



**Helena AEYC and ECC- Early Care and Education Committee Joint Meeting
April 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes
3:30-5:00 pm at Child Care Connections (901 N. Benton)**

Helena AEYC:

Chapter President: Hannah Danzer
Treasurer: Mary Jane Standaert
Affiliate Board Rep: Shelly McClain
Affiliate Board Rep: Larissa Moe

ECC-Early Care and Education Committee

Committee Chair: Brandi Thomas
Community Impact Coordinator: Trina Filan

Facilitator: Brandi Thomas

Notes: Trina Filan

3:30 Introductions/Announcements/Updates

3:40 Helena AEYC Chapter Business

- Treasure's Report
 - \$4000 out of savings to cover mini-conference expenses
 - \$1400 put back
 - Savings is at \$4200; Checking is at \$1700
 - Laurie (mini conference) was \$3500 for all her expenses
- State AEYC Business: Hannah and Mary Jane attended state AEYC meeting this last Saturday
 - Big discussion – perhaps each chapter should pay into the state affiliate. There needs to be \$30,000 for the operating budget to belong to NAEYC. MTAEYC doesn't have this investment. (NAYEC is rearranging itself and its relationship with affiliates)
 - One of the ideas to bring in revenue – when it's a city's turn to do the state conference, the state gets half the revenue, the host town gets half, and half of that would be given back to the state to build its revenue.
 - More money to state affiliate...will they provide more benefit to local chapters?
 - That's the idea.
 - Also, trainings in very rural areas.
 - Split big conference into smaller, regional conferences.
 - MTAEYC – looking to hire a staff person.
 - NAEYC is looking for different membership options (like affiliate members) to get more people to buy into a less expensive option.
 - Put the AEYC and ECC meetings on the training calendar to get more people to attend those meetings.
 - State ECP calendar has all training options around the state – this is online.
- Helena Mini Conference- Wrap up
 - This went well.
 - Laurie (presenter) was really good and inspired some local preschool overhaul plans
 - This was a building year to get more people to future conferences

3:50 Early Care and Education Committee

- Budget and Planning – this is a main focus!
 - Trina presented the budget she gave to the United Way board after consultation with the ECC Leadership Team.
 - Born Learning trails – could there be one by the Capitol area, for historical purposes?

- James Patterson has a grant available for literacy projects.
- Action Plan review and update
 - Gosh, there's a lot we've accomplished!
- ECC Business

4:00 HAEYC and ECC-ECEC Combination Projects

- Week of the Young Child Events- Wrap up
 - April 23-29 next year + 10th anniversary of bag distribution
 - Partnership with CTF was really fruitful
 - Lots of good news coverage for each event and for the whole week
 - Kudos to Katie!
 - PV appreciation during the week was good, if stressful to pull off
 - Rotunda event was great, too – resource fair kept people present and attentive, there were lots of great readers (including Curtis the Weather Guy).
 - Brandi had fun and enjoyed it.
 - Thank you's already done for all readers – given out at the event
 - Parents gave good feedback
 - 40 bags given out to spontaneous families attending (better than last year.)
 - Literacy kits – OPI doesn't want to do the literacy kits, but they want to do something for the bags. Produce a different set of ideas for next year.
 - Find alternative to paper protectors for activity guide
 - Getting good feedback from parents and child care providers
 - Are we going to try to increase our numbers?
 - US Bank window design was brilliant
 - Businesses and paper dolls were great, too (Facebook pictures).
 - Next year, instead of a scavenger hunt, ask businesses if they will supply something for a kit for something creative.
 - Keep the picture idea.
 - Get a hashtag to draw attention.
 - Expand to Fuller, Great Northern, Main Street in East Helena, friendly businesses (like Last Chance Sport Store)
 - Send thank you to media?
- Provider Appreciation- Wrap up
 - About 30 people, including 3 school district folks, showed up
 - National Guard Family and Youth Center – came through with a LOT of great supplies

4:50 Follow-Up Tasks/Next Meeting

- May 11, 2016 (Second Wednesday of the month)
- Question to not hold meetings June, July, and August
 - Great idea!!!

5:00 Adjourn