

SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS

BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Tara Cox welcomed members and called the meeting of the School Nutrition Association of Kansas to order at 9:08 a.m. Stan Vallis led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeannine Flory called the roll with Tara Cox, Jeannine Flory, Stephanie Smith, Melinda Thomas, Kaye Kabus, Terri Markham, Jayci Dalton, Amber Workman, Stan Vallis, and Barb Depew attending. No quorum was present. It was a consensus to approve the agenda. It was a consensus to approve the minutes.

MEGA ISSUE DISCUSSION

Farm to Plate Work Group

Barb Depew led a discussion on Farm to Plate. October is Farm to Plate month in schools. Local sponsors are invited to share in the Farm & Nutrition Challenge – Apple Crunch Day – Thursday, October 18, 2018. Child Nutrition has developed a Farm to Plate Class. Barb passed out Local Food Sourcing Guidelines. Stan & Kaye have invited local producers to the Mini Food Show that Shaw-Wa is hosting on October 23. Upcoming events include a Producer Connection on November 5th and Kansas Rural Center hosting the 2018 Farm and Food Conference on November 16th. Barb discussed Training Grants and New Challenges. Barb asked what would help the directors the most. Answers were prices, what foods are available, processing necessary (some kind of easy button – districts are struggling to include local foods in their programs). Barb shared about all that was available with Farm Fresh Fridays – Handouts with menus, info on products and activities. She also discussed the need for a contact for excess crops to be used. It was asked if local producers could go through local vendors to ease finding product. The discussion touched on Wellness and the positives of this program. Summer meals seems to be the easiest time to use local products including what is grown in school gardens. School gardens are so important in the schools so students can actually touch and get acquainted with fruits and vegetables.

Standing in for Cheryl Johnson, Barb also shared that Child Nutrition Management Academies are tentatively being considered the week of July 8 at Washburn Tech and Hays and the week of July 22 at Chanute and maybe Garden City.

PPL Committee Regional Report

Tara shared a handout from Steven Newman to list concerns to be taken to the Hill. Fill out the form and return to Tara or Steven. The committee would like to know your concerns whatever the size of your school or where you are located in the state.

Regional Training Updates

The following numbers have been reported from the Regional Updates already held.

- North West Area – Hays – Approx. 60 attendees representing 15 districts
- South West Area – Liberal – Approx. 60 attendees representing 4 districts
- South East Area – Chanute - Approx. 120 attendees representing 12 or 13 districts
- North East Area – Topeka – Approx. 200 attendees representing 18 districts

NEW Scheduled Trainings

- October 23 – Mini Food Show – Shaw-Wa – Topeka
- November 3 – KSDE Classes - Sterling

Changes suggested were to add leadership connections info to these regional training agendas. And work to present a SNA-KS presence in the Jumpstart programs. Could use a buddy system to enhance networking.

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

There were a few minor changes necessary to coincide with National terms. Tara will e-mail copies of this to members.

ROUTINE BOARD BUSINESS

Stephanie presented financial reports to the board. She reported that the change of banks has taken place. Officers are pleased with the initial visit with the new bank, UMB.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Verbal chapter reports were given by those in attendance.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

The following conference items were agreed upon: Registration to open in January. Change in registration would be payment process. Registration cost is \$70. Fee for Industry booths is \$600. Schedule changes – Combine President’s reception with First timer’s reception leaving more time to get ready for Awards banquet. Incentives for those traveling longer distances – No, hopefully their chapters will help with expenses.

2019 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Tara and Stan reported that there were no motels near the KCI Expo Center with enough meeting rooms to host our conference. Therefore, we will stay at the Double Tree in Overland Park and use busses to get to the Expo Center for the food show due to the closing of the Ritz Charleston.

2020 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Stan reported that The Star in Mulvane appears to be the only option that is able to accommodate our Conference in the Southern part of the state. On site visits to confirm room for everything to be made.

KASBO CONFERENCE

The conference will be April 19th and 20th of 2019. We should at the very least put pens and note pads with our logo in the registration bags. Registration at the past level may not be necessary.

SCHOOL NUTRITION FOUNDATION

Tara announced Elaine Harris, our current State Ambassador will be retiring this year. A candidate to replace her was discussed. Tara will ask Laura Fails.

MEMBERSHIP VIDEO

There is a new membership video on the National website. All board members should view this at their own leisure.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Shaw-Wa Food Show – October 23rd – 3:30 to 5:30 at Auburn Washburn High School
- Chapter 8 Fall Training Workshop – November 3rd – 8:00 to 2:00 at Sterling High School
- Spring Conference – March 29-31, 2019 – Double Tree Hotel, Overland Park, KS

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Flory

Secretary, SNA-KS