

Montana Creativity Quest Meeting 10-14-13

Members Present: Kathy Dunn, Heather Geiger, Connie Ackerman, Ernie Chang, Wendy Morical, Barbie Potter, Dawn Ann Anderson, Tracie McCrossin, Brooke Hampton
Members Absent: Dalene Normand, Christina Harrell, Tami Sinnema

Heather Geiger Called the meeting to order at 8:05PM.

75% of the board members were present which was sufficient to allow for votes on the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

June Minutes

MOTION: Approve June 2013 minutes. The motion was approved.

Articles of Incorporation

The change to the Articles of Incorporation would make Montana Creativity Quest a non-member organization rather than an organization with members.

MOTION: Approve amendment to Articles of Incorporation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bylaws

The new proposed bylaws were presented with the explanation that some changes were made to conform with Montanan Non-profit Code.

Discussion:

- It was suggested that all references to Executive Director be changed to Affiliate Director.
- There were no other questions regarding the new bylaws.

MOTION: Moved that the new bylaws be approved with the changes recommended.

- The motion was approved unanimously

Policies:

Explanations about the policies were made:

- The Policy regarding Employment at Will was removed since Montana is not an "at will" state and we have no employees. If the need for a policy regarding discharging employees should arise in the future it will be addressed at that time.
- Two new policies: the Powers of the Executive Committee and Financial Checks and Balances. Our lawyer is still reviewing these two policies. Should we need to make any changes to them a brief meeting to approve them will be called.

MOTION: Moved that we accept the polices with the changes to the one regarding Sub Pay and the removal of the policy on Employment At Will.

- The motion was approved.

Budget

Currently the total balance in checking and savings is 17,611.86.

Checking -	\$8758.86
Petty Cash	\$105.66
Savings	\$7747.34
Regions	\$1000.00

The proposed budget was reviewed. This budget is rather conservative and does not include large donations and that many of the expenses were set to more closely reflect the expenses we incurred last year. The new budget also reflects the changes in categories in order to more closely align to how income and expenses are reported on the tax return.

MOTION: Moved to approve the budget as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Officers

- Currently trying to recruit a new secretary and Board President
- Barbie Potter was willing to remain as treasurer and Heather Geiger was willing to remain as the Affiliate Director.

MOTION: Approve the candidates for Treasurer and Affiliate Director

- The motion was approved unanimously

Current Projects

To recruit more teams a concerted effort has been made to hold creativity informational DI After Dark events. The Director reported on the events that were scheduled in the Gallatin Valley. She will work with the Bozeman GATE coordinator to try to recruit middle school teams in Bozeman.

We will also have an elementary event in Missoula and a lock-in Middle/High School event in Darby. Registrations for these events are being received and both of these should be successful.

Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM