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Conference Call Meeting
August 31, 2011

Present: Ninetta Wandler, Steve Coy, Pat Kisely, Carol Lawhun, Mark Hess, Faith Wendt, Vicky Matson, Diane Duchscher, Lynnell Strothman, Sheila Green

Staff: Moni Krantz

President Ninetta Wandler called the meeting to order. Minutes from June 29, 2011, were approved as presented. (M/S/C)

The current financial report was given.

A proposed 2012 Budget was reviewed. A motion was made to bring the proposed budget to the general membership for a vote with the following changes: Membership numbers of 150 (instead of 200) and to tie the Rebate to a Chapter sponsored CRS course. (M/S/C)

After further discussion, a motion was made to include a budget line item for sponsorships of \$3,160 and eliminate the "Transfer from Savings" line item. (M/S/C)

Mark Hess pointed out the National is giving an award for the Chapter with the biggest increase of membership in addition to the other awards given at the National Convention. He recommends sending an invitation to those who have paid National but not Chapter dues and inform them of the Rebate option as well as the course at the state convention that is free to chapter members. He also recommends in October contacting those who have not paid National or Chapter dues to get them to reinstate their membership.

Faith Wendt gave an update from her travel to Arizona for the Leadership Training. She got an overview of the "nuts & bolts" of the council and also learned ways to raise awareness for Chapter membership.

Mark Hess gave an RVP update:

- The new CRS website will be unveiled in November
- The focus for the coming year will be grass roots – building membership
- Education is the cornerstone of CRS and that is a way to add members and provide benefits for them

A motion was made to approve \$350 from the current budget year for a half-price registration for Sell-a-Bration and to include it in the 2012 budget. (M/S/C) This will be a drawing to be presented on Friday of convention. (It was suggested to draw 3 names in case the first or second choice are unable to attend.)

It was consensus of the group to choose Red Cross as the charity for the convention fundraiser. Staff will contact a local CRS Chapter person in Pierre or directly contact the Red Cross to set up a presentation on Friday of convention.

Members signed up to help with the convention education course (Ninetta, Vicky, Faith, Pat, Diane) and staff will email the booth times for working there as well.

The General Membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 7:15 am. The Strategic Planning session is also Wednesday, September 14 at 1:30 pm. Both are in Pierre, SD.

The transition meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 am Central/9:00 am Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Moni Krantz