

**Maine Welfare Directors Association
Business Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2009
Augusta Civic Center**

Present: Dorothy Meagher – Auburn, Darryl McKenney – Waldoboro, Melanie Alexander – Skowhegan, Sue Charron – Lewiston, Nancy Johnson – Waterboro, Kathleen Babeu – South Portland, Pam Violette – Clinton, Sharon Dodge – Norridgewock, Cindy Boyd – DHHS, Deanna Colwell – Augusta, Linda Lewandowki – Augusta, Nancy Ward – Orono, Marie Winberger – Orono, Gerry Brion – DHHS, Don Strout – Corinth, Susan Collins – Lebanon, Cynthia Arroyo – Lebanon, Angie McCullagh – Dover-Foxcroft, Linda Fossa – Waterville, Rodney Moody – Brunswick, David Passiro – Bangor, Nancy Holbrook – Bangor, Nancy Gove – Madison, Ellen Gendreau – Caribou, Lori Santerre – Millinocket, Joan Kiszely, MMA.

1. **Call to Order:** President Dot Meagher called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The May 12, 2009 minutes were presented. Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Linda Fossa, all approved the May 12, 2009 minutes.
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Linda Fossa reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending April 30, 2009, with total assets of \$40,166. Motion made Darryl McKenney, seconded by Stacey Parra, all approved the April financial report.
 - Linda Fossa reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending May 31, 2009 with total assets of \$37,005. Motion made Darryl McKenney, seconded by Stacey Parra, all approved the May financials.
 - Linda Fossa reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2009 with total assets of \$41,377. Motion made by Darryl McKenney, seconded by Stacey Parra, all approved the June financial report.
 - Linda Fossa reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2009 with total assets of \$43,474. Motion made by Darryl McKenney, seconded by Stacey Parra, all approved the July 2009 financial report.
 - Linda Fossa reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending August 31, 2009 with total assets of \$43,374. Motion made by Darryl McKenney, seconded by Stacey Parra, all approved the August financial report.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - Membership: Cheryl Johnson absent!
 - Professional Development: Stacey Parra reported that the Professional Development committee met. Stacey Parra reviewed the upcoming training schedule. She reported that the MWDA Spring Convention would be May 7 and 8 in Bangor. Stacey asked the membership to give information for the web site.

- Legislative: Dot Meagher noted that at this time there is not a lot of activity. Cindy Boyd reported on two LD's. (*See Kate Dufour on these bills.*) Both bills got killed. Cindy has put together a report on her recommendations on the bills in response to a letter she received. There is a lot of conversation around the budget. She has heard nothing about eliminating GA.

5. Other New Business:

- Donation of Shoes – Jim Willingham – Auburn/Lewiston had shoes donated to group. Looking to do this statewide. Distributors will donate new shoes (not used). Want to distribute. Lewiston/Auburn food bank has offered to store the shoes. Communities need to locate place to store these shoes. Bangor food bank and southern Maine hopefully can store. Each community needs someone to pick these up when the need arises. KVCAP stores some in Skowhegan. A signup sheet was passed out for communities that would be interested in getting these shoes. Need volunteers at each facility to sort shoes, etc.

- 6. Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn by Sue Charron, seconded by Stacey Parra. All approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30am.