

WV CIVICS COALITION
ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Attending: Rebecca Tinder (President), Professor Betsy Osborne (Vice President), Byrd Center Director Ray Smock (Treasurer), Ace Parsi, Jenny Murray, Margaret Miller, Pat Dillon, and Tom Tinder.

Each person briefly introduced themselves.

II. OPPORTUNITIES

Vice President Osborne reported on contacts with the State of Kentucky regarding collaborative efforts between the Civics Coalitions in both states. A meeting was cancelled and will be re-scheduled. At the re-scheduled meeting, there will be discussion regarding the possibility of a joint grant proposal and other joint activities.

Ace Parsi informed the Coalition that the 2024 Civxnow State Coalition grant application is available. The Coalition had received an \$8,600 grant in 2023 to initiate this entity. So far, there are 30 state coalitions that have been formed and are receiving these grant funds. He went over the grant application process which opened today with a deadline date in early January, 2024. The maximum grant amount is \$20,000 to support the work of the Coalition. The Grants Committee, Vice President Osborne, David King, and Tom Tinder will be responsible for preparing the grant application to present to the Coalition members for their review and approval.

The members discussed the options of setting up a 501 (c)(3) corporation, as well as continuing to use the Shepherd University Foundation donation or using the WV Civic Education Foundation. It was agreed that a decision would be made at the November Coalition meeting.

III. INFORMATION GATHERING

Vice President Osborne led a lengthy discussion regarding the final plans for the needs assessment survey of teachers and administrators. There were comments concerning the actual survey form. The members agreed that there would be twenty Amazon gift cards, in the amount of \$30 each, awarded, randomly, to persons who completed and returned

the survey by the deadline date of November 3, 2023. The final survey document will include a cover email and will be sent to numerous listservs of teachers and administrators by President Tinder and by Coalition members.

Regarding the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence celebration in WV, there was no specific report. Margaret Miller agreed to talk with one of her colleagues to get some information or to have the colleague attend the November Coalition meeting.

IV. WEBSITE

It was agreed that there would be specific proposals from possible vendors for the website at the November Coalition meeting.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 MEETING

The Minutes of the September 19, 2023, meeting was approved by unanimous vote.

VI. MEETINGS – THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 4:00PM

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 4:00 PM, using Zoom technology.

There being no further business to transact, the Zoom meeting was adjourned.