

Northwest District Dietetics Association

Monday, October 20, 2008

Charlie Capps Center

Indianola, MS

Attendance:

(Members) A. Harris, C. Thomas, C. Cobb, D. Booker, J. Grierson, K. Whitten, L. Pickard, M. Brown, M. Wright, M. Howard, J. Pillow, N. Ybarra, B. Pate, W. Rowland (Special Guest) R. Sampolesi

Call to Order – C. Cobb

Regina Sampolesi, MSCCCSLP, was formally introduced and gave her presentation entitled “Dysphagia Diet”. At the close of her very informative presentation, Pres. C. Cobb thanked her for the wonderful information and we began our business meeting. (1.0 CEU)

Minutes – Reviewed and Corrections made

I. Business - C. Cobb

- A. New Officers were welcomed and presented with a gift of appreciation.
- B. MDA Board Meeting conference call report – L. Pickard
 - Feb 8-10, 2009 is the Public Policy Workshop in Washington D.C. Also there is a possibility of Regional seminar for PP and leadership for those interested in getting involved. Karen is looking for 5 people in each district to send letters to legislators when needed. Encouraged student involvement.
 - MDA will begin April 1st with a board meeting and the conference will held April 2nd and 3rd in Jackson, MS at the UMC Medical Mall. There will be gated parking. Look for more details to come and sign up early.
 - President-elect qualifications have been voted on and changed. Candidate must serve on the executive board for a minimum of 2 years.
 - It was suggested that meeting dates and times will be posted on the MDA website
- C. Nominations for MDA awards
 - Young Recognized Dietitian, Emerging Leader, Outstanding Dietitian of the Year and the Magnolia Award were all explained. Nominations were called upon and none were given at this time
 - Email nominations are being accepted through November to lbridges12@yahoo.com
 - New nominating and voting bylaws were explained.
- D. Reminder that all MDA members must seek ADA membership as well to participate in the meetings otherwise will pay per hour of CEU to that district.
- E. The CEU of this particular meeting has been approved; however the paperwork was unavailable this time. Based on all who signed in a copy will be provided to all.

II. Budget

Our new year began June 1, 2008 and it is time to pay yearly dues of \$15.00. Everyone was asked to hold payments at this time.

Payable to K. Simmons, NWDDA Treasure

Balance: un-announced

Deposit: un-announced

III. Growth

- A. The next meeting was discussed: tentatively January 12, 2009.
- B. Upcoming meetings were discussed and suggestions were encouraged for including our district involving the following counties: Desoto, Marshall, Tunica, Tate, Lafayette, Panola, Quitman, Calhoun, Coahoma, Bolivar, Leflore, Carroll, Montgomery, Grenada, and Yalobusha.
- C. Discussed possibility of using interactive satellite conference equipment through the MSU extension offices in each county. This will allow all members to participate in their home county with minimal driving and work absence. A. Harris has volunteered to look further into this possibility and report back.
- D. Job Openings in the area: Greenwood HD, Montgomery HD, Bolivar Medical Center, Winona HD, Fresenius in Cleveland.
- E. Everyone was encouraged to sign the roster for attendance and make any corrections needed.

The meeting was adjourned.