

West Michigan Counseling Association Minutes **Thursday, March 19, 7:30 a.m., KISD**

Present: Karyn Moulton, Becky Turner, Shawn Bultsma, Connie Muller, Kelly Farkas, Cara Harvey, Cecilia Skidmore, Sarah Gammans, Liz Jones, Dave Witucki, Laurie Pettengill, Laura Kuperus

- I. Call to Order: 7:40 a.m.
- II. Minutes of 1/15/09 meeting will be approved at next meeting
- III. Feedback on Winter Conference at KISD
 - A. Thanks to Liz Jones and Tracy Olson at KISD for all their work
 - B. Liz presented a handout describing the responsibilities of KISD, WMCA and GRCC
 - C. Liz shared comments/feedback from the follow-up survey which was completed by attendees. Much positive feedback was received, as well as some good suggestions to consider for future conferences.
- IV. Upcoming WMCA board election
 - A. Slate of nominees is set
 - B. Current terms are ending for Cecilia Skidmore, Laurie Pettengill, Sarah Gammans, Nina Perko. Several of these members will stay involved with the board in other roles.
 - C. Becky Turner and Sarah Gammans will handle the newsletter next year.
- V. Spring Banquet—April 23, 2009
 - A. Becky is in contact with Gary Moline regarding the details
 - B. Kelly will do invites and get 2 Schuler Books gift cards (\$25/each) for door prizes
 - C. Karyn will donate a piece of jewelry for a door prize
 - D. Cara will do the programs
 - E. Connie will take pictures
 - F. Shawn has contacted Eva Aguirre Cooper regarding being the keynote speaker on the topic, “Inspirations!”
- VI. Scholarships/Awards Committee
 - A. Cecilia, Kelly, Cara, Sarah, Becky
 - B. Meeting on Friday 3/27 at 3:30 p.m. at Cecilia's home (1554 Mackinaw SE 49506)
- VII. President: Becky Turner
Newsletter articles are due to Becky by **Monday, March 23**
- VIII. President-Elect: Cara Harvey—no report
Past President: Cecilia Skidmore—no report

- IX. Treasurer: Dave Witucki
- A. Presented financial report—noted a few corrections and will send an updated report
 - B. Discussion of how many scholarships to give out (2 or 3) in light of current financial situation. Shawn proposed giving 2 scholarships this year; the proposal was seconded by Laura. Becky suggested giving the committee the option to present 3 scholarships if there are 3 deserving applicants. Shawn and Laura agreed and the motion was approved.
 - C. Dave will order award plaques for the banquet.
- X. Membership Chair: Kelly Farkas—no report
High School Reps: Connie Muller and Sarah Gammans—no report
Middle School Reps: Laurie Pettengill and Laura Kuperus—no report
Elementary Reps: Nina Perko and Kris Walendzik—no report
Rep at Large: Karyn Moulton—no report
MCA/Webmaster: Shawn Bultsma—reminded us that duties/roles of each board position are described in the bylaws, which are available on the website (wmca1.org) and in the back of the directory.
- XI. Old Business: none
- XII. New Business: none
- XIII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.
- XIV. Next Executive Board meeting: Thursday, April 23, after spring banquet