

INDIANA LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2009

Telephone/internet board meeting was called to order at 11:04 Eastern Time by George M. Okantey. Attending: Beth Archer, Dixie Brown, Karen Dezarn, Mary Dunkin, Jim Jessup, Lynn Miller-Pease, George M. Okantey, Ron Richards, and Drew Skwarcan.

Karen Dezarn was introduced. Karen is an Asst. Program Leader in Consumer Sciences and an advisor to IN Homemakers,

Ron reported a balance of \$43,059.76

Much discussing centered on the question of individual scholarships and regional support.

George allowed all to speak.

Ron, treasurer, reported we have money to spend and need to consider how to get it back in the community. He feels we could support \$5000 a year.

General concern was how we could offer the most for our members, create the most impact across the state, and encourage more participation.

General consensus was a desire to see training opportunities for a wider range of programming at a lower cost. Additionally, we need to bring quality resources to program directors to help them make quality programs.

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General consensus: Annual meeting and Leadership Directors reconnection conference August 27-28. To show payback for the organization, paid ILA membership would have no cost for the conference registration or meals. Mileage could possibly be reimbursed and must be requested prior to conference. Attendees would be responsible for their overnight expenses. Our annual board meeting would be incorporated into the conference schedule.

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Beth's initial suggestions for the conference:

Day one would be primarily current programs and directors. Morning discussion would center on technology to enhance programming with an IT presenter.

Afternoon, small group regional discussions. How can they keep connected?

Day two: How to start a new program: funding, collaboration, alumni connecting.

May 1 at 9:30 Eastern Time will be the conference call to plan the meeting. George will set up the conference call. All are invited to participate.

Drew gave an update on the website. "What's New" has been added to website. Website is built on a framework for this type organization. To break off from this framework would cost more. Drew will put together a report of expenses and possibilities for George and Mary.

Drew indicated he could be available for a breakout session at the annual meeting in August.

June 4 is a conference in LaPorte County. Jim will get information to Drew for the website.

George suggested we pay for mileage for ILA board members. Ron will check IRS requirements and bylaws prior to vote.

Vote for individual scholarships: Not approved. George would like this discussion reconsidered in the fall.

Vote for regional support: Approved. Grants guidelines will be introduced at the August conference.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 Eastern Time Zone.

Monday, May 11 at 11am Eastern Time is the next board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Brown