

Arkansas Head Start Association

Board of Directors Meeting

September 18, 2024

Minutes

Sara Wilhite called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Roll Call: The following members/guests participated via zoom: Jackie Govan, Sara Wilhite, Deana Howell, Jennifer Thomas, Whitley Bryant, Marcus Hughes, Jackie Burton.

Consideration of Agenda: No changes to the agenda

Approval of Minutes: There was not a quorum available. Minutes were tabled for the next meeting.

Old Business:

Dollar per Child: Deana Howell reported that \$250 had been collected.

Membership Dues Report: Deana Howell reported that \$ 40,045.00 has been collected with a balance due of \$ 3,920.00.

Treasurer's Report: Bank of America Balance Brought Forward on August 31, 2024 was \$22,653.60 with a Balance on Hand October 31, 2024 of \$19,816.08. The Bank of America CD had a balance brought forward of \$31,748.04 with interest earned of \$869.18 with a balance on Hand October 31, 2024 of \$32,617.22 The AHSA Balance is \$63,195.54.

Arkansas Head Start Association Strategic Planning: The Planning Process has been completed and chairs should be working with their teams to put the plans into action. Some of the chairs will need to be replaced.

Class Reports: Sara Wilhite shared that the classes had discussed hosting two institutes and possibly adding another organization to the lease. The guest speaker was **Nicole Nesheim, Ph.D.**, from Hatch. Jackie Govan shared information about Play Based Learning and the school readiness summit.

Committee Reports:

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission (SAC): The July Meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be in October.

Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office-Jackie Govan shared that there were no changes to DRS in the final rule except for word smithing. The Collaboration Grant is due on December 1st. This will be the last year of the five year grant. Arkansas Imagination Library Affiliates will be added to the school readiness summit. The Regional Office is hosting a Workforce Summit in October. The CD made \$741.22. The next maturity date will earn over 4%.

Arkansas Head Start Association-Sara Wilhite covered earlier in the meeting.

Region VI Head Start Association-Jackie Burton and Jackie Govan shared that the conference will be in Albuquerque on October 22-25, 2024. Albert Black, President of the Region VI Head Start Association passed away.

National Head Start Association-Jackie Govan shared information about the new accreditation as well as information about the Hispanic Latino Month toolkit.

New Business

Suggestions for 2025 Institute were covered in the Class Reports. The Board will need to vote on a 3 Day Institute in June and a 2 Day Director's Retreat in September.

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission Representative: The Board will need to vote on recommending Shirley Pulliam to serve as a commissioner.

Future Plan for the Arkansas Head Start Association: They need to table until the next meeting.

Head Start State Collaboration Office Refunding Application

Fundraisers for 2025: We need to look at additional fundraisers throughout the year.

Announcements (if any)

Dates to Remember...

Arkansas

- a. AAIMH-Friday, October 11, 2024, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- b. The Heart to Care Fashion Show, Saturday, October 12, 2024, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- c. Arkansas Poverty Summit, October 24, 2024, 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- d. Powerful Conversations with Fathers: November 12, 2024, Kevin Carnes, Lakeshore
- e. EHS-CCP Meeting: November 19, 2024

Regional

- a. Region 6 Head Start Association Conference: New Mexico-October 22-25, 2024
- b. Region VI Head Start Association Board Meeting-To Be Announced

National

- a. National Head Start Association's 2024 Fall Leadership Institute, Washington, D.C., September 23-26, 2024
- b. NAEYC Conference: California, November 6-12, 2024
- c. National Head Start Association Parent Conference: San Diego, CA, December 16-19, 2024

Next Meeting Date: Class Meeting: November 20, 2024, Arkansas Head Start Association Office

Adjournment: Sara Wilhite adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Submitted by,

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