

Utah NAME Board Meeting Minutes October 6, 2011

Attending: Jackie Thompson, Bryan Waite, Fawn Groves, Jennifer Newell, Freddie Cooper

Excused: Ramona Cutri, Erin Whiting, Charlene Lui, Trish Gallagher-Geurtsen, Vessela Ilieva, Marlies Burns

1. Minutes were reviewed and amendments were recommended. To item #6 regarding Utah NAME membership, the task is hereby added to request our membership list from National NAME. **Charlene** will be asked to follow through with this. To item #10 regarding the conference committee, notation is hereby added that Freddie and Jackie will co-chair the Utah NAME Conference Committee. Committee members will be Charlene, Jennifer, Marlies and Adrienne Scott-Ellis. Brian will serve the committee in an advisory capacity. Others are also welcome to join this committee. Per item #8, some members of the Board (Jackie, Fawn, Erin, possibly **Trish**, and others?) intend to review the bylaws for accuracy of NAME's operation. However the Board agreed to postpone this work because action toward the conference is more pressing at this point. Bylaws will be addressed at a later date. Given these changes, minutes from the September 6, 2011 Board meeting were approved.
2. Introduction and welcome of new Board members: Jennifer Newell, Coordinator of Multicultural Education in SLCS, is a new Board member this year. Jackie confirmed that Janet Canyons will continue as a Board member and that Vessela Ilieva of UVU will be a new Board member who will also serve as our membership committee chair. She will join our November meeting. Sharon Prescott is still a potential Board member, but this needs confirmation. **Mike Patch**, Utah NAME Treasurer, will be asked to serve on the conference committee as financial matters are integral to conference planning.
3. Scholarships for the National NAME conference were discussed. Scholarship(s) will be offered to Board members, as they have been offered in the past, in addition to member scholarships. Charlene, Jackie, and Erin will be attending. Fawn will not be attending. As Brian's UVU travel funds have been fully exhausted, he will only be able to attend if he receives a full scholarship. Potential scholarship funds will be investigated.
4. Jackie said that Utah NAME Conference planning needs to move forward as Marlies is in need of details to mail out to superintendents. Discussing a conference title, the Board worked toward a title that would maintain the "brand recognition" of past conferences and also communicate a theme of ordinary young people taking collective action. See culmination of this work in item #12 below.
5. A link from the Utah NAME website to the National Civil Rights website is pending. **Trish** has been asked to take care of that.
6. **Fawn** has had trouble with broadcast technology this year and would like to see about the possibility of arranging paid tech support for the next Board meeting. She will send USU contact information to Jackie for further investigation.
7. Conference dates were discussed. Freddie and Jackie suggested conference dates of either March 16-17 or March 23-24, 2012 in response to Marlies' note that various school districts' spring breaks are scheduled for March 30 through April 15, 2012. Additionally, the LDS General Conference is scheduled for April 7-8 and the Easter holiday will be April 8. March may be a particularly good month because the civil rights exhibit at the Leonardo will run through March. **Charlene** will check the availability of Westminster College, conference host site, during these dates. She will also

submit these dates to Sonia Nieto, our preferred keynote speaker. Additionally, Charlene is in the process of contacting potential speakers/presenters from the Pacific Islander community.

8. Potential conference presenters were discussed. Potential presenters are Les Kelen of the Center for Documentary Expression and Art; Heidi Ross, Tooele School District teacher Matt Herron, Rick Tejada-Flores, and/or Maria Varela, photojournalists from the recent civil rights exhibit; Charlie Cobb and/or Judy Richardson, journalists with the *Eye on the Prize* project; Clayborne Carson and/or Vincent Harding, participants in the movement. Jennifer suggested that Judy Richardson might be especially valuable as her focus parallels our theme—organization of youth to bring about change. Jackie suggested that Taran and Bryan’s spring 2011 presentation for secondary-level principals might be a potential workshop.
9. The conference committee has recommended first identifying potential themes/threads for the conference, then identifying related presenters. Potential threads were civil rights/freedom movement, Whiteness and privilege, deficit thinking, talking about race, tools for talking about race and social justice, LGBTQ themes (potentially drawing on Val Murdock, Planned Parenthood, and/or the Pride Center), school safety / bullying; WIDA standards / English language learners / refugees.
10. Further conference arrangements were discussed:
 - a. Conference volunteers will be needed to assist with hospitality, vendors, equipment, etc. **Jackie** will ask **Marlies** for help with vendor arrangements.
 - b. **Fawn** volunteered to oversee an effort to green the conference, arranging for recycling and working on ways to reduce waste. **Adrienne Scott Ellis** may be interested in assisting as she has overseen a charitable recycling initiative in the past.
 - c. **Barbara Fullmer**, Charlene’s Administrative Assistant, may be willing to oversee the registration table. Follow-up with **Charlene** is needed on that. **Fawn** will separately oversee the conference-for-credit table.
11. Jackie asked if conference presenters should be invited only or if we should send out a call for proposals. Fawn suggested soliciting at least some calls for proposals to make the opportunity widely accessible. The Board agreed to use a combination of inviting presenters and calling for proposals. **Jackie** will include further work on this as an agenda item for the November 10 Board meeting.
12. The Board approved the conference title, “Narratives of Bravery and Hope: Ordinary People United for Extraordinary Change.” Jennifer drafted a working prompt for the scholarship essay (thanks, Jennifer!). As of now, the prompt reads:
How will you leave YOUR mark?

Throughout history, young people like you have come together to create important social change in our communities.

- *Young Black students in the south staged sit-ins and walk outs in the 60s.*
- *East High School students banded together in 1996 to create Utah’s first Gay-Straight Alliance*
- *Undocumented high-school and college students across the Wasatch front joined together to tell their stories and March in favor of the DREAM Act*

..and YOU? What issue will you address? How will you unite with others to create important change in your community?

Jackie, Freddie, Jennifer, and Fawn (remaining meeting attendees; Brian excused) will fine tune this draft and **Jennifer** will forward the final writing prompt to the conference committee.

13. Jackie asked the conference committee, before the next committee meeting, to look over the conference planning guide that Trish created and begin to think about next steps that will need to be taken in planning. Jackie would like to begin thinking about potential gifts for speakers and special guests, such as gift cards or, possibly, books shared at the recent civil rights exhibit (*Freedom Riders* by Raymond Arsenault, *Hands on the Freedom Plow: Personal Accounts by Women in SNCC, In Struggle, SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960's* by Clayborne Carson, *Civil Rights History from the Ground Up* by Emilye Crosby, *Hope and History: Why We Must Share the Story of the Movement* by Vincent Hardy, etc.).
14. Jackie reported that she has replied to the hosts of the Peace Conference and informed them that we will not participate with them this year, but may be in a better position to participate with them next year. She has also informed various conference centers that have solicited our business that we will not need their services this year. We may consider working with them in the future.
15. Jackie reported that Les Kellen will send Utah NAME a civil rights flier soon.
16. The question was asked whether **Bryan** has handed over information for the Treasurer to Mike Patch. **Fawn** will ask him to confirm with Jackie. He did send a financial report to Charlene and Jackie.
17. Jackie, Jennifer, and Freddie discussed the following information from Danell Mieux: When we were working on getting Utah NAME to be a non-profit entity, we had to acquire a Utah business license. That license expires in November. It costs \$10 to renew and Danell believes this can be done online. It is unknown whether or not our business license needs to be continued, since our 501c3 status now falls under National NAME. **Jackie** will follow up to get more information.
18. Next Board meeting: Nov. 10 (today's agenda incorrectly gave the date of 11/16/11).

Action Items

- Bryan
 - Confirm with Jackie whether you have handed over Treasurer information to Mike Patch
- Charlene
 - Request Utah NAME membership list from National NAME
 - Check availability of Westminster College for Utah NAME conference on either March 16-17 or March 23-24, 2012
 - Check Sonia Nieto's availability as a keynote speaker on the above dates
 - Continue pursuing presenter(s) from the Pacific Islander community
 - Confirm with Jackie whether Barbara Fullmer will be available to staff the registration table at the Utah NAME conference
- Fawn
 - Follow up with Jackie about potential paid tech support for November meeting
 - Contact Adrian Scott Ellis about potentially helping with conference greening
- Jackie
 - Ask Mike Patch about participating on conference planning committee
 - Investigate availability of national conference scholarship funds for Board members
 - Ask Marlies for assistance with conference vendors
 - Include, as a November agenda item, discussion of soliciting presenters via proposal and invitation
 - Follow up on actions needed to maintain Utah NAME's non-profit status
- Trish

- Confirm with Jackie whether you will be available to review Utah NAME's bylaws for possible revisions to bylaws and/or organization operation (see today's agenda, item #1 and Sept. 6 agenda, item #8)
- Link National Civil Rights website to Utah NAME website, or inform Jackie if this poses concerns