Present: Chase Ropelato, President; Shawna Potter, President-Elect; Anna Wolfenbarger, Treasurer; Cammra Wakagawa, Boise Representative; Tonya Sears, Coeur d’Alene Representative; Betty McQuain, Idaho Falls/Rexburg Representative; Maura Goldstein, McCall Representative; Megan Robison, Moscow/Lewiston Representative; Phyllis Vernon, Nampa/Caldwell Representative; Kevin Bailey, Pocatello Representative; Ellen Neff, Twin Falls Representative, Katie Downs, Emerging Leaders Representative; Members-at-Large Alicia Robertson, Cristina Daccarett, Krystal McFarlane, and Connor Vanderholm.

Absent: LeAnn Simmons, Past President; Margaret Elkins, Nichole Moos and Rebecca Lemmons, Members-at-Large.

Staff Present: Beth Oppenheimer, Karen Quist, Katrice Walters, and Laurie Demko.

Call to Order: Chase called the meeting to order.

Business Action Items
- Approve September 25, 2020 Minutes – There being no questions or corrections, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Minutes as presented.
- Review and Approve 1st Quarter Financials – Katrice reported briefly on the discussions had by the Finance Committee at its meeting to review and approve the financials for presentation to the Board. There being no questions, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 1st Quarter Financials.
- Review and Approve Amended 2020-2021 Budget – The Amended Budget was not ready for approval and it was suggested that when it was completed it be circulated by email to the Board members for approval.

2018-2020 Strategic Direction – Review/Extend – Beth provided an overview of how the Idaho AEYC Strategic Direction was created and how it aligned with NAEYC’s Strategic Direction. In 2018, the Strategic Direction was updated and it was now again time to review and amend the document. Various suggestions were given during the meeting. In addition, the Diversity, Equity/Inclusion Committee was charged with reviewing the Core Values and Beliefs to provide input for recommended changes at the March meeting. Idaho AEYC staff and Board were being asked to review and submit recommendations to Beth. A draft of edits will be presented for review and approval at the March meeting.

Diversity Equity/Inclusion Committee - Shawna reported that the committee had its first meeting and was scheduled to meet the week of January 25 and will be reviewing the Core Values and Beliefs in the Strategic Direction at that time.
Fundraising – Beth reported on the results of the Giving Tuesday and End of Year Appeal campaigns. A committee was formed at the September meeting and a meeting will be scheduled to develop a tangible plan and timeline for fundraising activities. Connor suggested Idaho AEYC create a profile on LinkedIn for fundraising opportunities. Beth, Connor, Lisa and Sheralynn will meet to discuss creating a profile and its advantages.

PDG Overview – Year in Review 2020
Karen provided a 30-minute summary of her report, “Supporting Early Learning in Idaho, PDG Birth Through Five Year in Review 2020.” The entire report can be found on our website. Karen will be providing the Board with an overview of the PDG-Renewal Grant Summary which was awarded in late December at the March meeting.

Executive Director Report – Beth’s report highlighted:
- Preschool the Idaho Way has been retired and is now being referred to as Local Early Learning Collaboratives. There are currently 16 collaboratives with the goal being to expand that number to 20. The Kellogg Foundation recently awarded a $1 million grant to continue funding for these collaboratives.
- Several Town Halls have been held since their start in June to discuss a variety of topics with Idaho AEYC members and child care professionals. These Town Halls will continue throughout 2021.
- Idaho AEYC is organizing an Early Learning Week, February 1-5, 2021, and assisting the local early learning collaboratives in talking to their legislative representatives about the work they are doing on the local level and the progress being made.
- Performance evaluations will be completed by the end of February.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Demko
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