



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

**NEA Meeting
Tuesday, 6 September 2011
NWC Room 3910**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Steve Kruckenberg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

No financial report was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

HOLIDAY PARTY EXPENDITURE: There was some discussion on the Holiday Party; the party is for all NOAA employees of the NWS, not just members of the NEA. A vote was held to approve the request for up to \$1000 for the Holiday Party. It was approved. Linda Curtis will get with David Imy regarding the Holiday Party and scheduling a meeting.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Ice Cream Social held on Wednesday, July 20, was a “smash.”

FALL EVENTS:

- The Weather Festival will be October 29th. Chris Grant will need volunteers, at least three at the tables at all times. In addition to our NEA merchandise, we will also be selling Festival t-shirts for the current and two past years. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt. Steve will send out an email regarding volunteers for the Festival. Jeff Kimpel indicated that the Norman School System will be heavily involved in the Festival this year as it culminates a fund raiser for the Weather Museum. This method of fund raising was very successful during the establishment of the Sam Noble Museum. Still need a new t-shirt design, as Chris Grant put it “something funky that people instantly associate with weather.” The NEA will sponsor an NWC wide contest for a new design. Steve will send out an email to all unites with a cc to Heather Murphy in the Dean’s Office. Contest will end on September 19th, with the designs to be submitted to Chris Grant. Ensure that the design is only two colors due to production costs. The winner of the contest will receive \$25 and a free t-shirt. Also, Chris has ordered new mugs with the NOAA logo; costs of the mug will be \$15.00.

- Soup Kitchen will be November 3rd. Dena will send out a “Save the Day” email.

RED CROSS DONATION: The Red Cross was presented with the \$1000 check on August 9th; Linda Molsbee, a member of the Board of Directors, accepted the check.

NEW BUSINESS:

HALLOWEEN: Daphne Thompson will check to ensure Atrium is available on Monday, October 31st for Trick or Trick. The kids in Norman are out of school that day.

CROP WALK: Dena Grose presented a request from Bob Staples for \$200 for the Crop Walk to be held the first Sunday in October. The NEA provided \$200 in funds last year. This helps support Food and Shelter for Friends in Norman. Mark Benner seconded the request. A short meeting will be held prior to the Crop Walk for a vote.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEA: Linda Skaggs is concerned about the NEA membership and discussed the need to promote the NEA, what we are, what we do, what are the goals of the organization. We need to renew interest in our organization and let our colleagues know that “do so much more.” Jeff Kimpel suggested a Membership Drive with a table at the front door for a day; he volunteered to man the table for part of the day. As part of the Membership Drive, we could offer a prize to be awarded to a new member. Any suggestions for increasing our membership should be send to Linda Skaggs and she will coordinate this effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm after a motion was made by Chris Grant and seconded by Jami Boettcher.

The next general meeting is TBD.