

KPATA – Full Board meeting  
Friday, September 16, 2016

Suzy Green called the meeting to order at 9:09AM

We started with introductions and shared a little more about ourselves as a way to get to know each other better.

Those in attendance were: Suzy Green, Pam May, Joan Dunn, Shona Sherradan, Nancy Keel, Rita Kancel, Robyn Elder, Becky Stewart, Callie Benton, Brandy Kirk, Jan Heinen and Leslie Sissel

Those that called in: Cindy Shirwise and Jacki Himpel

KPATA consultant, John, joined the meeting at 9:42. He shared that he really enjoyed consulting with lobbyists, initially he was skeptic, going on his 32<sup>nd</sup> year in the state house, but was pleasantly astonished with the exceptional job P.A.T. did! He feels that several legislators know whom P.A.T. is and our passion is evident to them. He did make it clear that he did not lobby for us, but provided consultation. He shared statistics on the turnover in the House and that when we lost the officials that we did 6 years ago we lost over 800 years of experience. Right now there are many in office that really don't know about us. There's a demographic wave of those that feel an anti-government sentiment, they're frustrated, and have ultra-conservative attitudes that believe less is better. Their priority is to come in and make cuts. He feels that the key is communication, our efforts must continue. He stated that, "your attendance, your face, will start to be recognized by legislators and senators and this will open the door for a relationship, a recognition of your program and your passion for P.A.T.". The three categories on the political agenda that will be very significant to us and we should stay attentive to are: Dialogue on School Finance, Overall State Budget and Tax Policy. We need to continue to educate, continue to advocate. He feels like our state will continue to be in this economic slump for 36-48 months. Therefore, we need to continue to fight our fight. Again, he reminded all to keep in mind, how many new people have been elected. Suzy asked for an explanation of the challenge with P.A.T. funding being moved back to the Education Funding or General Funding. It is his interpretation that we will struggle or have concerns no matter where our funding comes from. He did point out that there is more flexibility in the State General Fund.

Leslie read the minutes from the last full board meeting of June 3, 2016. Rita motioned the approval of these minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shona. Motion passed.

Nancy shared the President and Executive Directors Report FY2016. Robyn made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita to approve Nancy's report. Motion carried. Please find attached to these minutes a copy of this report.

Meet the Candidate Forums will be emailed again. Olathe already has one planned. Remember funds are available through KPATA to help support this event.

A chair is still needed for the Joint Conference coming up in May 2017. Nancy shared a tentative schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Conference sponsorships are still needed – this will be the primary early childhood conference. Pre-conference on the

3<sup>rd</sup> will be a screening day. P.A.T. will sponsor this and the pre-conference event on Wednesday evening – most likely a wine tasting event at the Discovery Center. It was noted that Head Start and Childcare Aware have paid position chairs working on the conference. Kaimh and KPATA are currently volunteer positions. It could be a possibility for a P.A.T. coordinator or educator to inquire with the KPATA Board for this position of co-chair to be a paid position.

Nancy informed the board that Stephanie Taylor has resigned her position of SC rep. Suzy will be in contact with Haysville P.A.T. for a possible replacement.

The nominating committee shared that they did struggle this past election period and was asking if changes could be made to President, Vice-President, past-president and president elect. There was also discussion on the combining of the Secretary/Treasurer position. No decisions were made.

Rita shared her Treasurer's Report. The year-end balance sheet was passed out at the Membership Meeting on 9-15-16. Today a monthly balance sheet and FY2017 budget was handed out. KPATA spent \$31,446.39 more than what was taken in, due to lobbying fees and the consultation fees.

Receipts presented today by Rita, needing board approval were \$64.68 and \$26.96. The receipts were submitted by Callie Benton and Nancy Keel, respectively, for costs associated with the State Coordinator's meeting.

Robyn motioned, Brandy 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the paying of these two bills. Motion passed.

Robyn then moved and Brandy 2<sup>nd</sup> the approval of the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

The FY2017 Budget was reviewed by those in attendance and noted that \$16,000 has been submitted to PATNC as a Grant for Advocacy.

Robyn moved and Pam 2<sup>nd</sup> that the FY2017 Budget be approved. Motion carried.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9AM

The dates for the next Executive Board meeting will be emailed.

12:12 Suzy adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Leslie Sissel  
KPATA Secretary