

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 27, 2024
1:30 pm-2:30 pm
Minutes

Roll Call- Jackie Burton called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. A quorum was established. The following members participated in the meeting: Jackie Burton, Latasha Dodd, Kisha Miller, Barbie Baxter, Shirley Pulliam, Cyndi Musick and Jana Bays. Guests: Jackie Govan, Christie Campbell, and Deana Howell.

Approval of Minutes- **Cyndi Musick made a motion to approve the November 2023 and January 2024 minutes as submitted. Barbie Baxter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.**

Dollar per Child Report - Deana gave the Dollar per Child report. Dollar per Child Campaign funds were reported as of 3/27/2024 as \$5,635.23. This is an average of \$0.63 per child for Arkansas. All Dollar per Child money should be submitted by next week. Jackie Govan is planning to hand deliver a check at the National Head Start Conference.

AHSA Membership Dues Report- Deana Howell reported that \$44,590.00 has been collected with \$1,065.00 owed for 2023-2024. 2024-2025 membership dues invoices will be sent to programs in July and August.

Treasurer's Report- Shirley provided the Treasurer's Report. The Association's Total balance is \$80,166.69. The AHSA Balance is \$48,418.65 and the certificates of deposit balance is \$31,748.04.

Arkansas Head Start Association's Strategic Plan-Jackie Burton reported that 6 of the 8 goals are completed. Goals 3 and 4 are in the process of being completed. All goals should be completed by the Arkansas Head Start Association Institute.

Arkansas Head Start Association Bylaws-Shirley Pulliam reported that the by-laws were in the process of being edited to reflect 6 scholarships.

Arkansas Head Start Association Nominating Committee- Jackie Burton discuss the proposed slate of officers.

Class Reports- Barbie Baxter reported the CLASS report. All CLASS's met together. Tasha Moore came to speak about a program she offers teaching Spanish. Robin Jones from the LENA Grows program was a guest speaker. The group discussed topics such as Arkansas LEADS cohort 2 and the future of the Collaboration Office and AHSA. Please see CLASS minutes for additional information.

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council- Barbie Baxter gave the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council report.

Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office- It was reported that Jackie Govan will be presenting at ACAA. The summer EBT information that programs were asked to submit to Jackie Govan, has been submitted. Each Head Start child whose information was submitted will receive \$120 with SNAP benefits.

Arkansas Head Start Association- The conference starts April 30, 2024 with the opioid institute, and continues to May 3, 2024. There will be tons of fun events at the conference including a "Come as you Wish" event where participants can dress as whoever they want. There will be a number of wonderful presenters and a masquerade during the conference.

Region VI Head Start Association- The region 6 conference will be in New Mexico, but there is not a date as of yet. Albert Black is the new president of the Region VI Head Start Association.

National Head Start Association-President Biden approved the bill for 12.27 billion dollars that will include a 2.3% cola for Head Start staff.

AHSA's Certificate of Deposit- The deposit was relocated from New Horizon to the Bank of America to earn a new rate of 4.75%.

The Future of the AHSA/HSSCO- This was tabled.

Statewide Book Study- The HSSCO is having a statewide Book study for all EHS/Head Start programs. Everyone is invited to attend! All zoom days will be on Tuesdays! We will be studying one of New York's Times Bestsellers entitled, "BURNOUT: The Secret to Unlocking the Stress Cycle" by Emily Nagoski, PhD and Amelia Nagoski, DMA. This book has eight great chapters which will take us through the month of May covering two chapters per meeting. Please review the dates below and remember to mark your calendars.

February 20 - Chapters 1 & 2

March 26th - Chapters 3 & 4

April 23rd - Chapters 5 & 6

May 14th - Chapters 7 & 8

Institute Planning Schedule- There will be an institute work day on April 10, 2024.

Office of Refugee Settlement- Jackie Govan is working with the agency to get 750 families placement in the northwest Arkansas area.

Arkansas Head Start Association Audit/990- **Shirley Pulliam made a motion to approve the 990 audit as submitted. Jana Bays seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.**

Arkansas Head Start Association Nominating Committee- **Shirley Pulliam made a motion to approve the slate of officers as submitted. Latasha Dodd seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.**

2024 Powerful Conversations with Fathers: July 9th, and November 12th

See Class Agenda for Additional Announcements on State, Regional, and National Levels

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the conference. There will be a dinner from 5-6pm following.

Adjournment- **Cyndi Musick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:51pm. Shirley Pulliam seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.**

Submitted by,

Kisha Miller