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

**NEA Meeting
Monday, 31 October 2011
NWC Room 3910**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by President Steve Kruckenberg.

The minutes were read with no changes.

No financial report was given due to the absence of Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS:

HALLOWEEN: NWC Trick or Treat will be today from 3 – 5 PM. Daphne still working to ensure all units have plenty of candy.

WEATHER FESTIVAL: Chris Grant reported that the NEA Booth had \$4440 in sales and \$1771 in Weather Festival T-shirt sales. All the volunteers seemed to have a very good time. The attendance was estimated to be between 3000-3500.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS: Dena Grose, Chris Grant, and Bob Staples will serve as the Nominating Committee for the elections to be held in February 2012. Steve Kruckenberg and Linda Skaggs will not be able to service as President and Treasurer respectively, as they have held those offices for two years. Jami Boettcher and Linda Curtis have indicated that they would continue in their roles as Vice President and Secretary.

HOLIDAY PARTY: David Imy gave an update on the Holiday Party. It will be on Thursday, 15 December, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Students will still be in the building, but it was the best date available. Drinks and meats (salmon, chicken strips, ham) will be provided. Will make a decision on the desserts and salads at the meeting next week (who brings what). Forrest Mitchell may be on travel on 15 December. Steve will check his availability.

NEA MEMBERSHIP: Linda Skaggs is not available for an update on increasing membership. Linda has had sign made up which will be used in the membership drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

FOOD DRIVE: Jami Boettcher provided preliminary information on the upcoming food drive will culminate with the Holiday Party on 15 December. The three agencies that will benefit from the food drive will be Food for Friends, Salvation Army, and Community Action. She will need volunteers to help collect and deliver the food. More information to follow.

VETERAN'S CORNER: Bob Staples requested a donation of \$1000 for the Veteran's Corner in Goldsby. The Veteran's Corner meets every Thursday and assists veterans and widows of veterans with disability claims, etc. Additionally, they provide financial assistance to help pay bills such as utility bills and food. At the next meeting, this will be voted upon.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Jeff Peters proposed an NEA opportunity for volunteering as a group to work a full day with Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity at one of their new home construction sites in south or northeast Oklahoma City, or at a rehab on an existing home. There was interest at the meeting and Jeff will be the POC to arrange this event in the spring. Steve will post this information on the website to ensure all members are aware of this excellent opportunity to volunteer our services – even if you can't hammer.

KUDOS TO STEVE KRUCKENBERG: Jeff Kimpel congratulated Steve for the work Steve did on the Weather Festival and the Weather Friends, what an extraordinary show! His efforts are truly appreciated and the group gave Steve a round of applause.

REMINDER – SOUP KITCHEN: Dena Grose gave a reminder to everyone that the Soup Kitchen, benefiting the CFC and United Way, will be held on Thursday, 3 November. Still need desserts and bread.

GREAT LAKES SCRIPT PROGRAM: Clark Payne gave a brief presentation on the Great Lakes Script Program which is a program to buy gift cards from national merchants, such as Wal-Mart and Chili's. The program gives a portion of the sales back to the organization, i.e. Chili's gives 11% of the purchase price of their cards back to the organization. Clark will gather more information and send it out to the POCs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32.

The next general meeting will be 12 pm, Monday, 5 December, Room 3910.