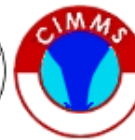




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NOAA Employees Association (NEA) at the National Weather Center (NWC)

Meeting Notes from November 13, 2008

NEA Meeting Minutes – Typed on Friday, November 21, 2008 (Secretary, Linda Crank)

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 13

Meeting called to order at 11:38 PM in Room 3910 of the National Weather Center

- NEA President David Imy called the meeting to order (attendance: 38)
- President explained that Suzanne Van Cooten has decided to resign as Secretary. Linda Crank has volunteered to take over until February elections
- David Imy read “constructed” minutes from last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jami Boettcher reported that the Art Supply Drive for Bethesda was a great success!
- Last meeting, NEA members voted to hold a holiday party in conjunction with OU. Splitting costs, and in what amount, will be voted on this meeting.

Committee Reports

NEA Merchandise Committee – Mike Coniglio

- We spent \$2700 on merchandise prior to the WeatherFest. We received \$3129 in merchandise sales.
- The new “I’d rather be Storm Chasing” T-shirt was a big seller. There is a lot of merchandise left (some categories).
- We need to determine what our next order will be; our next big opportunity for sales is the 2009 National Severe Weather Workshop (March 5-7).
- We need to renew our patent on the NSSL logo, which requires that the logo be placed on ceramic or glassware. The minimum order is for 72 mugs. Mike will explore options, along with other NEA members.
- Questions were asked about marketing: display case, online, handouts, using the electronic poster in the Visitor’s Center

Golf Scramble Committee – Lou Wicker

- The golf scramble was postponed until Oct 12 due to weather, but was a great success, especially because the Westwood greens were in better shape.
- The committee appreciates the donation of \$250, which funded the prizes.
- Thirty-two (32) people played this year. Each player paid \$35 for carts and greens fees.
- 1st place went to the team of Wicker, Foster, Coniglio, and Brenner; 2nd place went to Bodine, Le, Miller, and Buckley.

Halloween Party Committee – Daphne Thompson

- This year, NEA funded \$50 for candy and prizes. The candy purchased was used to supplement areas that ran out.
- There were lots of kids (no exact count). Next year we will end by 5 PM, instead of 5:30 PM
- The employee costume contest had more participants this year. We hope for even more next year! There were 6 entries in the pumpkin carving/decorating contest.
- The consensus is that it's great to see everyone's children at Halloween!

Picnic Committee – Dave Imy

- There were approximately 100 people at the picnic.
- Mark Benner did an excellent job of purchasing supplies, cooking ribs, etc. Thanks to Linda Curtis for all of her organizational efforts and in obtaining the grill.
- There are hamburgers and hotdogs left in the freezer. They can perhaps be used for another cookout in the spring.

Treasurer's Report November 13, 2008 (Estimated because NEA Treasurer Chris Grant is out today.)

Previous balance	\$11,214.20		
Income	\$3,129.00	\$3129.00	WeatherFest Merchandise Sales
Expenditures	\$3,903.00		
		\$650.00	Picnic
		2728.00	Merchandise
		125.00	Pizza for meeting
		250.00	Golf Scramble
		50.00	Halloween Candy
		100.00	Crates for merchandise
Estimated bank account	\$10,440.20		

NEW BUSINESS:

NWC Holiday Party:

- It was agreed during the last meeting to have an NWC Holiday Party with OU. The party will be on December 16, 5 – 7 pm
- Discussion on whether to split costs with OU for a NWC holiday party, similar to last year.
- **CALL FOR VOTE ON ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$750 TO PAY HALF THE COST OF THIS EVENT (OU WILL ALSO PAY HALF)**
 - Passed unanimously by attendees.
- We will need 5-6 volunteers for set up and 5-6 volunteers for cleanup. Dave has a sign up sheet for those willing to serve, or e-mail Dave at david.imy@noaa.gov. It should take no more than one hour for either of these activities.

Food Drive:

- Jami Boettcher proposed a Food Drive for the Holidays similar to the art drive in the fall. This will be a joint OU, NEA, and ROC drive. It will be publicized by e-mail and by signs on bins throughout the building.
- The drive will run from December 1st to December 19th.
- The food will be distributed to three local agencies: the Salvation Army, Food & Shelter to Friends (which has both meals on-site and a food pantry), and the Central Oklahoma Community Action Center.

Charitable Donations:

- Doug Forsyth proposed that we make another charitable donation as an organization to benefit the community.
- Doug suggested a donation to the Christmas Store, which helps needy families with purchasing gifts for Christmas. Other suggestions included adopting a child (or more) from the Angel Tree, or participating in the Share the Warmth program that provides heat during the winter months.
- CALL FOR VOTE ON ALLOCATION OF \$500 FOR A DONATION TO THE CHRISTMAS STORE
 - Passed unanimously by attendees.
- Doug will get the address to send a check

MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:05 PM.