

European Forum Minutes 12th and 13th November 2004

12.11.04

20.00 hrs

Present : Birgit Svensson(chair) **BS**, Marja-Liisa Lehikoinen **MLL**, Gisela Baronin von Engelhardt **G**, Sandra Blacker **SB**, Sigridur Jonsdottir **SJ**, Berit Theien **BT**, Ria Bleeker **RB**, Marje-Leena Leskinen **ML**

1. Welcome from BS

Reporters for minute-taking SB, G, MLL

Budget for travel to Malmo clarified.

Discussion of one euro levy for Regional Director – advised but not mandatory as against the constitution.

\$2500 is handled as Europe decides. Some money carried over from 2002-2004 budget

Issue of budget for Chair of forum – Chairs of other committees receive accommodation and travel expenses.

Budget needed for proposed leadership training

2. Minutes approved with minor corrections of names. Some goals identified as ongoing and to be included in future document. Issue of diversity, raised by Marianne Skardeus, to be given serious consideration. Excellence in Action theme.

3. Budget

See 1

Funding forum via Eunah Temple Holden Fund not granted 2002-2004

Try to obtain sponsorship

4. ML Brought greetings from Jacklyn Cuppy

Happy to be at Forum Meeting, Forums are important in Society strategic plan and resulted from Focus 2000. Goals checked each Biennium.

Recommended Video/DVD of Minneapolis Convention.

a) In Austin received good training on Constitution, Standing Rules, and Handbook

b) Praised atmosphere at Headquarters. Teamwork is fundamental quality

c) Turku

Fees to be \$65 if early or \$97 if late. Day fee \$30. Members from some states can claim 'credit' for attendance.

Aim to fulfil Jacklyn Cuppy's 'Road to Excellence' theme. She wants to be involved. SL brought 'Who are We?' pamphlet.

Consider 'mentoring' (refer to Jill Folz on website)

ML expecting to receive offers of help (Turku workshops etc.) from State Presidents

Consider 'focus groups' as a way of exploring some subjects and getting members actively involved. Needs good leaders !

Need to produce Forum Booklet – BS will research this.

d) G discussed PISA educational comparisons and how Germany is changing law to improve levels of achievement.

Should Forum meeting look at Teacher Training ?

5. Goals

Formulated a set of goals for 2004-2006 (separate sheet)

6. Turku Forum Meeting

a) reporters Barbara Kern and Mary Wardrop

b) content

i-Business ; minutes, annual report, budget, discuss goals

ii-Professional ; teacher training comparisons – diversity [*Birgit I hope I haven't confused this part*]

c) Gisela to give 'opening thought'

d) Discussion in groups after opening lecture of 30 to 40 mins

e) BS will e-mail agenda

f) BS will produce Forum Booklet after discussion with Steering Committee

7.a) Management Seminar

Invite 14 people

Use speakers and contacts from DKG

Give a name to BS by January

Workshops format

Room 'free' in Turku.

c) Created goals

b) database – should be on a disk to be sent State President. Needs more information eg. Academic qualifications, areas of expertise, present working position

A5/A6 booklets a good idea as used in Sweden, Finland.

To be discussed in Turku.

8. Euforia

\$300 goes to Joan Carroll. Do members read it ? Is it sent by State Presidents.

Suggestions to reduce content, fewer smaller photos because downloading is slow. Word limit 250 words

Include successful and unsuccessful research with e-mail contact if reader interested in further information.

9. Evaluation

Discussed achievement of Forum

Proposed 28/29th October 2005 for next meeting

European Forum Goals 2004-2006

Outcome of meeting in Malmo, Sweden, Saturday November 13th 2004

1. Plan both Regional and International Forum sessions through regular meetings of the Forum Committee in Malmo or Amsterdam

2. Continue to strengthen the unity of the seven member states by using

- Electronic newsletters
- Database
- Personal contacts

3. Maintain cooperation between European Regional Director and member states.

4. Encourage members to attend State conventions (which are open to all European members). Discuss proposal to minimise expense by waiving conference fees and offering hospitality.

5. Recognise ongoing research of members by establishing contacts and exchanges between members and members' schools.

6. Increase visibility and publicise DKG through contacts with the press.

7. Try to organise a leadership/management seminar or workshops on leadership for members who have not yet had any leadership training. (These workshops or seminars to take place one day before or after the Regional conference and led by members to save money)