



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MISSOURI NAHRO

Double Tree by Hilton, St. Louis, Missouri
9:30 AM - March 21, 2014

President Wanda Peetoom called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

President Peetoom appointed Donna Dunwoody to act as Parliamentarian.

The minutes from the September 27, 2013, General Session Meeting held in Independence, Missouri was distributed for review. Darrin Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Anita Kennedy. President Peetoom called for a vote, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See Attached Financials

Karen Chaney reported that we currently have \$78,793.95 in our checking account and \$77,287.79 in Investments for a total of \$156,081.74. Deposits totaled \$52,152.23, interest earned \$222.75 and disbursements of \$46,644.03. Fund balance of \$156,368.85. Karen Chaney made a motion that her treasurer's report be approved. Lisa Ainsworth seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote of the Membership.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS:

Frankie Davis stated the session went well and that they discussed the speakers for the conferences as well as ways to get more speakers. Frankie Davis made a motion to accept her commissioner's report; seconded by Anita Kennedy; a vote was taken and the report was approved by a unanimous vote of the membership.

CR&D:**See Attached Report**

Doug Brown discussed the roles of the CRD as being as a facilitator of community development on how to get involved. How to form a non-profit or should we form a non-profit. Ways to get more members and to see the value of the CRD. Doug made an offer to anyone who would like to fill the 4 slots that are available for the SW Region.

HOUSING:**See Attached Report**

Carol Branham made a motion to accept her report; seconded by Anita Kennedy. The report was approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

MEMBER SERVICES:**See Attached Report**

Anita Kennedy made a motion to accept her report; seconded by Carol Branham. The report was approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**See Attached Report**

Lisa Ainsworth moved for her report to be approved; seconded by Anita Kennedy. The reports were approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

Anita Kennedy made a motion to accept all standing committee reports; seconded by Carol Branham. Reports were approved by unanimous vote of membership.

OTHER REPORTS:**LEGISLATIVE:**

Jim Jenkins shared several issues that were discussed at the last Legislative meeting. The SHARP Bill was discussed. Currently the bill is in the Senate but needs to go to the House as well. Senator McCaskill's legislative official asked Jim for percentage of SHARP in MO. On the National level 80% of all Housing Authorities are considered small. In MO we are at 84%. Donna Dunwoody is going to contact Representative Hartzler to see if she will co-sign a bill.

Jim and Carol attended the Small Housing Task Force meeting and Carol joined as the MO State Representative for this task force. Carol gave a report on her Housing Committee Report to the Legislative Committee as well. The Bond Issue was discussed and some of the wording changed. We asked the Legislative Committee for consensus to agree to the bond issue. They did not really have anything negative to say but due to it being an election year everyone was kind of against it. Regarding the retainage issue the Contractors Association does not want it see the retainage to go from 5% up to 10% at this time. Darrin Taylor is working on a letter regarding De-regulation to send to all MO Housing Authorities of all sizes. He is asking that the authorities add to the letter and to get it out to all of their congressmen. Jim ended his report and asked if Darrin would like to add anything at this time. Darrin added he is working on drafting a letter stating why

we need SHARP to get the Regulatory Relief for all housing authorities. He is asking that everyone add to the letter specifics regarding their housing authority and to have them send it to their congressmen, specifically Congressmen Hartzler and Luetkemeyer. Also Ann Wagner's district as well. Darrin stated it is very important that these letters come from local housing authorities. He is asking that you send a copy of your letter to him so he can package them up and target specific groups as well. Darrin is also drafting a letter to send to Senators Blunt and Luetkemeyer requesting regulations that will affect all housing authorities regardless of size. Also discussed was the Flat Rent. Barbara Subber from Arkansas and Cheryl Swenson from Kansas are moving forward with oppositions to help regarding the flat rent increases. Darrin mentioned that all housing authorities need to sign onto 302B Letter to end the debate on the THUD bill. There were only 12 out of 130 signatures, this is less than 10%. He was unsure if this was due to lack of understanding but stated that if housing authorities expect to receive funding this must be done. He suggested that everyone go to the NAHRO website and click on the congressional relations activity link and volunteer to be on the Congressional District Committee (CDC).

moved that the legislative committee report be approved; motion seconded by Anita Kennedy; the report was approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Rhett reported that the committee is in the process of revamping the application and the score sheet. It was also discussed on how to get more applicants to apply. There were 13 applicants total this year, 10 of them were judged and 2 of them were post-high school applicants. MHAPCI agreed to \$5000.00 and MoNahro agreed to \$4000.00 making a total of \$9000.00 in scholarships this year.

SITE SELECTION:

See Professional Development Report

SERVICE CONTRACT OFFICER REPORT

See Attached Report

HOUSING AMERICA CAMPAIGN:

Anita Kennedy stated we will be advertising this on website again this year. She stated we had one recipient go to the national calendar last year. She encouraging all housing authorities to get their tenants children to participate in this contest, they will be judged in May and awards are given.

Anita Kennedy made a motion that all Other Reports be approved; seconded by Mona Aubuchon. The Other Reports were approved by a unanimous vote of the Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wanda Peetoom gave an update regarding the Tax Debt Offset there are still some housing authorities have still been having problems but Allen Pollock and Jim Mitchell have been in Jefferson City working on getting new information about that. We have

appointed an ad hoc committee with Lisa Ainsworth as Chair of that committee. She is trying to figure out how to get everyone more involved. If you have any questions you are to contact Lisa.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

Paul Page was appointed to travel to SW NAHRO. Karen Chaney is the new Treasurer. We did this through email to all of the Executive Board and it was approved by everyone on the Executive Board. We still have a lot of appointments to still fill.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Wanda Peetoom thanked everyone for everyone who helped. There being no further business to come before the Membership, Karen Chaney made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Reba Williams and the membership unanimously voted to adjourn.