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Maine Welfare Directors' Association

Membership Meeting

March 15, 2007

Westbrook Housing Authority

Westbrook, ME

10:30 a.m.

Present: Linda Barse, Wanda Cannell, Claudette Charest, Sue Charron, Layne Curtis, Rene Daniel, Victoria Doughty, Dana Gadd, Sheila Giroux, Judy Hardy Goddard, Martha Huff, Nancy Johnson, Wendy Lank, Tausha McAllister, Dorothy Meagher, Lori Nelson, Stacey Parra, Mary Reindl, Joyce Wood, Deborah Zorach, Darryl McKenney, Cathy McDermott, Johanna Hanselman, Joan Kiszely.

Guest: Dick Begin, Mary Bouvier.

1. **Call to Order:** President Darryl McKenney called the meeting to order at 10:30am. He welcomed all to the membership meeting and introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from December 14, 2006 were presented. Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Cathy McDermott, all approved the minutes as amended.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Linda Fossa absent. Joan Kiszely reported the following:

December	Total Assets \$32,429
January	Total Assets \$33,406

Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Linda Barse, all approved the December 2006 and the January 2007 financial reports as presented.

4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Legislative Update:** Darryl McKenney noted that MWDA submitted two bills. One is a study group to study GA, and the other bill was SSI. MWDA also wanted to increase reimbursement of GA. Mary Frances Bartlett reported to Darryl McKenney about LD168, LD129, and LD189. There will be some hearings on these coming up March 27th at 1:30 p.m. on these bills.
 - b. **Professional Development Committee:** Judy Hardy-Goddard reported in Vicky Edgerly's absence. She reported that the Professional Development Committee has been working on the agenda and fee for the Spring Conference for quite some time. Judy reviewed the fees for meals & registration as well as the overnight rooms. She reported on the additional meals of the banquet & breakfast buffet. The Spring Conference is May 21 & 22, 2007 at Spruce Point Inn at Boothbay Harbor. Brief discussion on how many would attend the banquet no matter what the price is. It was noted that if they could pay \$15.00 to \$16.00 they would attend the banquet. Mary Reindl made a motion to have the Maine Welfare Directors Association subsidize half of the price of the banquet for all members and encourage non-members to join and if they are registered for the day, seconded by Wanda Cannell, all approved. Judy Hardy-Goddard noted they are still looking for instructors for the conference. There will be a Professional Development meeting on April 5th at MMA at 10:00 a.m. for anyone that wants to assist on being an instructor. Mary Reindl noted that the committee has added fun to learning

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to this conference. Judy noted there would be a meeting at Auburn City Hall, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. to update the GA Application.

- c. Nominating/Membership Committee: Rene Daniel will be sending out an email to encourage assistance on this committee. He noted he is behind on setting up the structure of this committee.

5. **DHS Update:** Cindy Boyd absent and did not submit a written report.

6. **Other Business:** Brief discussion on the Instructors Policy and protocol.

7. **Adjourn:** Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Sue Charron, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.