

MRPA Programming Section Meeting

January 22, 2010

Chaska Community Center, Chaska

Attendance:

Becky Sola	Shoreview	Marv Johnson	Anoka-Hennepin CE
Margo Prasek	Fridley	Red Smidt	Woodbury
Kristin Aarsvold	Edina	Jared Flewellen	Hastings
Nate Monahan	Blaine	Lisa Abernathy	Falcon Heights
Tonya Love	Elk River	John Stutzman	Chanhassen
Stephanie Albin	Elk River	Mike Anderson	Oakdale
Meghon Wall	Chaska	Carrie Anderson	New Ulm
Michelle Snider	MRPA	Lesley Young	Shoreview
Anne Strong	Minnesota Sports Federation	Steve Skinner	Apple Valley
Lisa Maurer	Rosemount	Theresa Gangelhoff	Mendota Heights
Aimee Peterson	Chaska		
Roxann Maxey	Roseville		
Eric Boettcher	Roseville		

Agenda:

Meeting was called to order by Roxanne Maxey at 10:00am

Welcome and Introductions -

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- Motion make by Tonya Love
- Seconded by Eric Boettcher

Professional Connections:

- Jared Flewellen shared that Winona's date will be February 17.

Topic Discussions: Seasonal Staff Training

- Kristin Aarsvold shared that she does training at the warming house and they set it up like it is the first day of the program and ran a simulation of what the first day should look like.
- Margo Prasek has her staff bring a game or song that they haven't done before in the program and share that during staff training.
- Roxann Maxey starts the day with songs and has the staff learn multiple songs so that it gets the kids excited for the day. Sets the tone.
- Lisa Maurer does a scavenger hunt for the tour of the facility with her staff.
- Roxann Maxey has her staff do a photo scavenger hunt so that they get to know where all the parks are and take a specific pose at each park.
- Margo Prasek has a BBQ on the last day of staff training.
- It was recommended to do staff socials throughout the summer and that staff pay for it themselves, but city organizes it.
- Roseville has a staff kickball game vs. Falcon Heights during the summer.
- John Stutzman has in house resources do most of training – reiterates roles of staff.
- Kristin Aarsvold partners with Richfield to do a games session – 3 hours of just games.

Behavioral Specialist Speakers

- John Stutzman uses REACH, they come in and do training for working with Special Needs participants.
- Kristin Aarsvold does role playing with staff to work on discipline issues.
- Margo Prasek has a parent update form that staff complete to share behaviors with parents.
- Roxann Maxy shared that Roseville has a journal at each site and staff journal about any situations that arise. Staff must read and stay updated on journal each day.
- Kristin Aarsvold recommened getting Bully Free Zone Signs.

Summer Leadership Workshop Session Ideas

- Dealing with Behaviors
- Communication with Parents
- Behavior Plans
- Incentive programs
- How to get parents involved
- Field Trip Safety
- Stranger Danger

League Officials

- Reed Smidt contracts for most officials, hires kickball officials and goes through rules with them.
- Jared Flewellen has dodgeball officials - 1 official plus himself due to budget concerns.
- If there are discipline issues with a contracted official, go through contracted agency to deal with issue.

Summer Leadership Workshop, date change – May 22

Still looking for more session ideas.

Looking to have registration available in March.

MRPA Updates

- Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon was on January 14.
- Membership renewals taking place in January.
- January NRPA Program Committee was hosted. Showed them some off-site locations.
- Host committee will oversee fun run and golf tournament
- Magazine in 4th year of publication, new publisher for this year
- Annual Conference, April 14 & 15, Mystic Lake

Next Meeting: February 19 – Underwater Adventures

