

**Membership Meeting
Minutes
December 8, 2011**



Members Present

John Heinen, Dickinson Catholic Schools; Jolene Obrigewitch, Home On The Range; Sister Renee Branigan, Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation; Kara Geiger, ND Community Foundation; Yvonne Kroll, St. Lukes Foundation; Brenten Seaks, Badlands Ministries; Ila Perhus, Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation; Jodi Bosch, St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation; Deb Nelson, DLN Consulting

Others Present: Mohammad Hawili, DLN Consulting

Call to Order

11:35 by President John Heinen at the Strom Center.
There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Reports/Updates

Finances

Kara Geiger, treasurer, reported the balance as of 12-6-11 was \$14,478.34. The financial report is also online.

Administrative Report.

Mohammad Hawili presented his report. It was approved as presented and can be found online. A request was made to have the audio conferences placed online for use by the members. Mohammad noted that the power points are already online and will check to see if the audio portion can also be placed online. John noted that the COCO website will be utilized more extensively for minutes, agendas, membership updates, and other member information.

Guide for Giving Report

Brent Seaks distributed copies of the final document to all members in attendance and indicated that 1000 copies have been printed for distribution. John provided members with a potential distribution list and asked members in attendance to determine prioritize by determining who on the list each could distribute to. The distribution list will be placed on the website. John requested that all members send additional names and contact information to Mohammad. Yvonne Kroll offered to distribute to 34 people on the list. Jodi Bosch volunteered to distribute 500 if COCO provides the envelopes and mailing labels. The Strom Center will be asked to store remaining copies for pickup by members.

Members decided by consensus that each person on the distribution list would receive one copy with additional copies for purchase at a cost of \$5.00 plus postage.

Education Committee

John reported that he has appointed Sheri Monroe as the new committee chair. The committee has met and minutes of that meeting will be posted on the website. The committee will finalize the audio schedule, conduct a member survey for audio needs, and plan a one-day conference in July.

Membership Committee

The Board of Directors has approved the establishment of a Membership Committee. John asked current members to consider themselves or others as the committee chair and/or committee members. He noted that membership growth is an organizational priority.

Discussion:

Members held a discussion about publicly highlighting COCO and member stories through such avenues as the website, a newsletter, development of a nonprofit resource center, and additional newspaper coverage. The Board of Directors will further discuss and determine the feasibility of such coverage with COCO's limited resources. Brent Seaks will contact *The Dickinson Press* for coverage of the new "Guide for Giving."

Presentation:

Yvonne Kroll, CFRE from St. Lukes Foundation, made an educational presentation on the "Donor Bill of Rights." She also handed out a "Code of Ethical Principles and Standards." Following Yvonne's presentation, members asked that the Board of Directors formally adopt the Donor Bill of Rights for COCO and place it on the website. This will be an agenda item at the next Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Nelson
Recorder for Mark Versen, Secretary