



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

NEA Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2009
NWC, Room 3910

Dave Imy called the meeting to order at 11:37 am CST. Twenty six people were in attendance and enjoying their pizza.

Jami Boettcher read the minutes from the previous meeting.

The Treasurer was unavailable, so Dave provided the Treasurer's report. The balance is \$10,332.59, with about \$763 yet to be deposited. The balance has varied between \$8000 and \$11,000 through the course of the year. There was no golf tournament held this fall. The \$1000 that was intended for the Lone Grove tornado victims did not get distributed due to a lack of contact information. Expenses since the last meeting include ~\$500 for the fall picnic, \$50 for Halloween candy, ~\$120 for pizza for previous meeting, \$55 to support Zumba, and \$78 for pizzas for today's meeting.

Dave continued with the Merchandise report. The gross sales for the Weather Festival were \$3631. Thanks to all who made that possible. There are a few of the beautiful calendars that Joan O'Bannon put together still for sale. Joan is retiring at the end of this month, so if anyone is interested in building a calendar for next year, get with Joan quickly! Volunteers will be needed to sell merchandise at the this Spring's National Severe Weather Workshop, March 5, 6 and 7.

The food drive is off to a great start. A special thanks to Carrie Langston for organizing the first phase. Jami and Carrie will be working together for the remainder of the food drive, which concludes with the Holiday Party.

Old Business

The fall picnic had a turnout of about 60-70 people, which may not justify the effort and expense. The next group of officers will need to determine if this effort should continue.

A budget of up to \$1000 was previously approved for the upcoming NEA/OU Holiday party, with OU matching the \$1000. Everyone who plans to attend needs

to let their POCs know the number of attendees and whether they will be bringing a dessert or a salad. There are still a few volunteers needed to help with clean up (7:30-8:30 pm).

New Business

Given that the \$1000 was not distributed to the Lone Grove tornado victims, Dave asked for discussion or proposals on other charitable ideas. One proposal was made and seconded to provide \$1000 to the Heart of Oklahoma Chapter of the American Red Cross. A second proposal was made and seconded to provide \$1000 for Meals on Wheels. In both cases, the idea is to make these donations after the holidays, when donations typically drop.

A Nominating/Election Committee is required from the current NEA membership by no later than the end of each calendar year. Dan Berkowitz volunteered to serve and he may ask for others to help him out. Members of the committee may volunteer for service or be recruited by the presiding President. At least two members (including the chairperson) of the committee may NOT run for NEA office.

Officer elections will be conducted no later than the third Wednesday of February. The term of office is March 1 thru the last day of February of the following calendar year. No member may hold more than one office at a time, and no member may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. That means we need a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. Christine has volunteered to stay on as Merchandise Chair person. Due to the upcoming retirement of Randy Steadham, Eric Ice has agreed to serve as the ROC POC.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.