

Northwest District Dietetics Association
Monday, January 26, 2009
MSU Extension Service via Teleconference
Bolivar Co., Coahoma Co., Sunflower Co., Washington Co.

Attendance:

(Members) A. Harris, C. Cobb, D. Booker, D. McPherson, L. Pickard, K. Simmons, H. Frankel, J. Pillow, N. Ybarra, B. Pate, W. Rowland, M. Myers, E. Campbell, M. Carter, T. Williams, N. Hector, B. Causey
(Special Guest) J. Nelson

Call to Order – C. Cobb

Minutes – Were electronically distributed. Revisions and Corrections were called upon. NO corrections were made. Stand Approved.

I. Business - C. Cobb

- A.** Nominations were taken and asked to be emailed to L. Pickard. A ballot was made and electronically distributed. The dead line to submit the ballot was Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 by noon. Ballots were tallied by B. Booker whose name did not appear on the ballot.

Congratulations to our winners:

Draughon McPherson – Emerging Leader
Leigh Pickard – Recognized Young Dietitian
Hardie Frankel – Outstanding Dietitian
Dr. Andrea Smith – Magnolia Award

- Each Nominee was asked to submit an updated resume to L. Pickard via email by noon Jan. 27, 2009.
 - L. Pickard will gather all information and forward to Christy Chain and Sheila Triggs to represent our district as nominees.
- B.** MDA Board News
- Feb 8-10, 2009 is the Public Policy Workshop. Information obtained from Karen Lewis reported that PPW will be held via webinar this year. Anyone who wishes to attend or be a host site can receive more information from Karen Lewis or ADA website. DSU is a great potential site to host for our district. We will pass along further information if they choose to host.
 - 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. If you have any suggestions or wish to volunteer please contact Christy or Gina Wack.
 - It was suggested that meeting dates and times will be posted on the MDA website.
- C.** 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.
- D.** Nominations were called on for new officers for the upcoming year. None were mentioned on the floor. C. Cobb asked that all nominations be emailed to L. Pickard at lbridges12@yahoo.com. L. Pickard will accept nominations and a ballot will be formed. Voting will be held next meeting. Nominations may be submitted for President-Elect, Treasure, and Secretary.
- E.** Approval CEU of this particular meeting is pending. L. Pickard submitted all necessary information to ADA as well as Laurel Lambert. Based on all who signed in a copy will be provided to all.

II. Budget

Our new year began June 1, 2009 and it is time to pay yearly dues of \$15.00. Everyone was asked to mail payments to the following address:

Payable to: Katie Simmons, NWDDA Treasure
418 East Harding Ave.
Greenwood, MS 38930

Balance: un-announced
Deposit: un-announced

- A list of those members who have paid was electronically distributed. Those who have not paid from last year were encouraged to pay \$30.00 to cover this/last year dues.
- Question of students paying dues was brought to the floor. C. Cobb will contact other districts and report back.

III. Growth

- A. The next meeting was discussed: tentatively the beginning of May.
- 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. This teleconference format via MSU Extension office was agreed upon for the next meeting although there was no participation from the north of the district. More timely fliers and emails were encouraged as well as notifying the facilities, hospitals, health departments, college campuses in our district to encourage involvement.
- D. Job Openings in the area: Greenwood HD, Montgomery HD, Bolivar Medical Center, Winona HD, Fresenius in Cleveland and Greenville, Memphis area needing a part-time RD for a Nursing Home setting
- E. Free CEU's were announced: DSU will be hosting a free seminar put on by USM February 6, 2009. Contact Draughon McPherson or Dr. Kathy Davis for more information.
- F. Everyone was reminded of National Nutrition Month being in March with National RD Day being March 11, 2009. Everyone was encouraged to publicize that day for dietitians in the area.

Dr. Josette Nelson was formally introduced and gave her presentation entitled "Parenteral Nutrition: Only 8 Simple Steps". Power point slides were electronically distributed prior to the start of the meeting. At the close of her very informative presentation, Pres. C. Cobb thanked her for the wonderful information (potential 1.0 CEU).

The meeting was adjourned.