

CEC Meeting Minutes-July 14, 2009

Order of Business:

May 16, 2009 CEC Minutes Approved

The Goals and Objectives of the Ozarks Chapter of AGA was completed and submitted to National.

Details for the July 21, 2009 Membership meeting were finalized.

Fall seminar is approved for October 13, 2009 and will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The fall seminar fee will be \$60 for Members and \$80 for Non-members. Snack items and beverages will be included at the seminar. This fall seminar will focus on funding for scholarships.

There was discussion regarding the promotion of memberships at the fall seminar. It was determined the fall seminar's main focus is to gather scholarship funds. Anyone who chooses to join the AGA Ozarks Chapter at the fall seminar will be charged a fee of \$155, this includes the \$95 member fee and the \$60 seminar fee. There is no price break at this time and additional information is necessary to confirm the fee structure with National to determine possible incentives for new memberships that begin in the fall.

Sally Payne discussed her plan to begin contacting prospective members in order to bring awareness to the Ozarks Chapter. The initial contact will be an invitation to staff from other City Departments to the July 21st meeting, targeting those department employees who affect their department's budget. The next phase to gain recognition for the Ozarks Chapter of AGA is to contact high school and college professors who teach accounting and government and invite them to the fall seminar. In addition to contacting different entities, Sally plans to move forward and create an Early Career Mentor program.

The discussion on details for awarding Scholarships is deferred to the August CEC meeting on August 11, 2009.

The Community Service position is open. Those who are interested in volunteering need to contact Teresa Allen at 417-864-1337 or e-mail her at tallen@springfieldmo.gov. The position will be responsible for coordinating fundraisers for the Ozarks Chapter of AGA.

The CPA Day given consideration will not be sponsored by the Ozarks Chapter this year.

The 2009-2010 budget will be available for member viewing on the chapter's website.

Topics for discussion at the next CEC meeting on August 11, 2009 will include:

- ◇ The purchase of a banner for the Ozarks Chapter to be used at seminars and fundraisers.
- ◇ Continue to plan fundraisers such as Relay for Life, Toys for Tots, and food drives.
- ◇ Discuss the requirements for awarding Scholarships.

The CEC meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.

Attendees: Teresa Allen, President
Deb Gillenwaters, Past President
Linda Charles, Webmaster
Deb Fraley, Newsletter Editor
Justin Hill, Director of Chapter Recognition
Martha Mundt, Director of Education
Sally Payne, Director of Membership
Julie Vaughn, Secretary
Bob Wells, Treasurer

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Community Service Director

The Community Service Director position with the Ozarks Chapter is currently open. This is a great opportunity to get involved, stretch your leadership legs and work with a great bunch of people. This position will lead the organization in an easy fall fundraiser for a good cause, as well as an activity in the spring, and lead the scholarship committee in awarding student and member scholarships. If you want to do a good thing for the community and get involved in AGA, then contact me at: tallen@springfieldmo.gov



Soak Up Springfield at Drury

Drury University is hosting "Soak Up Springfield," which is a brand new event for this fall semester. The event, which we hope to do on an annual basis, will introduce over 350 incoming first year students to various businesses and non-profits in the Springfield area and will be held outside of the Findlay Student Center around the FSC Circle. Drury has a student body of over 1,500 students, and the Ozarks Chapter of AGA will have at booth at this event so we can let Drury students & faculty know that our organization offers scholarships and student memberships. We need a few volunteers to spend 30 minutes to an hour at the booth. Call Teresa Allen if you can give some of your time. **864-1337**

The Date

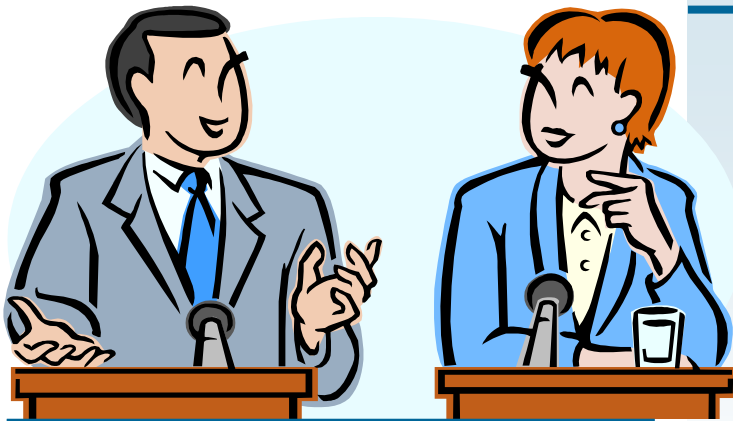
Wednesday, September 16th, 2009

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Findlay Student Center Circle

(Rain date is September 23rd)

Ozarks Chapter September Educational Event



For reservations:

Call Teresa Allen at 417-864-1337

Email: tallen@springfieldmo.gov

PANEL DISCUSSION

September 15, 2009

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Carnegie Branch Library

Jefferson & Central

Moderator: Dr. Penny Clayton

2 Hours CPE

Lunch from Ott's Pasta

The following are sample questions that will be asked of the panelists. Bring your own questions and learn how other organizations are faring during the recession.

Briefly explain your organization's revenue sources and the impact (percentage and/or dollars) that the economy has had over the last year.

What are the short-term changes that your organization made to adjust (within the current budget year)?

What will be the impact over the next budget year?

How do you communicate changes to employees and to the community you serve?

Have you received ARRA stimulus grants? What has been the impact?

What does the average citizen need to know about the effect the economy has had on your organization?

What is the biggest misconception in the community about the economy and your organization?

What is the best piece of advice you would have for other government organizations?

Has there been a bright side? Any innovative improvements, cost savings, new revenue sources, job seekers, etc.

Future Ozarks Chapter Educational Events

Month	Date	Description	Location
Sept	09/15/09	Panel discussion-The current economy and its effect on local government entities. Dr. Penny Clayton, moderator For reservations contact: tallen@springfieldmo.gov	Midtown Library Lunch provided 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - 2 CPE Cost: \$10
Oct	10/13/09	Ozarks Chapter Fall Scholarship Seminar Featured guests will speak on topics that include IRS Tax Payer Advocacy, GASB Update-(GASB 54) Change in Funds, Effects of the Recovery Act on Single Audits, and a technology update	Cooper Tennis Complex 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM - 4 CPE Cost: TBD
Nov		TBA	
Dec		TBA	

Ozarks Chapter Community Service Plan 2009-2010

Outreach to the SW MO area through a variety of efforts and to promote Ozarks AGA through community service projects.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Chapter Event</u>	<u>Community Service Activity</u>
October 2009	Fall Scholarship Seminar	Proceeds from 4 hours fall seminar funds spring scholarship awards. Fundraiser for Underprivileged School Children's Fund
November 2009	Chapter Meeting	Collect items for Toys for Tots
February 2010	Spring Seminar	Announce scholarship applications available to college students
April 2010	Chapter Meeting	Food drive collection
May 2010	Chapter Meeting	Award student scholarships
May 2010	Donation	Participate in Relay for Life event, fundraiser for American Cancer Society

Underprivileged School Children's Fund (UPSCF)

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OPERATING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Agency Mission:

Operating under the auspices of the Springfield Board of Education, the UPSCF provides for needy, at-risk children in the Springfield Public School district with medical services, clothing and shoes. Nursery services are provided along with parenting classes for teen students enrolled in the Bailey Alternative High School Program. We believe that all students should have an opportunity to become productive citizens. Paramount to that productivity is the health status of the child. Healthy children are better learners. Underprivileged School Children's Fund helps fill that need.

Brief History

The Fund had its beginning in 1952 when the Springfield Public School's Board of Education created it to oversee lunch, milk, and clothing and shoe needs of children. With the advent of the federal lunch and milk program, the operation of the Fund has evolved to include the provision of needed medical services and infant clothes. The Fund also operates a nursery for the children of teen parents who attend Bailey Alternative High School.

Program Services

PTA Clothing Bank Opened each Wednesday (not 1st Wed.) 9:00-3:30, at 501 W. Central, ph. 523-2771 The clothing bank provides clothes to students enrolled in Springfield Public Schools pre-school-12th grades that are on free/reduced lunch program. The PTA Council operates the clothing bank with volunteers, financial support, and clothing donations from schools and individuals. Families request a voucher from their school and may come four different times a year.

The clothing bank is closed in December and closes for the season the last Wednesday in April.

Shoe Bank Opened each Wednesday (not 1st Wed.) 9:00 – 11:00 & 1:00- 3:30, at 501 W. Central, ph. 523-2771

The shoe bank provides new tennis shoes to students enrolled in Springfield Public Schools pre-school-12th grade that are on free/reduced lunch program. The Ozark Empire Kiwanis Club operates the shoe bank with volunteers and financial support. Families request a voucher from their school and may come once a school year. The clothing bank is closed in December and closes for the season the last Wednesday in April.

Bailey Nursery The nursery meets the needs of at-risk parenting teens and their babies, by providing nursery/childcare for those teens that would not be able to stay in school without childcare being provided. Students are enrolled in the Bailey Alternative High School parenting program, while completing their high school graduation requirements.

Medical Services The Health Services Department of the Springfield Public Schools meets the medical needs of students, pre-school-12th grades, by providing financial assistance and referrals for dental care, physician care, medication, vision exams and glasses, and head lice medication. Students who meet program criteria for medical services are referred by the school nurse for assistance.

School Supplies School supplies are available to schools/students on an as needed basis. Several schools/students receive supplies from Crosslines, Salvation Army, Victory Mission, Partners in Education, or other community organizations. When supplies are depleted in the school, they can contact their Attendance Advisor to receive more supplies as inventory allows.

Ozarks Chapter Receives Proclamation From Greene County

Congratulations to the Ozarks Chapter of AGA for giving to the Community, especially for their efforts in assisting Weller Elementary School and its students. Several Chapter members donated their time and "muscle" in organizing a benefit golf tournament and at least two landscaping projects for Weller School. Among those directly involved were: Jerry Mitchell & Teresa Allen, Springfield/Greene County Park Board, Justin Hill, Greene County Auditor's Office, Deb Gillenwaters, Springfield/Greene County Health Dept., and, of course, the students of Weller School.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants supports the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments, as well as the private sector and academia, with more than 15,000 members across the country, and

WHEREAS, the Ozark Chapter is committed to assisting Weller Elementary School, which serves a low-income neighborhood in Springfield, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Mitchell organized a charity golf tournament in October, 2008, raising \$2,500, and

WHEREAS, the money was used to purchase "Math Advantage" kits for several classrooms at Weller, containing protractors, flash cards, and other items used to help students improve their math skills, and

WHEREAS, the Ozark Chapter subsequently invited Weller's 5th graders to have lunch on the 22nd floor of the Tower Club, giving the students a chance to utilize their best behavior skills and to see their city from a new perspective, and

WHEREAS, the Ozark Chapter also held a AGA/CPA day in conjunction with a charity golf tournament, and

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants has awarded the Ozark Chapter a Community Service Award for their work with Weller Elementary, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Mitchell, Superintendent of Parks Business Operations, and Teresa Allen, Financial Analyst with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, are members of the Ozarks Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, currently serving as Past President and President of the chapter, respectively,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Greene County Commission recognizes and applauds the efforts of Jerry Mitchell, Teresa Allen, and the Ozarks Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants in assisting the Weller Elementary students with mathematics, for demonstrating that strong math skills can lead to a successful career path, and for giving back to their community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the seal of the County of Greene, Springfield, Missouri, this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord 2009.



THE GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION

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those celebrating in
September*

