paper PR and nothing was printed. Needs to be electronic they are more likely to use those.

Fair Share update Maine is at 115% for fair share!

Conference Co-Chair - open

Other Business:

Membership raise up to \$25? - question for business meeting at NEEOA
It has been at this \$20 rate for about 20 years program membership is currently \$75 and there is no talk about raising that yet.

Constitutional amendment - Dave

Do an electronic vote at best to let everyone have a chance to participate

Susan Collins' award - Dave will work on getting a design gone into production today and will have that with him on Wed to present.

Karen stated NEEOA is also looking for President elect and President elect elect it is a 3-yr commitment but the NEEOA conference will be in Maine during the year of being President.

Adjourn