

Central CAEYC History, Decade 1970-1979

1970-1971

Local Level: Marie Whiteside's term as CCAEYC president was up in 1970. The next president was Nancy Mallory, who resigned in 1970 because she moved to Washington, D.C. Marge Sumner was then approved as the CCAEYC President from 1970-1974. At the April program meeting, Joyce Huggins, a new Professor at Fresno State College, presented "Innovation and Trends for Young Children." Chapter membership fees were \$7.50. The group continued its plan of four membership meetings during the year. Vera Taylor was appointed newsletter editor. The corresponding secretary was asked to take responsibility for publications.

Pat Booth suggested Saturday mornings for meeting times, particularly for a proposed Fair of Ideas. Pat Booth suggested student membership fees be raised from \$2.50 to \$3.50, of which 50 cents would be sent to the state organization. This change was approved.

There was a request that a representative help as an adviser to a group in Hanford who wished to organize a chapter. Marie Whiteside will have pins for \$10.00 available at the next meeting. Hap Palmer was introduced as guest speaker.

Scholarship plans were discussed. A motion passed that the chapter get three subscriptions for YOUNG CHILDREN to be available at Fresno City College, Fresno State College and the County Library, plus a bound copy

of issues for the past two years, be available at Fresno State Library. Funds to be taken from current treasury.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were; Agatha Cohee (1969-1970) and Lou Grant (1970-1971). February 20-22, 1971 was the date of the state conference which was held at the Miramar in Santa Barbara.

National Level: Evangeline H. Ward was president of NAEYC from 1970-1974. Joyce Huggins was appointed as CCAEYC Chapter Representative at the Boston NAEYC National Conference.

1971-1972

Local Level: Marjorie Sumner was CCAEYC President from 1970 to 1974. The group reported 86 members including 66 affiliate, 5 comprehensive, and 15 students. The treasurer reported a checking balance of \$523.52 and a savings account of \$3,738.20.

Special Events- CCAEYC held a Small Fry Festival on Saturday, May 22. The event was held in front of JC Penny's at the newly opened Fashion Fair Mall. Activities included constructing with various loose materials, easel painting, clay and a clown with balloons. Children from infancy through approximately 12 years old attended. The source for information about this event is a set of 19 black and white snapshots.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Lou Grant (1970-1971) and Vera Taylor (1971-1973). February 11-13, 1972 was the date of the state conference which was held in Oakland.

National Level: Evangeline H. Ward was President of NAEYC from 1970-1974.

1972-1973

Local Level: Marjorie Sumner was CCAEYC President, 1970-1974.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Vera Taylor (1971-1973) and Mildred Sabath (1973-1975). February 23-25, 1973 was the date of the state conference which was held at the Century Plaza in Los Angeles.

National Level: Evangeline H. Ward was President of NAEYC from 1970-1974.

1973-1974

Local Level: Coral Edquist was CCAEYC President from 1974-1976.

State Level: CAEYC State President was Mildred Sabath (1973-1975). March 1-3, 1974 was the date of the state conference which was held in San Diego.

National Level: David Bruce Gardner was President of NAEYC from 1974-1976.

1974-1975

Local Level: Coral Edquist was CCAEYC President from 1974-1976.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Mildred Sabath (1973-1975) and Mary Warner (1975-1977). The CAEYC conference was held in Fresno on March 28-April 3, 1975.

National Level: David Bruce Gardner was President of NAEYC from 1974-1976.

1975-1976

Local Level: Marie Whiteside was CCAEYC President from 1976 to 78. Copies of written duties for each officer were presented. Legislation regarding problems of disbursement of public funds for child care was discussed. Speakers for future meetings were proposed.

Liz Bowers agreed to chair "Week of the Young Child." Stationery was ordered to be sold as a fund raiser. An IRS tax exempt status was to be requested. The sum of \$25.00 was authorized for a student to attend the state conference in Santa Barbara. The "Idea Fair" committee requested members bring 100 dittos of neat ideas to be shared at the meeting scheduled for Friday, 5 to 7p.m.

Coral Edquist reported that the Central Chapter has been given \$25.00 for scholarship to be used for a student wishing to attend the state conference. This will be supplemented with \$125.00 from the local chapter, with the monies to be divided between CSUF and Reedley. It

was decided that a Parent Education chair position should be added to our Executive Board.

State Level: CAEYC State President was Mary Warner from 1975 to 1977. March 11-13, 1976 the state conference was held in Sacramento. The state conference was in Santa Barbara. Lee Daher discussed legislation. It was reported that Gov. Brown appears to favor custodial child care. AB 421 was defeated. State monies are available if a new delivery system is worked out.

National Level: Bernard Spodek was president of NAEYC from 1976 to 1978.

1976-1977

Local Level: Marie Whiteside was CCAEYC president from 1976 to 78. An evening meeting was scheduled on "Strategies for Parent Involvement." Joyce Huggins presented a slide show of children from China, with discussion. It was moved to send \$100.00 to CSUF and \$100.00 to Reedley for eight students to attend the state conference. Budget items were reviewed, particularly related to fees paid to members attending state and national conferences. It was agreed more active searches should be made for student candidates.

It was agreed that branch dues would be raised from \$11.00 to \$12.00 with \$8.00 to national, .50 to state, and \$2.50 for the section. A mailing to members will include that change. Budget was presented for the new year, 1978. The checking account had \$144.75, and savings was reported at \$8,587.93.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Mary Warner (1975-1977) and Esther Weir (1977-1979). March 11-12, 1977 was the date of the state conference which was held in Santa Barbara. The first Legislative symposium was held in Sacramento. The state level Public Policy committee began to get organized.

National Level: Bernard Spodek was president of NAEYC from 1976-1978.

1977-1978

Local Level: Linda Diebert who was CCAEYC president from 1978 to 1980 presided over the meeting held at Ginsburg School. Ann Adams served as Secretary. Diana Decker as membership chair reported 116 members, 17 new members, 6 members not renewing, 93 members renewed and 61 not renewed. Budget for 1977-78 was reviewed, totaling \$3,380.00. Dee Schilling reported for public policy.

This was an active year with an increasing range of activities by the membership. Kathy Sousa-Wynn reported on the theme for the 1980 state conference as "Building Rainbows-Lighting Fires." Ron Jones wrote a theme song. Pat Thrasher was chair for "Week of the Young Child." Newsletter information was solicited from members representing Head Start, Find Care Board, CSUF Elementary Education, CSUF Home Economics, private schools, Fresno City College, and city and county public schools.

Sue Brock from Children's Lobby made a presentation at a membership meeting. A list of state wide legislative issues was reviewed, along with a questionnaire regarding advocacy. Responses were used to determine advocacy efforts for the next two years. Sharon agreed to mail Wilson-Riles Commission recommendations to board members.

Members worked in groups for 15 minute discussions, followed by report outs related to the following topics: Children's Services, Children with Special Needs, Infants/Toddlers, Multi-Ethnic Children, Parent Involvement, Teacher Education and Credentialing, and TV for Children.

Liz Bowers reported about the planned programs for the following year. There was discussion about the need for a group organized at City College and also at the high school level. Outreach efforts included the following:

- * silk screening CCAEYC posters to be placed at strategic locations.
- * sending CCAEYC brochures to prospective members.
- * contacting neighborhood schools/days care centers with information.
- * holding neighborhood teas and coffees

State Level: CAEYC State President was Esther Weir from 1977 to 1979. The Public policy committee continued to grow. February 17-19, 1978 was the date of the state conference which was held at Bonaventure.

National Level: Jan McCarthy was president of NAEYC from 1978 to 1980.

1978-1979

Local Level: Linda Diebert (later Linda Murry) was CCAEYC president from 1978 to 1980. Marianne O'Hare reported on the 1980 state conference and indicated:

1. Four chairpersons were still needed.
2. The major focus would be on what teachers need, "Nurturing Environments for Teachers."
3. Four tracts were planned to include advocacy, teacher techniques, professionalism, and teaching styles.
4. Tours to be divided into resource tours and educational tours.

State Level: CAEYC State Presidents were Esther Weir (1977-1979) and Joanne Hendrick (1979-1981). March 30 –April 1, 1979 was the date of the state conference which was held in San Diego.

National Level: Jan McCarthy was president of NAEYC from 1978 to 1980.