

South Dakota State Business Meeting

Jackson, WY October 2, 2016

In attendance: Debbie Liddick, Susan Hupp, Nora Leinen, Peggy Madrid, Tim Boender, Thomas Madut, Becki Rosane, Linda Anderson, Martha Miller, Carol Voss-Ward, Megan Taylor, Arin Winger, Chrissy Lecher, Laci Hettick, Becky Jensen, Marion Blue Arm

SD ASPIRE called to order at 5:47pm (MST) by President Peggy Madrid

Debbie Liddick appointed as parliamentarian

Secretary Report

Motion to approve minutes by Marion Blue Arm, seconded by Carol Voss Ward *Motion Passed*

President's/Treasurer's Report (Peggy Madrid)

Peggy went over expenditures and revenue for the previous year, 2016. Currently lost \$314.52, however we have been awarded the Spraggins Grant for \$500 so over actual overall balance will be \$5,679.00, which creates a net gain of \$185.00 after our 2016 expenses.

Peggy reviewed the proposed Budget for 2017. Spraggins grant proposal will no longer be a competition. We are eligible to receive up to \$1,500 in the proposal (between COE and ASPIRE match). Susan clarified that the Spraggins will be written for a specific initiative. Our last initiative was to invite area counselors and educational representatives to our State Meeting Banquet. However we can change this in the next year's proposal. If any person in South Dakota has ideas for proposals for the Spraggins please let us know as we write the proposal for 2017.

Chrissy Lecher shared an idea about increasing knowledge of TRIO programs in SD. TRIO could attend and present at the Fall SDSCA school counselor workshop, held each year in November– New and old counselors will attend this meeting and we could ask to be a part of that or connect to the SD counselors association. Spraggins could be used to help with registration fees for these types of opportunities. People from different programs across the state could represent so we could have a good showing from all across the state and programs.

Arin asked that when you have TRIO student being recognized for whatever reason to make sure and reach out to your school's paper as well as any local papers to help increase knowledge of TRIO in our regions.

State conference does not have a line in the proposed budget because it will be a ND hosted conference. The annual co-state conference for 2017 will be held April 2 – 4th at the Radisson in Bismarck, ND. Previously we have been charged some money for the co-state conference. However, via Dennis Stangl (ND ASPIRE President), we will not have expenses associated with the 2017 co-state conference. The only expense we will have for this conference will be the TRIO Achiever travel and lodging and award. Peggy will add a line item into the budget for this expense separate from the conference charges which we will only incur every other year. North Dakota has amended their Operating Guidelines to match South Dakota registration fees so now the SD and ND conference will cost the same for all ASPIRE members.

Peggy will adjust the proposed budget to include Spraggins and the new line item and resend to members.

Fair Share/Project (Becky Jensen)

All six states within the ASPIRE Region made our Fair Share goal for 2016. South Dakota made it at 108 percent mainly due to our institutional memberships, which are due in June each year.

Personal contributions: SD made \$780 in 2016 in personal contributions. We need \$1000 in personal donations for 2017. If we are able to raise this \$1000 by March 1 we earn a registration to COE Policy in March. To make this goal in reoccurring payments, a personal contribution would need to be \$20 per month between Oct – March in order to make the \$100 by March 1. Becky went over the multiple ways that you can make a personal contribution. Institutional and Project memberships come in after the March 1 deadline, so personal contributions will be the main contributions that will go towards the policy seminar goal.

Susan asked for a point of clarification on if we would need 10 different forms to count as 10 for 10. Becky says no that we just need \$1000 by March 1 and the rest goes toward the general Fair Share. Becky will ask COE and we will pass out that point of clarification when the adjusted budget is also sent.

Government Relations (Nora Leinen)

It was suggested that we start a more focused letter writing campaign. Each program is encouraged to write to their legislators to promote the work and success of their individual TRIO program.

Susan Hupp has previously hosted a TRIO bingo to raise awareness and will share her knowledge with this if others would like to hold a similar event.

Carol Voss-Ward raised the idea to start to promote need based aid in our state legislature while we are also working to promote TRIO programs.

Nora Leinen encouraged anyone interested in getting involved or who has ideas they want to share to send it to her.

New Members (Susan Hupp)

If any new staff is interested in mentoring please contact Susan Hupp.

Awards/Membership (Debbie Liddick)

Awards will be announced during conference. There were three nominations for Rising Star and five nominations for Friend of ASPIRE – none of them came from South Dakota so Debbie Liddick encouraged people to nominate South Dakota people for these awards.

Debbie encourages everyone to pay their membership for ASPIRE. She reminded the group that you can now pay online at aspireonline.org

Elections (Jeff Vostad – absent, Peggy Madrid presented?)

Peggy encouraged people to think about elections for next spring as we will be electing a new President-Elect.

TRIO Awareness Day (Susan Hupp?)

COE will come out with a specific date but it is usually at the end of February. Debbie will send out the day when COE comes out with it. Last year it was a day of service. TRIO Awareness Day is to promote TRIO at your institution or in your community to raise awareness about TRIO programs. In previous years we have sent students and staff to Pierre to promote TRIO during this time. If anyone has an idea for a specific activity to promote TRIO Awareness day or will be participating in a specific way please share so other programs have a chance to coordinate if desired.

Media Relations Committee (Arin Winger)

Arin sent a press release to WY for this conference. During the spring co-state conference, we got local paper and radio station coverage. Arin reiterated to send information to your community's local newspapers to increase awareness.

Social Justice Committee (Carol Voss-Ward?)

The Social Justice Committee has been meeting regularly and the project at the conference is part of their projects.

Old Business

New Business

The 2017 ND/SD Co-State conference will be held in South Dakota. Peggy will talk with Aaron Poor Bear regarding hosting the conference at Crazy Horse (Indian University of North American).

Motion to adjourn made by Carol Voss-Ward, Seconded by Thomas Madut. *Motion Passed*

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm