



**Helena AEYC and ECC- Early Care and Education Committee Joint Meeting
February 10, 2016 Meeting Agenda
3:30-5:00 pm at Child Care Partnerships (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

In attendance: Tammy Hutchinson (Tree House Learning Center), Hannah Danzer (AEYC Chapter President), Brandi Thomas (AEYC Vice-President, Chair of ECE), Shelly McLain (Flo Crit + AEYC Rep), Trina Filan, Gina Mello (Preschool Inc.)

3:30 Introductions/Announcements/Updates

3:40 Helena AEYC Chapter Business

- Treasure's Report
-No Treasurer's Report – still about \$10,000 in chapter account, some will go to the mini-conference
- State AEYC Business
-Hannah and Shelly need to give pictures for the website
-State conference for AEYC is in Helena in October 2018. (Missoula this year, Kalispell next year). There should be some representation from Helena. Need to have "save the date cards" to hand out at the Kalispell conference.
- Helena Mini Conference
-Flyer done but not officially printed. This will happen next week. Hard and electronic copies going out.
-Lorrie Baird from Ontario – Keynote on Friday night + facilitator training (3 hours); Saturday – 6 hours
-Topic is setting up and following through on "designing engaging environments."
-\$3700 to \$4000 or so in the end for total cost
-Facilitators will get the conference fee waived and will get training hours.
-Lunch will be provided.
-Need table for ECC and AEYC (doesn't need to be staffed).
-Need some help with shuttling the presenter around.

3:50 Early Care and Education Committee

- Action Plan review and update
- ECC Business
-Advocacy opportunities: Empowerment Areas – Iowa – Gina Mello – can talk with her about how to do statewide advocacy
-MECHV money will be available

4:00 HAEYC and ECC-ECEC Combination Projects

- Week of the Young Child Events
-March 23 is bag stuffing – 3:45, RBLC gym – add to Volunteer Helena. Add to ECC notes
If you have something you or your agency would like to put in the bags, please contact Brandi!
-MPDG is paying for printing of literacy/activity kits (are they paying for laminating? Still checking on this)

- MPDG is creating a single sheet (front-back) color flyer with engagement ideas for the books.
- ECC flyer for bags – Katie
- Reading in the Rotunda – April 12 * we are partnering with MCTF in a joint venture – do a one-day thing including: reading event, resource fair, parade, demo of literacy kits, etc.
- Collaboration – joint press releases/messaging.
- US Bank window – Week before and week of. April 4-15.
 - Possible decoration: ECC tree with copies of book covers – Jen Shaw from HMHB volunteered to help with the design and creation of the design, Brandi will reach out.
 - Offer to all other groups to participate in the window fun
- Doll cut-outs in downtown business windows – Trina’s job
 - Asking businesses to put dolls up in windows
 - Scavenger hunt – get stamps (6?) – maybe the Library could be a drop point for the cards?
 - Prompts on the back of the scavenger hunt cards – some from us, encourage businesses to come up with their own ideas. Would businesses be willing to extend the scavenger hunt through the next week?
 - Maybe Big Dipper would do free kid cone for a completed? What is the prize?
- Window clings; stickers: I Support the Week of the Yong Child, I’ve been read to, I’ve read to a child today.

- Provider Appreciation

- ExWorks!
- Ice cream social – all child care providers, pre-school teachers, K-3 teachers
- 6-8 p.m.
- STARS special appreciation
- Button: I’m at work today because of child care!

- Building Membership

4:50 Follow-Up Tasks/Next Meeting

- March 9, 2016 (Second Wednesday of the month)

5:00 Adjourn