



MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 25 - 26, 2007
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COUNCIL CONVENED AT 1:00 PM and ADJOURNED at 4:15 PM on January 25, 2007.
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:30 AM and ADJOURNED at 12:00 PM on January 26, 2007.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Billehus, Melissa Clark, Janet Carlson, Keough Duffy, Mamie Flinn, Lisa T Hathaway, Karen Lundby, Darwin Nelson, Barb Olind, Shawn Parker, PJ Rismon-Beckley, Timm Vogelsberg, Brenda Walters, Jan Wenaas, Connie Wethern, and Thursday only Sara, Casey, Rocky Hughes and Diana Tavary.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Roger Holt, Representative Carol Lambert, Jeff Sturm and Senator Carol Williams.

GUESTS: Sister Johnelle Howanach, Trudy Burke, Joann Dotson and Dan McCarthy.

MONTANA ADVOCACY PROGRAM BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Bob Liston, Sylvia Danforth, Gay Moddrell, Diana Tavary, Howard Ganes, Maryanne Silve, Suzanne Hopkins, William McCausland, Susie McIntyre, Rick Emery, John Martin and Dustin Hankinson.

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

COUNCIL AGENDA:

The **January** agenda consisted of Joint Meeting with Montana Advocacy Program Board, Membership Update, Legislative Hearing Report, Calls For Investment FFY 2008, People First Reports, Board of Directors Report, Planning Committee Report, Evaluation Committee Report and Agency Reports.

Chair Jan Wenaas presented outgoing members Sylvia Danforth, Dan McCarthy, Joann Dotson and Bernie Franks-Ongoy with marble paper weights and a luncheon was held in their honor. The Montana Advocacy Program board members joined the Council members for lunch.

JOINT MEETING:

Montana Advocacy Program, Chair Bob Liston

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jan Wenaas gave the Board of Director's Report. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Karen Lundby gave the Planning Committee Report. A Copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mamie Flinn gave the Evaluation Committee Report. A correction was made to include Lisa T. Hathaway as attending the meeting. A corrected copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sara Casey - Office of Public Instruction

Sara shared with members that

Timm Vogelsberg, Rural Institute University Center for Excellence

Timm shared with members that

PEOPLE FIRST REPORTS:

Missoula Chapter - Keough Duffy

Keough shared with members that the Missoula chapter is donating money for decorations for the group homes; they are active with Kiwanis club, bowling, paying dues, making a budget and the chapter held elections which resulted in a tie so they are holding new elections.

Helena Chapter - Darwin Nelson

Darwin shared with members that the Helena chapter held elections for officers but will not know the results until Feb 12th. They will have a movie and pizza fun night in February.

Malta Chapter - Janet Carlson

Janet shared with members that the Malta chapter will hold a Valentines party and everyone is to wear red. Janet was elected as Vice President of the chapter and Jack went to the legislature.

MOTIONS REGISTER:

1. **Keough Duffy/ Karen Lundby** second - Approve the November 2006 minutes.
Unanimous - Adopted
2. **Keough Duffy/ Jason Billehus** second - Accept the Board of Directors Report.
Unanimous - Adopted
3. **Shawn Parker/ Rocky Hughes** second - Accept the Planning Committee Report.
Unanimous - Adopted
4. **Keough Duffy/ Jason Billehus** second - Accept the Evaluation Committee Report with the addition of Lisa T. Hathaway as attending the meeting.
Unanimous - Adopted
5. **Brenda Walters/ Darwin Nelson** second - Move the date of the June 2007 meeting to June 6 - 8, 2007.
Unanimous - Adopted
6. **PJ Rismon-Beckley/ Karen Lundby** second - Transition Project, direct staff to confer with Ellen Condon with revised scope of work for her input & suggestions. It would include following current group of students through high school graduation and an additional 2 years.
Unanimous - Adopted
7. **Brenda Walters/ PJ Rismon-Beckley** second - Self Advocacy, direct staff to negotiate and not issue a Call For Investment. A base of \$50,000 with an additional \$10,000 will be available. Each chapter will be asked to raise hard dollars and to send those dollars to Montana Citizens Advocacy Coalition, their parent company. The Council will match the Chapters hard dollars up to \$10,000.
Unanimous - Adopted

8. **Brenda Walters/ Jason Billehus** second - Montana Youth Leadership Forum put \$20,000 - \$28,000 for 7 youth realizing the possible cap on attendance. Direct staff to get more information about holding more than one forum a year.

Unanimous - Adopted

9. **Keough Duffy/ Shawn Parker** second - Issue a Call for Investment for Innovative Concepts for \$10,000.

Unanimous - Adopted

10. **Melissa Clark/ Jason Billehus** second - Adjourn meeting.

Unanimous - Adopted