

**Michigan Association of Teacher Educators (M.A.T.E.)
Executive Board Meeting
MINUTES**

Friday, October 26, 2007

Bay Valley Resort, Bay City, Michigan

In Attendance: S. Alber, L. Berak, K. Edwards, S. L. Gibson, I. Ingram, E. Johnson, K. Kalmar, T. Kromer, B. Kypros, T. Larrabee, C. Logan, P. Morehead, K. Walsh, O. Williams, and D. Wissbrun.

Meeting and Greetings

Tim called the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Introductions of members attending followed.

Sandy thanked Kathy Walsh for recording the minutes of September 14, 2007.

Approval of September 14, 2007 meeting.

Sandy moved and it was seconded by Ilene that the minutes be approved as recorded.

Announcements/Communications

- Donna reported that she will be sending the yearly report of our MATE activities to ATE. She also reported that she wrote letters to Mary Ann and Leonard noting our appreciation for their serving on the MATE board.
- Sandy move that MATE should recognized Nancy Pietraszkiewicz, Leonard Kaplan and Mary Ann Adams in the Summer ATE Conference book. This was seconded by Donna and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A balance of \$7,536.79 is currently in the treasury. This is the balance before conference expenses are paid. Tim stated that he would be submitting the bill for Tara Bravo.

Conference Report

Sandy reported:

- Ilene and Olivia were co-chairs for the conference
- Tim and Bess were assistants
- 50 persons are registered for the conference
- 6 of the them are students
- 29 sessions are taking place
- 2 guest speakers

A discussion took place regarding the fact that we lose money at the conference because students who register and are paying \$25.00. Donna moved that we change the student registration to \$35.00 for early registration and \$40.00 for late registration. It was seconded by Beth Johnson. After some discussion the motion was carried.

Lorraine moved that a subcommittee should be formed to investigate a Leonard Kaplan scholarship for the conference. Mary seconded the motion and it was carried.

Sandy reported that two hotel rooms were donated by the hotel for the conference. One room was used by June Teisan and the seconded one was given to Beth through a drawing.

Next Year's Conference

Olivia will chair the conference next year.

2006 Conference Book

Sandy is negotiating with Roman and Littlefield regarding publication of the 2006 conference book.

Goals for 2007-2008

- Develop a new web page
- Do what we do better
- Hold a conference
- Publish the newsletter
- Publish the journal

Challenges for 2007-2008

- We need to promote MATE to classroom teachers and cooperating teachers

Sandy suggested we form a marketing committee. Tim suggested that this discussion be held in the newsletters and journal. Lorraine made a motion that we form a committee to look at MATE's mission and ways to promote the organization. Tim amended the motion with the suggestion that we hold a board retreat. Lorraine accepted the amendment. Pam recommended that an outsider be the facilitator. The motion to discuss MATE's mission and ways to promote the organization at a retreat as the forum was carried unanimously.

Standing Committee Report

- Sandy called for proposals to be submitted for the summer ATE conference in D.C. in late July.
- Three board members, Kathy, Elizabeth, and Tim are attending the Leadership Academy
- Tim encouraged board members to submit to the MATE journal.
- Lorraine stated that reviewers are needed for the journal.

Legislative/Policy

Carolyn reported that:

- The re-certification fee for Michigan teachers will be increased.
- Institutions will be paying for peer review of their programs
- M. Flannigan is proposing three levels of certification--initial, professional and master teacher.

Introduction of New Board Member

Finney Cherian was introduced as the new membership chair.

Meeting was adjourned .

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Kypros