

**Minutes For
VA/DC Senior Service Corps Directors Association
Corporation for National and Community Service
New River Valley Community Services
September 10, 2009**

I. Welcome & Call to Order at 8:10 AM

VA/DC President Chris Blankenship welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Those in attendance:

RSVP

Tammy Blair
Chris Blankenship
Debra Bressler
Denice Robinson Brown
Bernadette Gilmore
Melanie Jackson
Alison Jorgensen
Angela Little
Jeannine Deem Purdy
Margaret Roberson
Ava Stilwell
Diane Sundholm
Lola Walker
Judy Weitzenfeld
Susan White (RSVP/SCP)
Tony Williams
Martha Williams

FGP

Charlene Cole
Barbara James (FGP/SCP)

Additional Project Attendees

Deidra Hale (Pulaski County RSVP)
Linda Harshbarger (Roanoke FGP/SCP)
Mandy Hayes (Montgomery County RSVP)
Kitty Van Dyke (District Three RSVP)

State Office Staff

Kim Frola, Director Virginia State Office

II. Introductions

III. Review of Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting had been emailed. Debra Bressler identified one correction needed: she was not present at the meeting in WV as she was preparing for her presentation. Barbara James moved to have them approved as amended; Angela seconded; motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Susan reviewed the written treasurer's report. As of 9/11/2009 the balance was \$2116.72 Susan reminded the group that if dues are not paid, there are no voting privileges. Jeannine moved that we explore raising the dues; Martha seconded; motion carried.

V. National Association Reports

Chris asked for representation from FGP/SCP program directors to give national reports at future meetings. Barbara James agreed to serve in this capacity at this meeting and future meetings.

FGP

Barbara James filled the group in on changes to the FGP age/income requirements. Programs are still waiting from official word from CNS, but change should take place on October 1, 2009. This year marks the 45th Anniversary of FGP.

SCP

Barbara James noted the same changes to SCP as mentioned in the FGP report.

RSVP

Ava Stilwell reported that RSVP had been promised additional funds, but there has been no official word yet. NARSVPD dues are now due at \$100/director.

VI. Discussion of Statewide Service Project

A committee was formed to discuss possibilities for a statewide service project. Chris Blankenship, Ava Stilwell, Melanie Jackson, Bernadette Gilmore, Diane Sundholm, Jeannine Deem Purdy, and Debra Bressler will serve on the committee and will report back at the next meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

By-laws

Judy Weitzenfeld requested that the by-laws committee receive an extension.

Hospitality

Debra Bressler presented cards for Jennifer Spangler, Fran Blum, Jean Payne, and Ava Stilwell.

Nominating

Chris Blankenship, Jeannine Deem Purdy, Diane Sundholm, and Martha Williams agreed to serve as the nominating committee for the next Association election. The committee will develop a slate to present before the next meeting.

VIII. Association Dues Discussion

The topic of raising dues was approached. It was decided that a Budgeting Committee, consisting of Chris Blankenship, Susan White, and Jeannine Deem Purdy would bring suggestions to the next meeting about what funds from a dues raise would be used for (scholarships, hospitality/hosting expenses, etc.) and any policies related. Other states are charging up to \$100 for their membership dues. Currently, dues for the VA State Association are \$15; a proposed increase of \$10 would mean \$25 dues per year.

IX. Upcoming Training Options and Suggestions

Several training options and suggestions were discussed, including the Volunteer Management Training Series (Debra Bressler), Volunteer Reception Center training by Carolyn Kincaid, grant renewal guidelines. The group will look at other trainings offered in the state to see how we can tag on to those for the Association.

Association members expressed their frustration in not feeling comfortable in the grant application process and expectations of CNCS and the CNCS State Office. In response, Kim Frola, State Office Director, and State Office staff will be providing an in-depth training on writing narratives and work plans for grant renewal and first-year applications at the February 2010 meeting.

X. Discussion of a Peer Review Team

It was suggested in an effort to assist Directors with the grant renewal process and in anticipation of re-competition, that perhaps a peer review team be considered to assist and help directors prior to the state office. Discussion and issues brought up by the group surrounding the idea of peer review included: lack of confidence due to grant feedback/lack of confidence in sharing with the group, whether sponsors would be on-board with this idea, especially with re-competition. This idea will be explored further during future meetings.

XI. Next Meeting Location and Date

The next meeting will be a conference call, details will follow. The February 2010 meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Manassas and will be hosted by Diane Sundholm, Jeannine Deem Purdy, and Debra Bressler.

XII. Adjournment at 12:00PM.

Respectfully submitted on 11/13/2009 by Alison Jorgensen, Secretary.