



Meeting Minutes

3/11/2024

Presentation: Arkansas Children's Week 2024, by Geania Dickey

There were 21 people in attendance representing 10 centers. Four board members were present.

Chris Hudon welcomed everyone and then introduced Geania Dickey as the presenter for the evening.

Geania spoke on the topic of Arkansas Children's Week. She stated that it is a statewide celebration of children, families, and educators and has a special focus each year. The focus for 2024 is Sharing Key Experiences. She explained that five key experiences support learning and development. They include constructive experiences, imaginative play, creative expression, active physical play, and exploratory and imaginative experiences. They are all interconnected and support playful, positive everyday experiences that focus on opportunities and encouragement.

The first activity was playing a form on Bingo in which class participants had to find someone who had completed an activity listed on the card.

Next, the class participants were divided into groups of three. Each group participated in two activities. Both activities included choosing a brown mystery bag. The bags were unpacked and the items inside were explored by the group members. Specific questions were then answered about the items from the bag.

Donny Caudill concluded the meeting by drawing two names for door prizes.

Chris Hudon thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to register for next month's dinner and tribute.

Class was dismissed.