

IDEC Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2009/Go-to-Meeting Format

Present: Julie Evans, Jennifer Walberg, Mary-alayne Hughes, Robin Miller Young, Wu-ying Hsieh, Maureen Lowry-Fritz, Donna Nylander, Pam Reising-Rechner, Mary Wonderlick, Bernie Laumann

1. Adoption/Approval of March minutes: Mary-alayne moved to approve the March meeting minutes, Jennifer seconded. The minutes were approved. Bernie will send them to the web master, Deb Fuoss to post on the IDEC web site.
2. Sharing a Vision Conference Updates: Jennifer indicated that SAV Conference planning is coming along well. All the exhibits are sold out. We will need all the meeting spaces at the Westin. SAV committee decided not to reserve as many sleeping rooms at the Westin. Some people have already registered for the conference. Conference attendees will receive a reusable grocery bag and a note pad. Susan is looking into distributors for these. StarNet will cover the cost of the bags. This is in keeping with the going green conference theme.
  - Liability Insurance: We have not found anyone to carry liability insurance for IDEC for the SAV conference. Mary Wonderlick will contact someone she knows regarding this and get information back to the board.
  - IDEC Tax Exempt Status: Julie indicated that we are a 501-3C organization and must file this every year with the state. Wu-ying can check on the state web site for our status. She will include information about filing for this status in the IDEC Treasurer's notebook.
  - SAV Credit Card Payments: Susan Ferry will handle the credit card payments for SAV. She can only make deposits to the IDEC/SAV account. Only Wu-ying can write checks on this account. Wu-ying should photocopy the check register so Susan Ferry can enter it into her Quick Book.
  - SAV PR: SAV Invited Dignitaries: Jennifer indicated that we need to recruit a StarNet person who is closer to Lombard to get info. about the SAV Conference into the suburban papers. The SAV publicity committee chair is from another part of the state and is not familiar with the suburban news sources. Possible dignitaries to invite: Gov. Quinn/Jerry Stermer, William Mueller, Chris Koch, Lisa Madigan, Jill Biden, Mr. & Mrs. Axelrod, Barbara Bowman, Valerie Jarrett, check with Ruth Henning and Cathy Gould.
  - Giveaways/Cookbooks: Julie will check with Lynette Chandler about what is in storage that we can give away at the SAV conference. Mary-alayne moved that we give away the IDEC cook books during the General Membership Meeting. Jennifer seconded the motion. The board voted to give the cook books away and to give away other SAV items currently in storage. We don't want to continue paying the monthly storage rental fees. The cookbooks have to be put together before they can be given away. Donna indicated that she has some high school students who could do this if the boxes of cookbooks can be delivered to her school soon. Julie will connect with Lynette to get the cookbooks.

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- IDEC General Meeting format: This will be discussed at the IDEC July retreat. Donna suggested getting a speaker/presenter if we want to use the general meeting as a recruiting tool.
- Jeanette McCollum Award: Applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee needs 3-5 IDEC members. Possible committee members: Deb Bruns, Ted Burke, Sharon Anderson, Linda Robinson, Robin Miller Young. Mary-alayne as past president is chair of this committee. Jennifer moved to set the JAM award amount at \$150.00. Robin seconded and it passed. Donna will send info. to Mary-alayne about what has been purchased for past award recipients.
- SAV handouts: Presenters can send handouts ahead of time and attendees can download them (no paper handouts will be distributed at the conference). This information will be bolded in the confirmation letters so attendees are prepared ahead of time. If people need a paper handout they can print it at the business center in the hotel. All the presentations will be located on the web site.
- SAV Conference changes/plans for the future: Robin is on the SAV evaluation committee and suggested we discuss SAV Conference plans and changes to the SAV Conference at the IDEC July retreat.

Other Business

1. Parents & IDEC: Robin and Maureen communicated about what Maureen's role as chair of the Family Participation Committee is within IDEC and how parents should/can be involved. This is another issue to discuss at the July retreat. IDEC pays for parent membership. Robin and Maureen plan to meet about this in the summer.
2. CAN/Government Relations: A discussion took place regarding the Federal stimulus funds. IDEC could assist with professional development. Julie stated that the ISBE web site has information about the stimulus funds. This information could be put in the IDEC newsletter to keep the membership informed. Julie will put it in the IDEC President's letter. Mary-alayne suggested contacting Janet Gulley about Part C funding and the stimulus money.
3. IDEC Newsletter: Send articles, program highlights, etc. to Linda by Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Include information about the JAM award nominations. It was suggested to add some regional "reporters" to add info. to the Newsletter. Include articles by parents. Contact Connie and Phyllis about being regional reports for the newsletter. Maureen indicated she has access to over 3,000 parents. Parents need reliable evidence-based information and IDEC/DEC can provide this.
4. CEC National Conference: DEC had a reception at the CEC conference this spring. Barbara Bowman may play a large role in the Early Childhood office at the White House. Kay Henderson is involved in it. Obama's rep. is Kareem Dale (this could be someone to contact about SAV Conference).

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5. Future topics for July retreat: Liaisons and committees. How to bring younger people to become involved with IDEC. Pathways to leadership. New committee chairs and liaisons need to come to the July 22<sup>nd</sup> retreat. Make sure both outgoing and new officers can attend (e.g., President elect, Vice-President, secretary) committee chairs, and liaisons.
6. Conference travel reimbursement: Wu-ying will contact Julie about request for travel reimbursement. Conference travel reimbursement needs clarification.
7. Plans for July retreat: Meet on Tues. July 21 for retreat. Julie will contact IFT about meeting there. Wed. July 22<sup>nd</sup> is SAV Conference planning meeting at the Westin Hotel in Lombard.

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Laumann, IDEC secretary.