

Region 8

REC Conference Call August 14, 2014

(Nancy has added comments in blue text below.)

Attending **by phone**: Kelli Hopkins, Nancy Masterson (Chair), Chris Hart and Troy Porter. Gay Marriott and LeRoy Fulmer **did not join the call – we missed your input.**

Nancy presided at the meeting

Contact information for all attending was correct. Nancy reminded us not to call her cell phone because it does not work at her home. **Gay and Leroy, please let Kelli and I know if the contact information sent in the earlier information for you was incorrect. Thanks**

No committee recaps were offered, as no one had attended a committee meeting. There will be a REC breakfast at the annual conference on Friday morning, September 26th for all REC members to attend.

FR8M will be held at Lebanon on Wednesday, October 29, 2014. (Second choice was School of the Osage) **They are continuing the idea of school districts presenting an idea or best practice that is working in the presenter's school district. Chris told us that the math idea shared at last fall's dinner has proven very effective in raising test scores in the Eldon school district. Gay or Leroy – does your district have an idea to share? Let Kelli know, so it can be put on the agenda. We are asking any school district in region 8 to consider this opportunity.**

SR8M will be at School of the Osage (assuming we do not have the FRM there) on Tuesday April 15, 2015. **Camdenton wants to host in the fall of 2015 at one of our two new elementary buildings scheduled to open in August 2015.**

It was suggested that the Winter REC meeting will be held on February 10 or 11 in Lebanon at either the Madison Grill or Prime Italian Restaurant at 6:30. (Location will be announced in January after checking whether they are open and their hours.) All members should attend if possible as this is the meeting where we choose our regional Belcher winner. Gay – Chris and I would be happy to carpool with you to this location. We could choose a Camdenton location to meet and leave the extra vehicles.

We decided to invite the superintendent and Board President from our non-member districts to attend the Fall and Spring Region Meetings. Half will be invited to the Fall meeting, and half to the Spring. They will be invited as guests so that means potentially 14 free meals (8 at one meeting and 6 at the other). **Since our fall meeting is being held in Lebanon, we should choose schools in the southern portion of our region to invite so they will have a shorter distance to attend. So I think sending invitations to Richland R-IV, Gasconade C-4, Stoutland R-II, and Swedeborg R-III would be in order.** I will check with Kelli, but it would be more personal if one of our region 8 REC members (or I could do it as the REC chair) sent a personal invitation, rather than a "form letter" to each of these districts. If any of you know the board president of the 4 non-members district underlined above, then an invitation from you would be better – let me know if you know the board president (or if your superintendent is close friends with their superintendent). I think contacts made this way may be more successful. Those invites should probably go out soon, so that the Fall dinner date of Wednesday, October 29th at Lebanon, MO can be put on calendars.