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

NEA Meeting Wednesday, 27 January 2010 NWC Room 1350

President David Imy called the meeting to order at 11:32 am CST. Twenty-three members were in attendance.

Co-secretary Jami Boettcher read the minutes of the last two (7 December and 11 January) meetings.

Treasurer Christine Grant provided a financial report:

The current balance in the NEA account is \$8803.58. This does not include ~\$1400, which is a separate discretionary fund.

December's Holiday Party cost the NEA ~\$1300 (meat, fish, bread, beverages, silverware, tablecloths, etc.). This was more than expected, but the event was deemed a success. NEA is still due \$1000 from OU to cover its share of the party's expenses. OU decided to purchase side dishes (green beans, scalloped potatoes, and macaroni and cheese) from Sooner Legends Restaurant at a cost of \$552.81. In addition to paying for the side dishes, as previously agreed, OU also will contribute \$500 toward the event. Thus, the total cost of the Holiday Party to the NEA will be ~\$800 (\$1300 - \$500) --- thanks to the homemade desserts and salads provided by NEA members. Thanks also go to Mark Benner for his superb work again this year preparing all the meats and especially his famous salmon!

To date, no one has volunteered to sell merchandise at the upcoming National Severe Weather Workshop. This is one of the most important fund raising events for the NEA and Dave will send a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Workshop tee shirts will also be sold this year, in addition to the usual NEA items. Chris did not think that availability of the workshop shirts would hurt NEA sales.

Joan O'Bannon's calendars are sold out. They did not raise much money for the NEA due to their high cost of production (>\$18 vs. \$20 sale price), but the calendars proved very popular. Hopefully they could be produced again for next year.

Old business

Doug Forsyth read an email letter from Kristy Stewart of the Norman Woman's Resource Center (for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse) describing its operations and the closing of one of its offices (at 501 E. Alameda). Budget cuts have significantly impacted this unique

community service in Norman. At the January 11 NEA meeting, a proposal to donate \$2000 to the center was made and seconded. David Imy brought that proposal to a vote, which passed unanimously.

Dan Berkowitz of the Nominating/Election Committee solicited nominations for NEA officers for the upcoming year. Candidates are needed shortly for an election to be held no later than Wednesday, February 17th. He will send an appeal for nominees to the entire membership within the next week or so.

NEA dues collection will be in early March, once the new officers have been selected.

New business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 CST.