



## Meeting Minutes

8/24/2022

Members present: Kathryn Linch, Donald Caudill I-VP communications, Dorothy Brown - treasurer; Shannon Jones -recording secretary, Terri Helms

Dorothy Brown called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

Introductions were made, welcoming Kathryn Linch

The affiliate handbook was reviewed.

There was a brief overview of the HSECA, how it's part of the AECA, and which counties are included. To become a member of HSECA you apply for membership in AECA.

Current officers were listed: Donald Caudill -VP of communications, Dorothy Brown -treasurer, Shannon Jones -recording secretary, Rhonda Golden -member at large.

Kathryn Linch was appointed as the new president, replacing LesLee Jones.

Dorothy Brown reported that there is currently \$1691.60 in the bank.

Giving an item for the silent auction at the annual AECA conference was discussed. It was decided that a mud kitchen would be donated by HSECA.

Meeting dates were set for the 2022/2023 year. They are September 12, 2022; October 10, 2022; November 14, 2022; February 13, 2023; March 13, 2023; April 10, 2023.

The trainer for each session will be responsible for submitting information to PDR. The host and trainer of each session will be responsible for sending registration information to members and programs. The host and trainer of each session will also be responsible for receiving registrations.

Ideas for session topics was discussed. Welcome the Children, Curricula Concepts, and Healthy Childcare Arkansas were agreed upon as candidates to contact for training sessions. Topics will include learning environments, challenging behaviors, Arkansas Children's Week, and Dinner and Tribute.

Plans for the Dinner and Tribute were discussed. The theme is to be determined. The date is set for April 10, 2023. The location is in Cupp Hall in the Christian life center building of the First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs. Ann Patterson will be contacted as a possible speaker.

The attendance will not exceed 150 participants. Paul Lazenby, PJ Yarbrough, Blake Stansbery and several people from the division will be invited as special guests.

It was decided that we should include a Better Beginnings booth, vendors, and a digital selfie photo booth.

CCA will be in charge of flyers, tablecloths, dinner and name tags for the tables. HSECA will provide a book for each participant, book the location (already taken care of), and pay the speaker. The centers attending will decorate their own tables.

Other business discussed: Who will fill the vacant vice president's position? Is Rhonda Golden still serving as member at large this year? Would Della Jones from Lasonia's Childcare center or Chris H. from Lakeside preschool possibly be able to fill the vacancies on the board? Should term limits be put in place?

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am