**OATFACS Business Meeting Minutes**

August 1, 2016

Oklahoma City, OK

Cox Convention Center

The OATFACS Business Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President, Brooke Kusch.

Eric Bechtel, representative for Realityworks, shared the latest version of the Shaken Baby Syndrome model to the conference attendees. He explained that their new products were the result of teacher suggestions. It was announced that the Realityworks session would be cancelled to scheduling conflicts.

Minutes were approved from the 2015 OATFACS business meeting.

The proposed budget for 2016-17 was read and Lori Shepard made a motion to approve as is and it was seconded by Laura Head. The proposed budget passed.

**Awards**: Robert McGehee received the New Teacher and New Professional awards for the FACS division. Karin Davis received the Teacher of the Year award for the FACS Division. Andrea Brice applied for the NATFACS award for New Professional.

Skye McNiel, OkACTE director of OkACTE, addressed the group regarding the successful pre-Conference meetings; she also introduced Dazsa Carter, a new employee at OkACTe and touched on what would be happening this year with legislators.

Dick Lowe addressed the group regarding by-law changes proposals.

**Nominating**: OATFACS currently has all officer positions filled for the 2016-17 term.

**Membership**: emails were sent out regarding membership.

Becky Foster, OK CareerTech Educational Support director, addressed the attendees. She challenged teachers to help increase the FCCLA membership from 12,000 to 13,000 for the state of Oklahoma.

**Scholarship**: Rita Hartwick was the OATFACS Opportunity Fund winner and addressed the group regarding her learning experience.

**Public Information**: It was announced that the Curriculum Showcase would be held the following day with the opportunity to attend one of two sessions following the judging.

**Mutual Benefits has changed to Mutual Benevolence**. The plan has joined with COSA; October meeting there may be an open enrollment later in the fall. To benefit from the plan, you must be a member before retiring for a minimum of five years. There is a $20 fee to join and you may join at any time during the first three years of teaching or during open enrollment. There is also an additional $20 fee for the first two deaths following enrollment. Benefits for members and their spouse is now the same amount. There will be $30 reinstatement fee if you do not pay within 60 days of fund request. This will start September 1, 2016.

**Political Action and Legislative Reports**: Money for PAC helps protect our positions from cuts. They promote and give understanding of the CTE Programs and their need for funding. All members are encouraged be a part of PAC. It helps to know who is running for office and if they are CTE friendly.

**CTAC**: Administrative Council encouraged all attendees to dowload the OKACTE app. It will be good year round. Talked about the by-laws to pass, YPCT group starting up; one group in Oklahoma City and one in Tulsa and they are looking into starting a group for retirees.

**Diversity Action**: did not meet due to a conflict with emails.

Announcements were made by Brooke for the next day sessions. Reception for Lorri Carlile, ACTE President would be at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday and breakfast would be served at the Celebration of Teaching.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Laura Head