

## **11/14/10 IDFAPA Monthly Business Meeting**

Members present are Julianne, Rob, Annette and Jamie.

**7:03 pm.** P.S.T., Julianne called the meeting to order.

Julianne opened the meeting with greeting and indicated that Jean had called to submit a report but would not be able to make the call. A treasurer's report is submitted by Jamie in the event he is not able to be on the call. She heard from someone from Region 5 and has a verbal report. No reports from the other regions.

**Rob** will read the whole report from October's meeting. "10/10/10 IDFAPA Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm. Julianne and Rob waited on the line for fifteen minutes with no one calling in. Julianne sent out an email that we had waited for fifteen minutes. Next monthly meeting will be November 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm PST and 8 pm MST. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm after email was sent. Julianne received responses back from Jean Coil, Jamie Hermann, and Annette Cowley to say they were not available to make the call". Annette made the motion that the minutes be accepted as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob. Julianne took vote on the minutes. Jamie abstained. Others voted to accept the minutes. Nothing to post. President's Report Julianne indicated we had just got back from the midyear board meeting of **NFPA** in Charlotte, NC. Well worth the trip, great to be in the meetings with the new board that has been in office since the first of June. They have been working and having phone calls, putting committees together. They have really jelled together and the progress has been large. They have gone to a virtual office as of November 1. There are no personnel in an office space with the president taking all phone calls, making all referrals. Another board member receives all the e-mails and sends them off to whoever needs to respond to them. **State Affiliates** met first, getting a lot of work done. Julianne is the State Affiliate of Idaho. Some things that were addressed is the future of **Walk Me Home (WMH)**, new marketing strategies, new tiering of **Friends of NFPA** and how that will benefit members, presentation from **Terry Jagers – new communications chair.** (Mrs. US America 2007) **Lee Marshall, Alabama, spoke about a non-profit** she founded, and some marketing possibilities. The **National Conference** will be held in Mobile, Alabama in June 24 to 27, 2011. Sample fliers were given out. It will be a great training conference with some good opportunities, with family environment, and board meetings will be minimized so the board members can get out and meet the people and attend trainings. There will be regional meetings for the odd numbered regions to be elected. The last presentation that was given for the board was from **Mike Peterson** of Idaho. He spoke with us, Julianne and Rob. He is with Path Alliance, and does Administrative Business Management with the idea of taking on some of NFPA's office management requirements. He is also working on a proposal for Region 1 in Idaho for **treatment foster homes.** He has been working with Ken Kraft, Program Manager Region 1, very closely. Path's HQ's is in Boise. **Websites for Foster Families: Childtrends.org** website has state by state database of policies for child welfare, Casey Family web based program. **GiftsinKind.org** from Florida non-profits apply and for \$150 becomes member of the organization. You apply or "buy the store" like Home Depot, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Borders Books and so on. Purchase pallets of merchandise at reduced rates from these stores with products that can be distributed to foster families or children. Julianne will look into it further. Kim from Florida said they have gotten some great tools and used them. **Angel Food Ministries** That was one from the executive director of Virginia. They use it all the time. You look up a distributor in your local area. Order top quality foods at low prices and pick up from the distro point. Type in your zip code and you will be given a contact point. The kudo's are getting high quality food and anyone can use it. **Kids to Love, [www.kidstolove.org](http://www.kidstolove.org)** was identified by Lee Marshall of Alabama. There are a lot of educational help for caseworkers and foster parents. She was really interested in one on meth for Julianne because Idaho has a "high" brink of meth exposure. She has trained law enforcement officers, they take donations such as laptops which she has received and given to their kids. **Pajama Program**

recently contacted Julianne about any need for PJ's in the area. They are on their donation drive. Anyone have need let her know. **WMH** was directed to Julianne and the new president of NFPA asked Julianne to be on an ad hoc committee for WMH because we were the only state that had positive outcomes from the walks. Because of some information she shared, they found the NFPA Trademark "Walk Me Home" and Walk Me Home to Where I Belong" had expired. They were able to renew that while we were at the board meeting. So they again have ownership of the trademark and branding it for other things besides just walks. Julianne has spoken with Jamie about doing golf tournaments. Anyway, those are things coming down the pike and see what other states are doing. **I.D. Badge** Julianne got to brag about and National just got theirs. We got our NFPA Identification Card while we were there. **Michelle Britton** held a meeting with her replacement, Rob Luce. She is retiring at the end of the year. She will return to Region 1 and be doing speech therapy. She asked for feedback from Bridging the Gap conferences we did this year, as well as get out and talk to people around the state to see how things are going since the conference. She got a good ear full from us. It was also good to thank her in public for the ID Badges. Any questions? Rob Luce is an adoptive parent and adopted from Haiti. He was an attorney, very personable, and has been in the trenches, the issues he has had and how he worked with other families that adopted from Haiti. They have also helped with an orphanage in Haiti. **Storage Unit** Julianne met with a couple of ladies that are interested in helping with our CDA storage closet. Julianne bought storage bins for them and they have gone through most of the clothes in the storage unit.

**Treasurers Report.** Jamie reported we had an income of \$.22 in October, interest. October Expense was \$635.15 airfare purchased in September for this month (November). The General Fund has \$872.09; WMH has \$8,186.98; Savings has \$4,411.61; for a total of \$13,470.68. Any questions? NO. Jamie brought up the subject of the IRS. He got a call from Rudy, the latest lady agent called Rudy. Rudy also continues to get stuff from the IRS at his P. O Box. Jamie said he would get a change of address and Julianne will send Rudy's address to Jamie on email. The problem is Rudy's address. The paperwork from the IRS has come to our new address. Rudy said he would forward paperwork on. No other questions. Rob made the motion we accept Jamie's treasurer's report. Annette 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. No discussion. Voted and carried. We do need to get new paperwork that matches our current address, so we can do business as a 501C3.

**Region 7 VP** Annette said end of October was the last PRIDE training in Idaho Falls. She gave a presentation for IDFAPA and gave everyone applications for IDFAPA and forwarded them to Sagle. partner with IDFAPA as a community partner to provide Christmas for Region 7 for all the children in foster care, 123 in care and a lot that have more than they have place for. So we are trying to help the foster homes. Before the presentation, Mountain View told her that it would take about a week for them to get back to her with a decision. But, they told her at the end of the presentation "They were on board". So, November 12, they did the kickoff at Mountain View Hospital. They had their big tree up, kid's ages and their needs were on the tree, and employees were taking them off as quick as they were put on. Annette said "It was pretty neat". Radio Station KLCE was there and, they did a live broadcast at Taylor Crossing and there were two girls that had been adopted out of foster care this year, and their foster parents were there, they interviewed them and played that throughout the day on KLCE. They will do another one tomorrow in Idaho Falls and there will be more foster children that have been adopted as well, asking for support. That will go from November 12 through December 6, at which time they will pick up all the gifts for the kids. **Barnes and Noble** had IDFAPA as the recipients for the book drive in Idaho Falls. That kick off began November 1, and runs through November 30<sup>th</sup>. They asked us for a list of resource books for foster parents as well as books of different age groups. They have a big display out that has the IDFAPA name on it. People can purchase books or gift cards and

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they will go to the association. **News interviews** with CASA's to get the voice of foster care out there. The people know what foster care is, but they do not know what the need is. So the goal is to put a voice behind the name of foster care. With the budget cuts, the needs are so great, not everyone can be a foster parent and the people are realizing they can do something to help. **November 17** is the next support group meeting. CASA will be there to talk about what they do and how we can help support them in dealing with the children in our home. **October 29** they had a Halloween Costume Party for the children in Region 7. They had a clinician that talked individually to families about Stress Management and how to deal with issues that will arise through the holidays with foster kids. There were about 40 to 50 people in and out and that included children. It was a fun evening. **November 27** will be the gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. B & N has given them a table, all the paper, tape, gift bags, gift boxes, and they will be asking for donations. The money will go to the **foster youth**, who will be manning the booth. Foster parents will be there to help out. The money will go to support foster youth activities. We have two new couples that will be taking over our foster youth in Idaho Falls. They are opening it up from ages 13 to 17. They are working on getting a **storage unit**. They have tried several places because they have been getting donations. University Partners Office is full of donations. The director of a non-profit hospice has spoken up, but we are waiting on other businesses before we ask her. **Pajama's received**. Many parents said they need younger ones for Christmas.

**Region 6 VP** nothing heard. Position vacant.

**Region 5 VP** Julianne spoke with someone from Region 5 who said their support group is still going on. Ken Burnham is the University Partner, and has the group every other month to help cover some of the conflicts they have had. Next month is in Burley, so they don't always have it in Twin Falls. They also have a bowling event coming up. They have done it every year at Christmas. They have bags for kids. Foster parents and the Department are working on them to resolve them. They are in need of foster parents. We are still supportive in any way we can.

**Region 4 VP and 3 VP** nothing heard. Positions vacant.

**Region 2VP** Jean is not able to be on the call, but she has submitted a report. Rob reads the report for Jean. Foster Parent **Support Group** met on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Nazarene Church in Lewiston. Usually we have a training topic, but instead we had our annual **adoption celebration** hosted by Homes of Hope. 7 children were adopted in our five county regions this past year, and four Idaho families were represented that night. Social workers, adoption workers, and foster families were also recognized for their roles in the adoption process. Several judges from both Washington and Idaho attended. One judge gave a very moving speech about adoption being his favorite court proceeding, and it being so gratifying to legally unite very deserving children with their lifelong families. A wonderful reception followed the ceremony. The **Annual Winter Festival** will be on December 4, 2010, from 9:30 to 12:30 at the Valley Christian Center to celebrate Resource Families and Foster Children. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures. Students from Student Organization of Social Workers will be available to help with the party and to help children make picture frames for the pictures. It promises to be a fun time for everyone! There will be training on safety as it pertains to the holiday season, as well. This is always a well-attended event in our region.

**Region 1 VP** Sandra is not on the call. Julianne said that the last **support group** was to have training on IEP's and 504', but the presenter did not show or was not available. So, the training was held on **meth affected children**. There are quite a few foster parents and RPM's that have a lot of knowledge in this area, so they were able to share with the others. It was very well received. **PRIDE Training** was held in St. Maries, which is in one of our smaller counties, first time. Twenty-four in attendance. This was the first training done by the new contract PRIDE Master Trainer. Julianne and Rob were asked to attend and cover sessions 5 and 6, which we did. We handed out membership applications, blue ribbon pins and magnet. The training went well. We were asked a lot of questions and answered them productively. **Julianne was told** we have received a \$100 donation for St. Maries, but we have

not seen it. The money is to be used for St. Maries for wipes and diapers. **Independent living** program has been taken over by a case worker that just moved down from Sandpoint. Julianne spoke with her, offering the association's support with her in having any activities for the teens in the area for peer networking and peer activities. Are there any questions about activities going on in the area? None. **Nominations Committee.** Rob said the Nominations Committee has received two nominations; one nomination for Julianne as the State President and the second nomination is for Region 5 for Regional Vice President, Berdell Lesneski. These are the only two nominations that have been received. Rob will be sending out an email to let the Regional VP's know of the vacancies. If there is anyone interested in filling these positions, please contact Julianne to let her know they are interested in a position. Julianne will have to appoint at this time.

Julianne added that while at the **National Board Meeting** we just returned from, there was a request for Rob to run for the NFPA Board Secretary. Rob has been the secretary for the Nominations Committee of the NFPA, been on the By-Laws Committee for the NFPA. So he was approached to consider a nomination for National Secretary. We are prayerfully considering what we will do.

**Additional information.** We do have **fliers for the National Conference** in Mobile, Alabama in June, 2011. We would love to see a representation from Idaho. We could do some fund raising around that. She also needs to talk to those who are interested in doing a Walk this year, for **Walk Me Home**, so we can plan toward that. She is on the ad hoc committee and wants some input from the state for those states that have not participated in the past. There are some changes that will be coming about due to the New NFPA Board and its leadership in this area. They are looking at a different system that will be more cost effective in collecting the funds for WMH that is consistent with Quick Books, which the old method – convejo- was not, and still work for us. **Julianne said she really appreciates all those on the call are doing. She appreciates what they do, very much.**

Julianne indicated that considering the holidays coming up, she is looking at not having a meeting in December. **Next meeting: JANUARY 16, 2011, at 7 p.m. PST and 8 p.m. MST.**

Annette will put a nomination in for herself to be Regional VP for Region 7.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Jamie at 7:58 p.m. PST and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Annette.