

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
1:30 pm-2:30 pm

Roll Call- Jackie Burton called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. A quorum was established. The following members participated in the zoom call: Jackie Burton, Latasha Dodd, Kisha Miller, Barbie Baxter, Dee McLemore, Michelle Furlow, Cyndi Musick, Shirley Pulliam, and Jana Bays. Guests: Jackie Govan, Jennifer Thomas, Belinda Clark, Teona Ford, Christie Campbell, Tiffany Moss, and Deana Howell.

Approval of Minutes- Barbie Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes. Cyndi Musick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dollar per Child Report -Deana gave the Dollar per Child report. 2023 Dollar per Child Campaign funds were reported as of 1/11/2023 as \$569.00. Deana will be sending a reminder to every agency of the April 1, 2023 deadline.

AHSA Membership Dues Report- Deana provided the AHSA Membership Dues report. \$41,110.00 has been paid with \$5,335.00 owed for 2022-23.

Treasurer's Report- Deana provided the Treasurer's Report. The Association's Total balance is \$80,785.50. The AHSA Balance is \$49,110.36 and the certificates of deposit balance is \$31,675.14. **Cyndi Musick made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jana Bays seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Region VI Scholarships and Awards for 2023- Jackie Burton encouraged Arkansas agencies to submit more applications.

Class Reports- Jackie Burton give the Class report. All Classes met together. See CLASS meeting minutes.

Arkansas Head Start Association/Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council- Barbie gave report the Arkansas Head Start Association/Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council report. There was not a quorum, but reports were still given. Tonya Williams reported on Better Beginnings levels 4-6. She asked that Head Start agencies start discussing how Head Start should be considered with the new levels. Barbie asked Board members to share feedback via email with her and Jackie Govan. Tonya discussed the preschool development grant (PDG) and that the funding will be 12 million dollars. The Stabilization Grant awards were shared; some are still in the approval process. Paul Lazenby was there to discuss TEACH opportunities and gave an update on data for 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023.

Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office- Jackie Govan give the Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office report. She reported that the Region IV collaboration offices have been meeting the 2nd Friday of each month. They have requested to meet the new governor and plans to invite her to the Regional Conference. Jackie discussed a new Imagination Library partnership with Arkansas Community Action agency.

Arkansas Head Start Association-Jackie Burton reported that the 2023 Institute will take place in Hot Springs at the Arlington Hotel June 6-9, 2023. The Opioid and Substance Misuse Summit will take place on June 6, 2023 and the institute will follow June 7-9, 2023. Registration will include both events. Cyndi Musick made a motion to vote James Hollywood in as a friend of Head Start. Michelle Furlow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Region VI Head Start Association-Jackie Burton reported that the next meeting will be January 30, 2023 from 9-12:30. The Region VI conference is scheduled for July 17-21, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Registration, Call for Papers, and Exhibitor information will be available on February 1st ,2023.

National Head Start Association-Jackie Govan reported that the Winter Leadership Institute is taking place January 23-26, 2023 in Crystal City, VA. Covid-19 and flu outbreaks, staff burnout, under enrollment and behaviors in the classroom were topics discussed at the last meeting. Recent losses in Head Start and their history in the program were also discussed. The NHSA Parent Conference will be December 4-7, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

AHSA Strategic Plan Update- Jackie Burton reported the AHSA Strategic Plan update. Progress has been recorded for goals 1, 5, and 8. The other goals are in the process of being completed.

Revised AHSA's Bylaws-The revised AHSA's Bylaws are pending.

NARCAN Training- Jackie Govan report that there will be a training for programs some time in February.

Check Fraud- Jackie Govan reported that she wrote two checks in December to be mailed to two different vendors. The first check was in the amount of \$200 and the second check was in the amount of \$300. Both checks were edited by \$5000.00. The situation is being investigated. Half of the funds have been replaced and the other half is expected to be refunded soon. A new checking account will be opened.

Approvals for the 2023 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute- Barbie Baxter made a motion to approve the 2023 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute budget (registration and speakers), the conference theme, and the conference location. Cyndi Musick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Powerful Conversations with Fathers- A flyer with the four event dates has been shared with programs.

Homelessness in Arkansas- A new committee is being planned with the intent of including more community agencies.

New Racial Equity Website- to launch in March 2023.

Next Meeting Date- Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Adjournment- Barbie Baxter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm. Cyndi Musick seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.