



Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa

*Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 9th, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
Skillet, Mt. Vernon*

Present: Kandice Behnke, Paul Frederiksen, Jean Sullivan, and Sherri Hunt.

- I. Preschool Scholarships** – No children on a waiting list that Sherri is aware of at this time. Over the next year the Preschool Committee will want to find tune their program policies regarding programs that can participate in the scholarship program, accessing other funding sources such as child care assistance, and more clearly defining what is preschool.
- II. Child Care Provider/Preschool Mini Grants** – Board will need to discuss whether or not to proceed forward or to wait further. This discussion will also include the review of the financial situation of Cedar/Jones ECI.
- III. Program Updates** – Quarterly reports will be reviewed at this month's meeting. New templates have been shared with programs.
- IV. Early Childhood Book Drive** – An EC Book Drive committee has been established and met. A target date for a drive is in March of 2014. It was agreed that an individual needs to be identified in each community as a point person for getting the word out, collection, and distribution. Primary businesses in some of the Cedar/Jones communities are being contacted in regard to possible financial support and backing.
- V. Endowment Grants** – Funding is available in both Cedar and Jones counties as part of Endowment Grants across the state generated from gambling funds. The EC Book Drive committee discussed writing for these grants to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The Jones deadline is Nov. 1st, 2013 and the Cedar deadline is February 15th, 2014. The committee is working to secure a fiscal agent for these grants.
- VI. Marketing Efforts** – The Cedar/Jones ECI Brochure has been updated. Sherri has set goals for this month to develop and distribute an FY13 newsletter providing an overview of what has been done in the Cedar/Jones area, to set up a schedule for newspaper articles, and to continue efforts to expand the website. She will also be talking to the Anamosa Community Foundation about ECI and the EC Book Drive.

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Wednesday, November 13th, 2013, 8:00 a.m., Skillet, Mt. Vernon