

Minutes for SkillsUSA Kansas
Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

October 3, 2013

Adobe Connect

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Becky Warren, New SkillsUSA Kansas State Director.

Present: Ralph Beacham, RJ Dake, Michael Edwards, Dwayne Hale, Tod Johnson, Mark Johnson, Rita Johnson, Denver Mishler, Gary Pommier, Roy Shafter, and Peggy Torrens

Guest Present: Sherry Webb, and Case Clough

Absent: Carey Eskridge-Lybarger and Jack Fredrick

Becky Warren welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Denver Mishler presented the July minutes to be approved. Mark Johnson moved to accept the minutes as read. Gary Pommier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Becky Warren reported the current budget balance is \$68,324.86 in the SkillsUSA funds as of 10/3/13.

District Conference: Becky Warren thanked Sherry Webb and Peggy Torrens for overseeing the District Conferences this fall. All districts have completed their elections of District Officers. There will be 84 district officers traveling to the Fall Leadership Conference in Hesston and they will serve as voting delegates for the State Officer Elections.

Leadership Conference: Becky Warren reported, as of today, we have total of 196 members registered for the Fall Leadership Conference. We have received 14 Secondary Officer Applications and 5 Postsecondary Applications so far. New events have been added to the conference this year such as a community service project, added workshops, and the SkillsUSA Store. We have former State Officers coming to help out at the conference:

- CJ Brown, Video/Photographer for conference activities
- Case Clough, State Officer Election Coordinator
- Brice Pate-Harder, Workshop host and help with State Officer elections
- Brandon Eastwood, Lin Ashby, Blake Brown will be assisting where needed: (Games, workshops, etc.)

State Conference: Becky Warren reported that the dates for the Kansas City Contest and the Hutchinson Contest have been set:

April 3, 2013 – Kansas City Contest

- Culinary Arts
- Commercial Baking
- Restaurant Services

April 8, 2013 – Hutchinson Contest

- 3-D Visualization and Animation
- Computer Maintenance Technology
- Internetworking

- Electrical Construction Wiring
- Technical Computer Applications
- Web Design
- Advertising Design
- Welding Fabrication

Becky Warren discussed some concerns from the field and asked the board to help resolve the issues:

Diesel Contest: Foley no longer is hosting the contest but is willing to help. The facilities to host the competition would need to be at least 40 X 100. Mike Edwards volunteered to contact Jon Robinson, former chair, and get the details of what is needed and possibly find another location for the contest to be held in Wichita.

Carpentry Contest: It was brought to our attention that the contest was held outside on gravel surface instead of a foundation making it difficult for students to construct their project during competition. Mike Edwards volunteered to visit with Cloys Bayless to see how we can help him resolve this issue.

Cabinet Making Contest: This competition is formula based and participation is limited. Mark Johnson suggests we look into holding District competitions within each district so all students who want to compete will have the opportunity to at least compete at District level. Mark has agreed to head up a District Contest Committee to expand student participation in all formula based competitions. Others who volunteered to serve on this committee were Gary Pommier, Peggy Torrens, Roy Shaffer, and Mike Edwards.

Photography Contest: National competitors score sheets shows Kansas students are placing at the bottom in the competition. Becky Warren suggested we look at the contest rules and the competition making sure the chairs are setting contest up to the national standards. Mark Johnson volunteered to talk with Robert Ferro, chair of the contest and see how we can help get this contest using the same standards as the national contest.

Broadcast News: Roy Shaffer announced that Coffeyville will not be able to host the Broadcast News contest, their program director resigned and the school closed the program. The committee will search for other options and contact Becky Warren if they get promising host and chairs.

Kansas National Competitor Score Placement: Becky Warren addressed concerns with Kansas students scoring low at the national competitions. She asked the committee to address the issue. Discussion was made concerning District level competitions to be held, reviewing contest rule and regulations making sure the state competition are in alignment with nationals, and course content in CTE programs meet industry standards. Becky will address this concern at the Advisory workshop next week in Hutchinson. Denver Mishler suggested reviewing data on contest for the last 3 years and share the data with the advisors. Becky will review the data and prepare a spreadsheet for review.

New Contest interests have been submitted to the State Office and Becky Warren asked for the boards input. **Health Science Contest:** The State Office received a phone call asking SkillsUSA Kansas to host Health Science Contests. Many schools have the HOSA organization and Becky has encouraged them to stay with HOSA, but due to the fact of funding and SkillsUSA being a larger organization in their schools, they would prefer to have one organization in this area instead of two. The board as a whole would like us to continue supporting HOSA, but not turn down schools that want their students to participate in SkillsUSA Health Science Contest. It was suggested to conduct a survey of interest prior to moving forward. Becky Warren will take that action. Peggy

Torren will also visit with Jay Scott making sure there is not a conflict of interest with both SkillsUSA and HOSA having the same competitions.

Police/Fire Science: Peggy Torrens shared with the committee the interest for Police/Fire Science Contest. Captain Showalter of Wichita is interested to chair the Fire Science contest and has the facilities to conduct the contest. It was suggested to introduce the contest as a Demonstration this year and move forward in FY2015. Mark Johnson reminded the committee back in the 1980's SkillsUSA Kansas had a Criminal Justice Contest in Garden City Community College. Becky Warren will contact Garden City Community College and see if they still have the Police Science programs and if they would be interested in hosting the contest again.

Sheet Metal: The State Office has received interest for a Sheet Metal Contest. Mike Edwards asked Becky Warren to send him the rules and regulations for the contest and he will research opportunities for the contest to be held in Wichita.

Fundraiser: Becky Warren shared a fundraiser she would like to conduct Statewide. The fundraiser is a Puzzle Piece sells. The puzzle is made up of 150 pieces and students sell each piece of the puzzle equal to its number. Say I choose puzzle piece #1, my donation would be \$1. If I choose puzzle piece #50, my donation would be \$50 and so on. If all 150 pieces of the puzzle is sold it would generate \$11,325. As a State driven fundraiser, the SkillsUSA Office would generate book receipts numbered 1-150 for each individual student to sell. Whatever funds come in to that local chapter from their students sells, that chapter keeps the funds for Workshops, District, State, National registration, travel and etc. As students turn funds in, the advisors will collect the receipt books and send them to the State Office so we can put sponsors names on the actual puzzle pieces. The actual puzzle will be auctioned off at the State Conference during the live auction. The goal of this project is to help local chapters raise the funds they need to attend the SkillsUSA conferences/workshops.

Casey Clough also suggested the SkillsUSA Organization find corporate sponsors to help support the organization. Becky Warren will seek corporate sponsorship and report back to the committee.

Webpage: Case Clough gave an update on the development of the new SkillsUSA Webpage design. The site is expected to go live next month during the Fall Leadership Conference where Case will showcase the new page.

FY2015 Objectives: Becky Warren shared the FY2015 objectives starting in July 2014:

July 2014: Advisor Workshop (Board of Director Elections)

August 2014: Local Officer Workshop

September 2014: District Conferences (Elect Voting Delegates instead of District Officers) and installation of remaining local officers.

October 2014: Leadership Conference (Election of State Officers HS and PS)

November 2014: State Officer Training, Board of Directors Meeting, and Contest Chair Banquet

December 2014: State Officer Training

January 2015: Advisor Workshop by Adobe Connect, CTSO Day for State Officers, State Officers visit with Tech Ed Authority and visit the Capital building

February 2015: SkillsUSA Week Celebration

March 2015: State Competition Registration completed
Contest Chair Luncheon

April 2015: State Competitions (Installation of Local officers for chapters who have already elected)

May 2015: National Competition Registration completed

Concerns/Questions: Becky Warren opened the floor for concerns/question/comments.

Mike Edwards suggests:

- we conduct a survey to advisors in support of Workshops and when and where it would be best to hold them. Becky Warren will conduct the survey at the Advisory Meeting next week.
- Maybe hosting the leadership conference on a weekend. WATC would be a free facility to utilize and open during the weekend.

Tod Johnson suggested looking into Rock Springs Facilities or the Wheat State Camp facilities for the leadership conference as well.

The Board of Directors welcomed Becky Warren as State Director and several shared support in helping move SkillsUSA forward.

Becky Warren thanked everyone for the welcome and support. Becky will keep everyone informed by email on the progress of the duties that were assigned during this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm.

Secretary: Tod Johnson