Pre-Convention Board Thursday April 10, 2014

Call to Order: 2:07 pm

Introductions/Courtesy Seats – Linda Cooper District 30 Director, Darvel Stinson EML/Juvenile Protection & Safety Director, Barb Bungard, Anna Weslak Past Illinois PTA President, Past National PTA President & Parliamentarian, Darlene Robles National PTA Representative, Amber and Ashton (office staff)

Inspiration – Peg

Correspondence – Advanced Illinois extended their thanks for event in Springfield

Treasurer’s Report – filed for Audit

Recommendations from Exec:

Acceptance of Michael Gray’s resignation

2014-2015 Convention Site – Michele made a motion -
“’I move by direction of the Executive Committee that the Illinois PTA 2015 convention be held at the Embassy Suite hotel in East Peoria, IL on April 16-18, 2015.”

Concerns were expressed about coming South of Chicago and the expense of having it there along with the possibility of a two days event again

Motion - passed

General Arrangements Report – Rhonda Jenkins

112th Annual Convention

138 pre-registered delegates (not including board members)

20 board members

5 guests - Sojey Tacoki V-Cube, Barb Bungard, Darline Robles National PTA Representative, La Var, Deb Strauss Past Illinois PTA President, Anna Weselak Past Illinois and National PTA President
Free internet in rooms – will be charged internet $10 per person if in meeting rooms (so not disseminating to the board)

**Audit Report** - “I move for the adoption of the audit report submitted by Estes, Bridgewater, & Ogden, for the fiscal period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 as accepted by the Executive Committee of the Illinois PTA”

Motion passed

**Elections:**

Vacancies - Cultural Arts, Education Issues, Environmental Concerns, Bulletin, Parental Education, Technology, East Central Region, West Central Region, South Suburban Cook, General Member BDNC

No names brought forward or voiced from the floor

**Proposed Resolution** - Lisa Garbaty – Resolution on Special Education Issues Awareness

We have a co-sponsor Illinois Pediatrics – for Resolution Choking Game

Rhonda also mentioned the we working with Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership

Week of May 5-9th is Mental Health Week – There is an event May 8th where the Governor Pat Quinn maybe making a Proclamation of the event

**Spotlight Event:**

Carolyn McCarty gave an update – she is receiving numerous inquiries about the event daily. To date there has been 485e-blasts, 297 recipients, to over 3000 general population emails. To date 157 people have signed up with more than 70 of those children. There will be adult workshops, children workshops, State and National Reflection recipients are coming, Scholarship is being recognized and our first ever Outstanding Student Award recipient.

**Audit Committee:**

Lisa Garbaty, Ruth Johnston, and Michelle Lassak

**Region Award –**

Most new units created - 4 units is Northwest Suburban West Cook Region Director – Kathy Meitzler

**Recognition –**

Brian Minsker gave incentives to his Directors that submitted ideas for the website first

Darvel Stinson, Rhonda Jenkins and Deb/Gil Izzo
**New Business –**

Request to reopen nominations from the floor for Cultural Arts Director position

Nicole Fentem brought forward motion “to elect Joan Scovic for the position of Cultural Arts director for the remainder of the 2013-2015 term to become effective 7/2/14” – seconded

Tellers were Bruce Bohren, Ruth Johnston, and Michelle Lassak

- 11 eligible to vote
- 0 spoiled ballots
- 11 ballots cast
- 11 votes received

Peg declared Joan Scovic the new Cultural Arts Director

Meeting recessed 4 pm

Meeting continued 7 pm

**Website Peek:**

Ashton gave us a sneak peek at the upcoming launch of the new Illinois PTA website.

**Strategic Task Force Evaluation Overview:**

Carolyn - lack of communication on the committees or how the committees share communication of the other committees

Michelle L – website achieved – only green achieved on the evaluation forms

Bruce – Better representation from all parts of the State – better updates on the website

Jean – May 6th event planned to discuss Programs with local units – Evaluations for Board members rolled out this weekend - Train the Trainers event may have a date by late May

**T&A (Time & Action) –**

Fill out template and turn in by May 3

Meeting adjourned