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Members,

The Texas Association for Family Child Care held a special meeting of the members to vote on changing the Articles of Incorporation, Association By-Laws, and the website to comply with the IRS's interpretation of requirements necessary for being considered a non-profit organization. All the members had input, coming out in full agreement on the necessary changes.

The Association submitted the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation to the Secretary Of State, and we have received approval from the state. The Association is in the process of changing the website and gathering all the information the IRS is requesting.

The association will review all the steps taken and all the information thoroughly to ensure that all the changes voted on have been implemented correctly. Once this step is taken and any corrections needed are made, we will submit the packet to the IRS within the time frame we were given.

I hope all the members had a fantastic Thanksgiving, and enjoy the most precious gift – your families.

George Romo
Recording Secretary



Secretary's Notes...



Hello TAFCC members,

Wow – another three months has gone by, and before we know it, the New Year will be here. If you pay your 2012 membership dues and/or your 2012 conference fee by Dec. 31, you will be able to use it for a 2011 tax deduction.

I would also like to take this time to talk to you about the 2012 Conference, entitled “Building Blocks for Education.” It will take place April 27-29 at the Radisson Hotel (2540 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth; phone – 817-625-9911). The conference fee is \$95 if you preregister before Feb. 17, and you will also receive a free gift.

For those registering after Feb. 17, the conference fee is \$125 and you will not receive the free gift.

Payment Plan: The TAFCC payment plan option is available to any members that wish to pay throughout the year versus paying the full amount all at once. Submit a registration form with every payment, make a check or money order payable to TAFCC and mail the completed application and payment to TAFCC (c/o Pam Cannataro, 104 Wild Rose Court, Weatherford, TX 76087).

Make sure we receive your last payment before Feb. 17 to qualify for the \$95 fee and free gift. You will find a copy of the 2012 conference registration form included in the newsletter, and it can also be printed off the website.

Thank you,
Teresa Smith
Membership Secretary
Teresa.tafcc2011@gmail.com
817-996-4211



Greetings members,



Let me start by saying thank you for being you. The things that you do on a daily basis are not easy. In fact, it is difficult at times – lots of times.

That being said, what you do is so very important. It should be appreciated by so many people and not taken for granted. As for me, I appreciate you very much.

I'd like to take this opportunity to help you by sharing some information I received recently at the Arlington Advisory meeting with the Department of Family and Protective Services. Starting around the first of next year, our local DFPS is planning to give monthly training sessions on the minimum standards. You should receive information via e-mail. TAFCC plans to post information regarding the training on the website. Here are some updates regarding compliance:

- ◆ If you have a full-size or drop-side crib that you use in your business, chances are they are going to be out of compliance. Mesh side play yards are our best bet if we are not buying something sold since June 1, 2011.
- ◆ Training hours have gone up. You will need 30 annual clock hours, and your assistant needs 24. This will be cited one year after your next DFPS visit (if your 2011 renewal for license was after Sept. 1. If you have a visit before Sept. 1, 2012, you do not have to produce the added hours; after that, however, you must show proof of the additional hours.
- ◆ If you are a trainer, there are several categories you must fall into in order to qualify. The simple thing would be to qualify for the Texas Trainer Registry (<http://www.uth.tmc.edu/tececds/>). The site is designed to help us by being there to share our knowledge.
- ◆ I would like to make this training something offered by TAFCC. In order to do that, we need more help and volunteers. If anyone in our membership is willing to work toward making this happen, contact the board of directors.
- ◆ If you are using special equipment, including nebulizers, you must have instructions from a qualified medical person. Parent's instructions are no longer enough to meet the standards.

We have a new commissioner in Austin – his name is Howard Baldwin. There have been a lot of financial cuts from Austin; as a result, our district grew. There are now four regions for licensing instead of five.

Last April, DFPS hosted a Saturday conference. It was filled to capacity in a day. Next April, they will host another conference. Hopefully, more will be able to attend. This is a free conference. Last year, the lunch was also free. That's the goal this coming year as well, but I hope more homes will get the opportunity to attend even if we have to pay for lunch.

When you get the e-mail this next year, late February or early March, get your reply in and alert all of your association members in your area. This is some of the best information you can get, and the fact that it is free is a nice bonus. Plus, receiving six hours toward the needed 30 as a result of attending is good news. Remember, get the e-mail and reply immediately, not in 20 minutes, and then forward the information to all home providers.

If you want to know more about any of these things, I will be at Judy's workshop in Keller on Jan. 28. She may even let me do a session, but hopefully the state will send someone to give you the information. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! And thank you, Jesus, for your gift to us.

Ms. Sandra
Sandra Shults
Keller Area Representative



Upcoming Seminar ...

Hi everyone. I pray you all are doing great, your business is full, and all is well. I wish a merry Christmas to each of you.

January 2012 is almost upon us, and my seminar for Jan. 28 is in the works. There will be good training for all, so please plan on coming. The seminar will be at the same location as last year – **The Keller Lion's Club (532 Keller Parkway, Keller)**.

More information will follow as the seminar continues to be organized, so plan to attend in order to start your training hours for the year. If you need anything, let me know and I will try to get the answer for you as soon as I can.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year for 2012,

Judy Johnson
Keller/Ft Worth area representative
817-431-2783



November Treasurer's Report

Pam Cannataro/Treasurer

104 Wild Rose Ct.
Weatherford, Tx 76087
[817-596-7654](tel:817-596-7654)

Checking Account for Business Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2011	\$ 8,128.24
3 withdrawals [minus]	111.22
Ending Balance as of July 29, 2011	\$ 8,017.02

Savings Account Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2011	\$ 1,118.47
Interest Paid [plus]	.04
Ending Balance as of July 29, 2011	\$ 1,118.51

Checking Account for Business Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of July 30, 2011	\$ 8,017.02
4 withdrawals Stamps/Supplies [minus]	338.48
Ending Balance as of Aug 31, 2011	\$ 7,678.54

Savings Account Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of July 30, 2011	\$ 1,118.51
Interest Paid [plus]	.05
Ending Balance as of Aug. 31, 2011	\$ 1,118.56

Checking Account for Business Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of Sept. 1, 2011	\$ 7,678.54
3 Deposits [plus]	240.00
4 withdrawals Stamps/Supplies/ [minus]	124.55
Ending Balance as of Sept. 30, 2011	\$ 7,793.99

1 Conference 1 new membership 2 vendors/ stamps /supplies

Treasurer Report (Cont.)

Savings Account Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of Sept. 1, 2011	\$ 1,118.56
Interest Paid [plus]	.05
Ending Balance as of Sept 30, 2011	\$ 1,118.61

Checking Account for Business Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of Oct. 1, 2011	\$ 7,793.99
1 Deposits [plus] 1 new membership	40.00
3 withdrawals Stamps/Supplies/Radisson* [minus]	786.61
Ending Balance as of Sept. 30 , 2011	\$ 7,793.99
<i>*Radisson: Special Meeting Expense</i>	269.67
<i>Supplies: Office Max/new Copier plus ink/supplies</i>	500.96
<i>Stamps</i>	15.99

Savings Account Account Recap

Beginning Balance as of Oct. 1, 2011	\$ 1,118.61
Interest Paid [plus]	.05
Ending Balance as of Oct. 31, 2011	\$ 1,118.66
Interest Paid YTD	.71



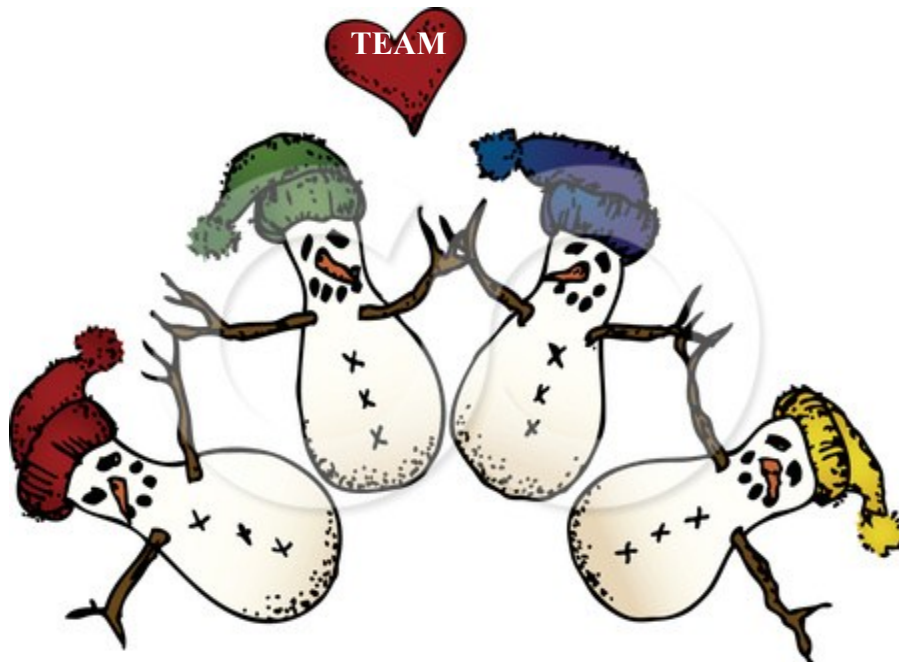
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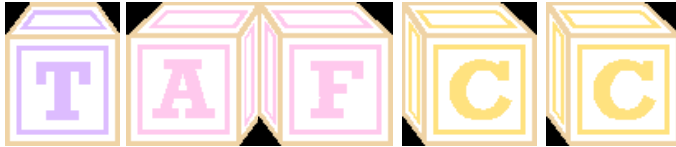


Don't let all these names fool you. We are still looking for volunteers to rotate shifts at conference. If you are interested in serving the association, please contact any of the board members.



Texas Association for Family Child Care Annual Conference Registration Form

“Building Blocks for the Education”



When: April 27, 28 & 29, 2012
Where: Radisson Hotel
2540 Meacham Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76106

Rooms: \$89 + tax (up to 4 people)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fees:

\$95.00 Conference registration fee if preregistered February 17, 2012

\$125.00 if Registered after February 17, 2012

\$40.00 **TAFCC Membership Dues if not already a 2012 member** (you must be a member to attend)

\$_____ **Total Enclosed**

****Registration must be postmarked by February 17, 2012 to receive the preregistered gift and fee ***

****Gift will NOT be given to persons registering after February 17, 2012 or at the Hotel ****

Payment Plan:

I would like to submit \$_____ toward my conference fees.

The TAFCC Association payment plan option is available to any and all members that wish to pay

Make check or money order payable to TAFCC

Mail this completed application and payment to:
TAFCC ** Pam Cannataro
104 Wild Rose Court
Weatherford, TX 76087

For more information contact
Conference Coordinator
Janie Mills

OFFICE ONLY:

Date Received: ___/___/___ Check #: _____ Amount: \$_____ Treasurer Initial: _____

Stand-up Nativity

Nativity Craft | Christmas Bible Preschool Printable Lesson Plan Activities

Instructions and Suggestions

Ages: 3 to 6 Level: Preschool and Kindergarten, VBS, Sunday school



The following set of activities are to engage children in celebrating Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The craft focuses on [The Nativity](#).

The craft allows children to own and make a Nativity scene to place somewhere special. Young children love to pretend and role play and the craft is fun for them to reenact the events by moving the figures and/or adding other small toys to it: plastic barn animals, etc. A song relevant to this event is also a wonderful way for children to remember the meaning of the Nativity and use the craft in a meaningful way.

Templates and further instructions can be found at:

<http://www.first-school.ws/activities/bible/nativity1.htm>

Peppermint Ornaments



Peppermints are the coolest holiday sweets -- especially when transformed into edible hanging ornaments. Lay five or so peppermint candies in a circle to form a wreath; bond sides together with icing. Adorn front with cinnamon candies or mints. Let dry two hours before hanging. Loop twine around ornament; knot.

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