

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**January 23, 2009**  
**Oakland University**

**Present:** Karen Bolak, Virginia Harder, Beth Johnson, Youngjoo Kim, Tom Kromer, Motria Kraus, Bess Kypros, Tim Larrabee, Carolyn Logan, Wanda Spalteholz, Kathy Walsh, Donna Wissbrun

**Meeting Called to Order** by Tim at 2:05.

He asked for additions to the agenda. Donna moved and Beth seconded a change and item to be added to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2008.** One change was noted in the spelling of Kathy Walsh. Tom moved and Kathy seconded the motion to accept the revised minutes. Motion was carried.

**Announcements and Committee Reports**

Donna announced that the following hotels were available to those who desire to stay overnight for the student teacher conference: Comfort Inn-\$65 or the Eagle Crest for \$65.

Tim announced that Dwayne Lang and Curtis Nash have passed away. Donna sent condolence cards to both widows.

**Treasurer's Report**

MATE has purchased a new bank online status. Donna's name will be added as a signature for the check. A check for \$100. for the Rob Roth Scholarship keeps being returned. We need to find the person from MATE to accept the check.

A figure of \$5,897.40 was stated as our bank balance.

**Spring Conference**

Kathy Walsh stated that 122 have registered for the conference. Other students would like to attend. A discussion took place regarding how to accommodate additional registrants without incurring a great cost. Kathy will see if EMU can accommodate the conference as a repeat on Sunday. Kathy further described the numerous door prizes she has received. She stated that she would like additional ones. Tim moved and Motria seconded that \$200. be given by MATE to purchase additional door prizes. Carolyn stated that MEA will also contribute bags to be distributed. Beth will investigate having the conference speakers video taped.

Our board meeting will take place from 2-4 on March 13 at EMU.

Tom moved and it was seconded by Beth that \$100. be donated for children's books to be placed in the Oakland University Education library. The motion was carried.

**Fall Conference**

Ginnie reported that she hasn't been able to secure a place for the fall conference.

Ginnie also began a discussion on the value of being a MATE member. She would like this information as she seeks to increase the membership of MATE. Tim stated that he

will write a memo stating MATE's goals and the value of becoming a MATE member. Ginnie will use these documents in her membership letter.

### **MEA Instruction and Professional Development Conference**

The conference was held on December 5, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Sandy and Tim hosted a table at the conference from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. A total of 55 contacts were made. Forty-nine MATE brochures were distributed. Twenty-four persons signed up for more information about MATE. The following persons signed up as being interested in serving on the MATE board:

Marie Brucker: Board Potential, Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education, interesting in presenting/coordinating presentation at MATE Fall Conference.

Kristina Martinez-Precious\Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, would like to coordinate table and/or present at Fall Conference.

Larry Corbitt: Board member Potential, CMU Professor.

Tim Brannan, Board Potential, Professional Development, own business, Instructional Technology Services, Inc, CMU Associate Professor, Educational Technology.

### **New Business**

Donna moved, and it was seconded by Motria that Kathy and Tim will represent MATE at the ATE Delegate Assembly. MATE will cover \$400. for each to attend the ATE conference.

HB4593 Carolyn moved, and it was seconded by Kathy that Tim Melton be invited to speak at a MATE meeting. We will request that he present his vision for education in the State.

Tom Kromer distributed the list of student teacher award applicants. The deadline for the Student Teacher of the Year is March 20, 2009. Larry Corbett will take Tom's place on the board and would be willing to coordinate the Student Teacher of the Year Award.

Kathy moved, and Tom seconded that registration for events would be facilitated by having online registration. This motion was carried.

Motria requested that journal proposals be submitted by June 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Kypros