

C-FB RSPA Executive Board Meeting Minutes: 8-12-20

Della Swaim called the meeting to order at 1:03 after members logged on to ZOOM, which was facilitated by Lyn Abercrombie.

1. Della began a discussion on the efficacy of the Calling Project that was implemented by the executive committee with the goal of reaching all the members by phone call or email. The purpose was two-fold: check on a person's well-being and update them about the impact on our meetings because of COVID 19. The consensus was that it was a positive experience in reaching out to members, many of whom appreciated the contact. There was some difficulty in reaching some people because the contact information was out of date. Those committee members who have not reached some member are encouraged to continue to do so. Kathy McWhorter suggested that we send then a letter, a strategy she has implemented. Della led a discussion about doing this for all who could not be reached in any other manner. Members agreed that a postcard would be the best vehicle. Della and Judy Carey will meet to create a possible postcard text. Lyn asked the committee to send her any updated contact information directly to her email.
2. Based on the positive Calling Project, Della asked the committee to think about possibly forming small groups of about 15 to personalize our contact with members, given the isolation of the pandemic. She asked members to consider this.
3. Della asked for ideas about updating the member rolls. A few members posed a variety of methods for determining this. Lee Nitcholas stated that the state does this every 3 years, and we should consider this policy. This led to a discussion concerning our paying members. Judy reported that 66 members have paid their state dues and of the 66, 26 have not paid us their local \$10 membership fee. By consensus, it was decided to wait until the end of the year in May 2021 because of COVID19 to update the roles.
4. Pat Enlow reported on possible fall programs that will be held on ZOOM. These are the current plans:
 - a. September 16: Silver Sneakers Representative
 - b. October 21: Tim Lee
 - c. December: Jackie Payne but will need to move the date to the 16th. A motion was passed to change the meeting to accommodate the presenter.Then Pat led a discussion about possible speakers for February 15, April 21, and May 19: Sandra Barber, Region 10 President.
5. Della announced the date of 'Day at the Capital' is on April 17, 2021. At this point plans are "penciled-in" because of COVID 19. She will update any changes.
6. Lyn shared the new updated TRTA website: its ease of use and its targeted audience for people who are new to an area. Our local website will be linked to TRTA.org site. Many members applauded Lyn for all the technical support she provides for us.
7. For the September Newsletter, Della wants: the focus to be optimistic, a list of our Fall Zoom meetings, and a must have healthy living section. Lyn added that the deadline for articles is due by August 28.
8. Judy shared the proposed budget for 2020-2021, which is based on last year's expenses. Judy noted that costs for lunches would differ because we cannot meet in person this fall, and we do not know about spring meetings. Della led a line item discussion of the proposed budget. Debbie Moss asked about the door prizes, and members shared how we might adapt for the drawings on ZOOM. Della also had us consider how to vote with all the members on ZOOM. Lyn shared her technological expertise about what wouldn't work because of the time it would take to count every vote in the digital environment. Various ways to vote were discussed, and it was decided, we would use a show of hands rather than verbal yeas or nays.
9. Lee Nitcholas stated that field trips are not possible this fall because of COVID 19. Tentative plans are for: January Game Day, February 24 Globe Life Park. People have already paid since it was cancelled last spring.
10. Pat Enlow shared the balance in the Book Project fund: \$4,574.92. Because of COVID19, the Civic League will not be able to grant us money for this year's project since they had to cancel the Holiday House Tours. However, we have the books from last year because we couldn't deliver them. Gail Schwamb explained about the organization of the books and where they are stored. She will need a few weeks to get them ready when a decisions is made by the schools about when and how to deliver them. Pat shared it is important for students to

get the books this year because of the online learning and some, if not many kids, who will be at home with no access to the school library.

11. Debbie Moss presented ideas for raising money during the November meeting to support TRTA Foundation to School Principals and Educators. Some of the money we donate goes to teacher scholarships for the classroom. Debbie will get this information out to the principals. Members brainstormed ideas about how to do this given the current health restrictions: an online auction of pies, desserts, and chocolates was considered. Ideas were discussed about how to hold the auction online and also the safest way to deliver the items. Debbie will plan the details for this. Pat also said that Dr. Chapman might be able to speak briefly during November's Zoom meeting.
12. Della posed the question: How do we hold elections in February if we still can't meet in person since we can't vote online according to TRTA requirements? She asked committee members to be on a Nominating Committee to determine nominees and how to vote, if there are restrictions about meeting in person in 2021. Lee, Linda Tole, and Kathy McWhorter will form the committee.
13. Della stated that C-FB RSPA will need a "safety committee" when we are able to meet again so be thinking of ways to make sure members feel safe to return.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

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Darcy Perreault, Secretary

Della Swaim, President

Date Approved