

**South Dakota Student Council Association Meeting  
July 29-30, 2001**

Meeting called to order 2:45 p.m. (July 29)

Absentees: Marsha, Marle (moved)

Agenda:            Theme/Motto for this year's convention  
                      Convention Speaker  
                      State Projects  
                      Adopt-A-Kid/ Make A Wish  
                      Format of Future Meetings

James River Region

No one here to represent the James River Region. Should we pick a representative, should the region, or should the runner-up become a Region Rep?

State Convention (March 24, 25, 26)

Color of the shirts

Lake Region-wants to have another color instead of white. They feel that white is not a color. Their color should be red.

- *Laci motioned (Kevin seconded) to adopt the same shirt colors except the change of the Lake Region from white to red. **VOTE-passed.***

Theme

Suggested Themes

- ◆. Life is Short. Lead Hard.
- ◆. License to Lead.
- ◆. Oceans of Leaders. Waves of Success.
- ◆. Calling All Leaders.
- ◆. We're Clear Out Here...(if PCS will sponsor us)
- ◆. We're Connected...(if PCS will sponsor us)

Concerns of Convention

Complaints that cost is too high.

\$105 per school (cost of advisor; \$45 goes to the speaker)

We could reduce the regular fee by getting rid of the speaker?

We could decrease the fee by \$7.50? We have a cushion of \$13,375.89.

Size problem

May have to limit the number of students per school because the only places big enough to hold the conventions are Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

Security

Advisors concerned about students leaving hotel during the dance.

Ideas to prevent this:

No swimming pool

Thirty minute break increments between the pool and the dance

Consent form or a form with the rules

#### Hot Topics

Hot topics got bad rating from students. They felt that there was not enough student input, or any direction in the discussions.

#### Enough JC's?

With the increase in students, it is felt that more JC's will be needed. There is consideration that the schools' student council president could help as JC's.

#### Planning of Convention

##### Keynote Speaker

Those who went to Nationals were impressed by **Ed Gerety**, whom they felt was better than last year's speaker (Jeff Yalden). His cost would be \$2500 plus expenses.

- *Motion to get Ed Gerety as the Keynote Speaker for the next convention. **VOTE-passed.***

##### Disc Jockey

Should we use the same DJ (Jeremy) from the last convention? If not, Jared's friend could be our second option.

##### Elections

Make the Presidential and Vice Presidential elections an hour instead of an hour and a half.

##### Sunday Evening

Need to figure out how to get more interaction so people know who they're voting for in the region nominations.

##### Rules (see attached sheet)

- #5--unnecessary.
- 🗳️ #2--replace "permission of an adult SDSCA staff member" with "your advisor".
- 🗳️ #8--unnecessary.
- 🗳️ #9--add on to the end of #4.
- 🗳️ #11--add on to the end of #10.

#### Budget

- *Jared motioned (Kevin seconded) to make drawing at State Convention by school and it is the advisor's job to find someone to go to NLC (See #201 on Financial Summary). **VOTE-unanimous.***
- *Varsha motioned (Laci seconded) to continue region drawings for a free state convention registration fee for one student (See #202 on Financial Summary). **VOTE-unanimous.***
- *Laci motioned (Kevin seconded) to adopt the budget as it is. **VOTE-unanimous.***



#### NDSCA

At the National Convention, Andrew met a student from North Dakota. An idea was exchanged for them to come to theirs and vice versa. *Motion passed to exchange information with North Dakota.*

## State Projects

Last year, we held the *Make a Difference, Gift To Life, and Make a Wish* fundraisers.

Ideas:

- *Free the Children--*Against Child Exploitation and Child Labor. You can build a school in an area stricken with poverty. Country chosen--India.
  - \* A representative could come on Tuesday of the convention. We could make kits for the kids during the Hot Topics. Spread the info to the region meetings.
- The website is [www.freethechildren.org](http://www.freethechildren.org).
- *Soles for Souls*
-  *Make a Difference Week*
-  *Kids Voting* (Highly considered to delay this till next year)
- *Steve motioned (Kevin seconded) to present Kids Voting at the State Convention and for it to be highly considered for the next meeting. **VOTE-passed.***
- *Kevin motioned (Steve seconded) for the spring state project to be the Free the Project. **VOTE-passed.***
- *Motion for the fall project to be Care for the Community, held from November 1st through November 15. **VOTE-passed.***
  - List of ideas for Care for the Community.
    - Make homemade ice cream for the nursing homes
    - Paint houses and do yard work
    - Shovel snow
    - Clean fields
    - Decorate conventions or parties
    - Clean up trash
    - Free babysitting night
    - Collect old stuffed animals for children
    - Coat drives (or mitten and gloves)
    - Help the elderly
    - Place mats for nursing homes
    - Etc.

Meeting adjourned 11:47 am (July 30)